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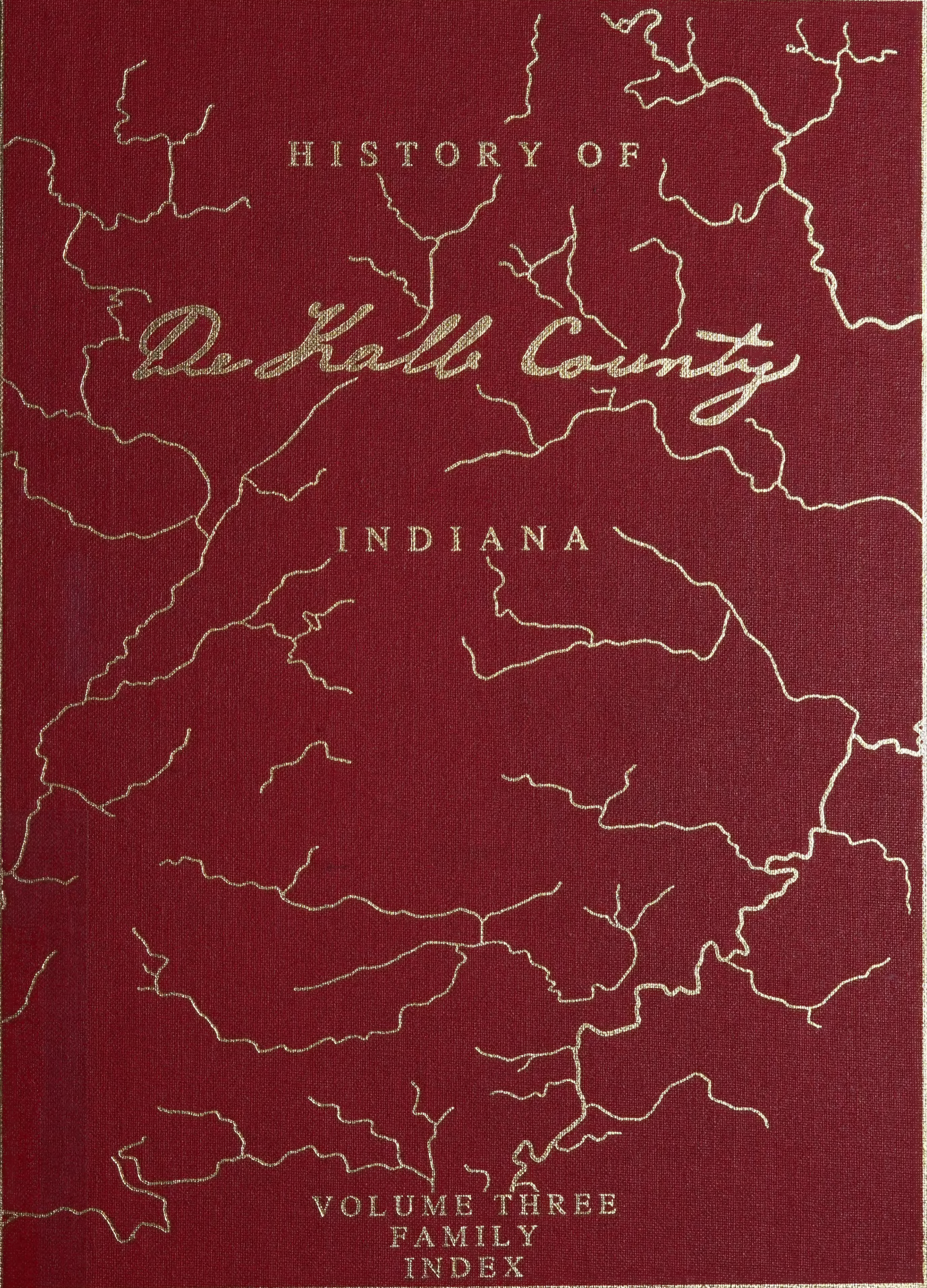

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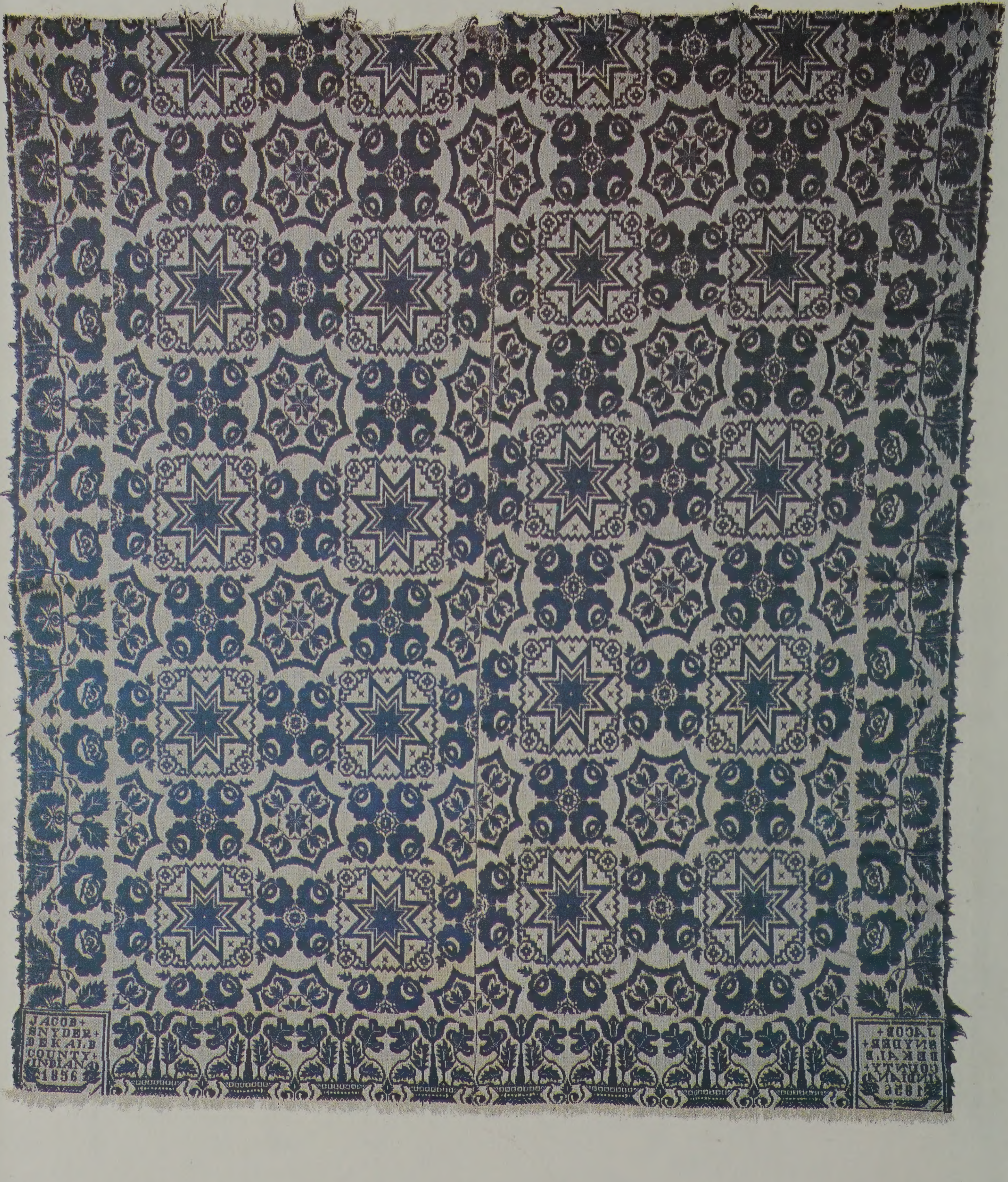
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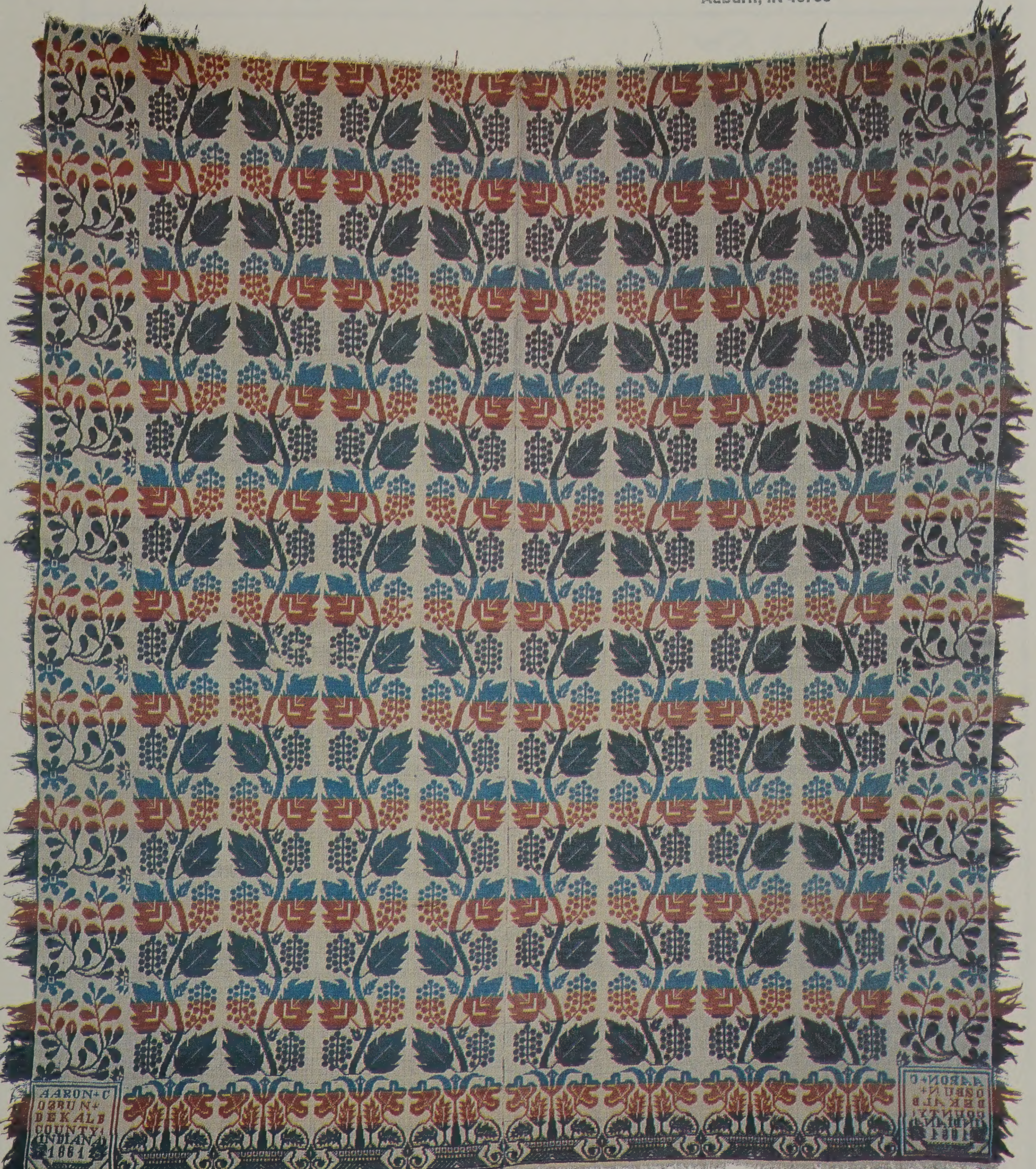
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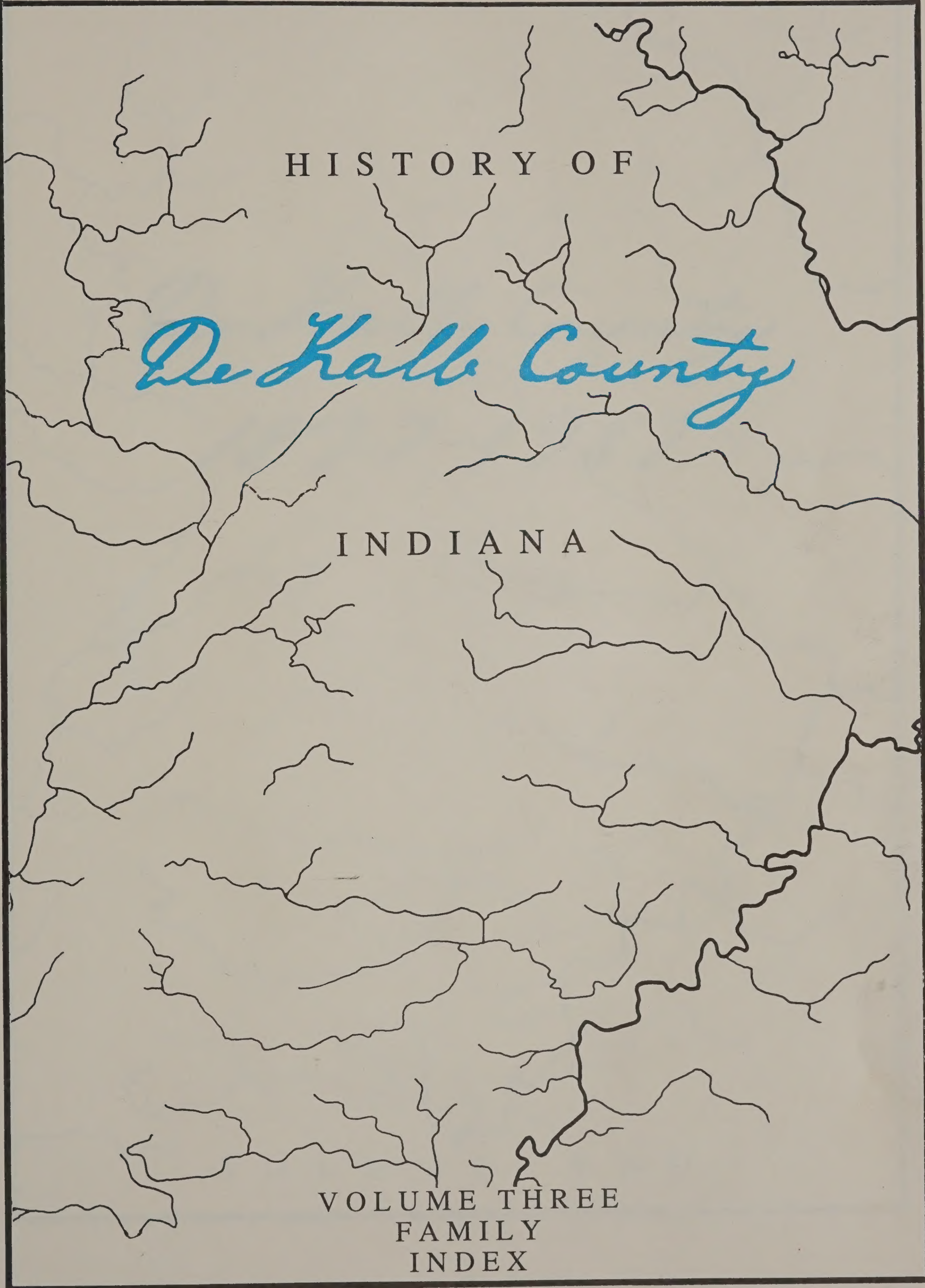

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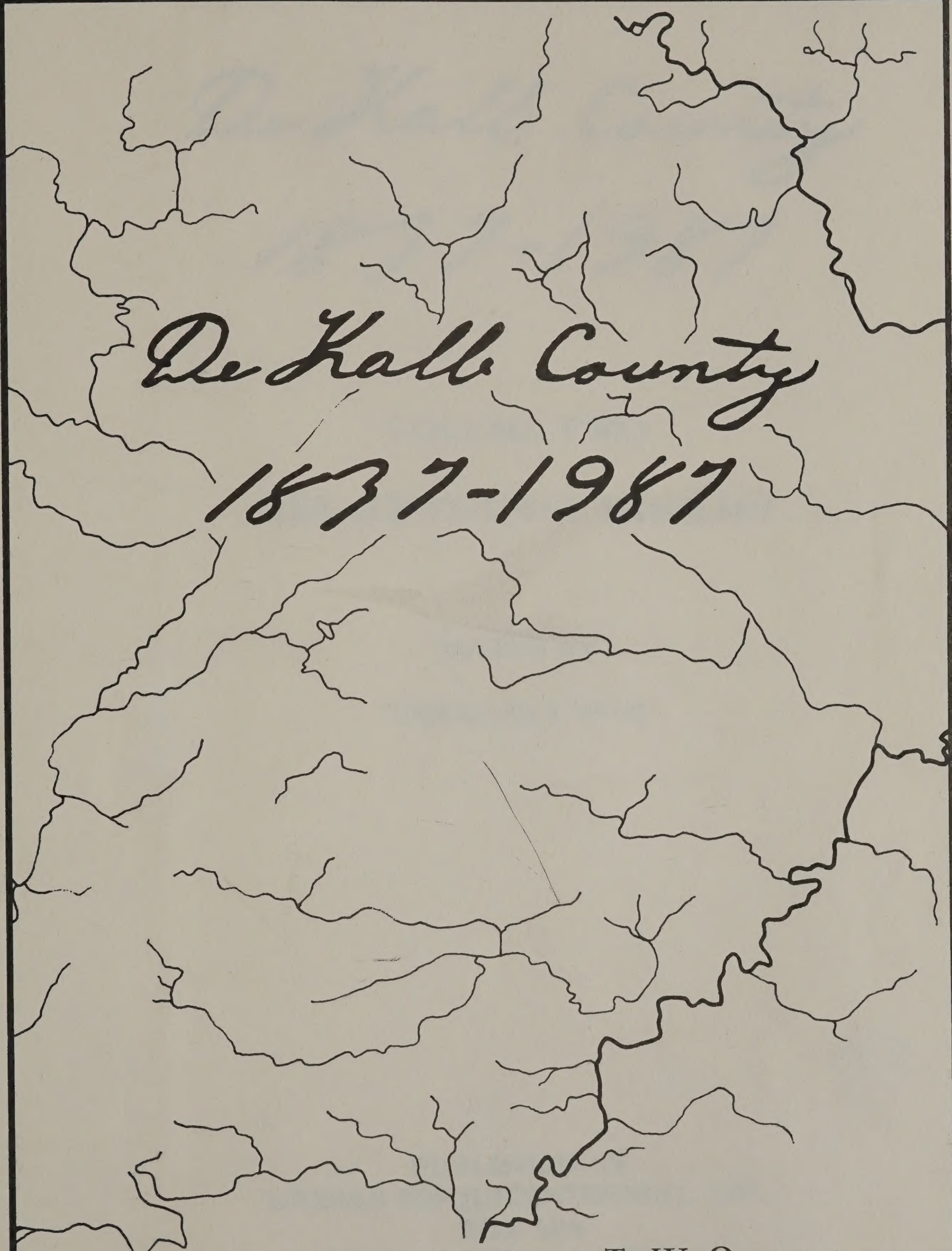

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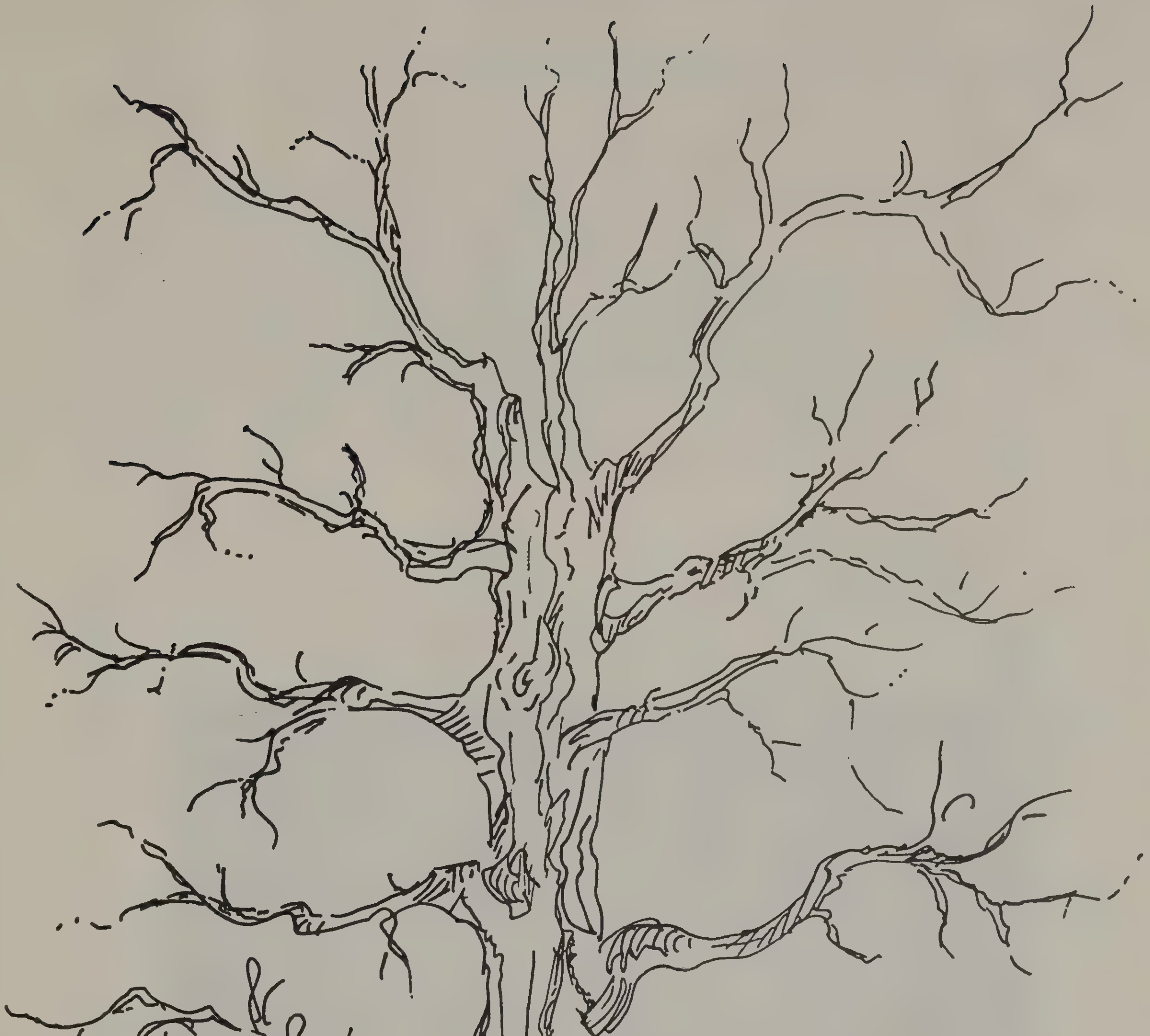

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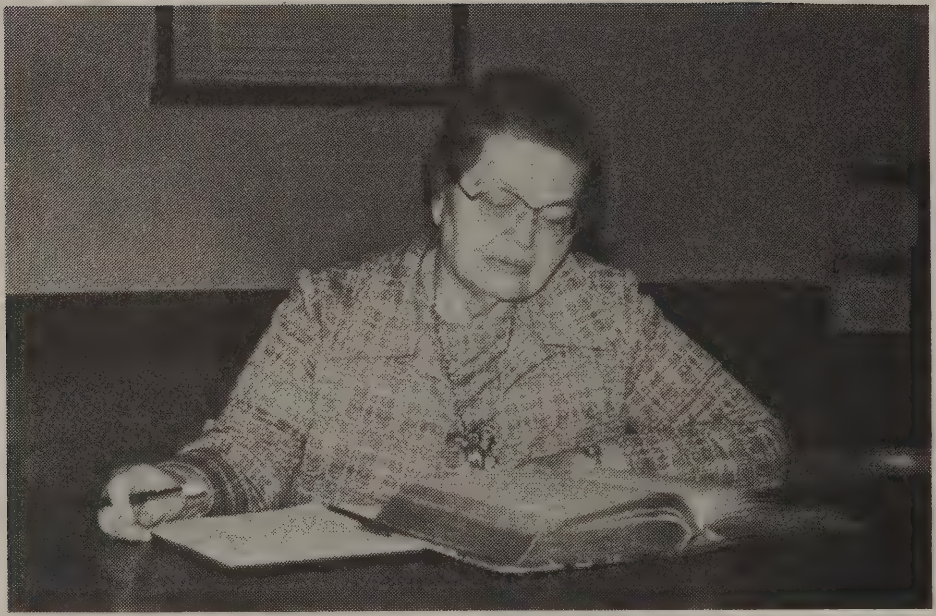

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Editor of Volume Two, DeKalb County Families,
editing the family histories contributed by people interested in preserving the memory of those who were, and are, a part of DeKalb County.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This volume is a collection of family histories contributed by persons whose roots and lives have touched DeKalb County at some time, past or present.

These family histories have been solicited by newspaper articles, word of mouth, and mailings. Some were fully written when submitted. Others were submitted in outline form and were written by me. About half way through the project, a ''fill in the blank family history form'' was devised. This form made it easier for those who were uncomfortable with writing to include family information. Family histories were limited to about five hundred words per generation. We encouraged including personal information such as employment, hobbies, organization memberships, and places of residence.

We also encouraged the families to submit photographs. Old photographs were copied by Albert Witt of Ashley. Contemporary photographs were taken by David Etter of Etter Studio in Garrett. All photographs were used except for a few which, regrettably, would not reproduce. In a few cases, more than one person in a family submitted a family history. These were sometimes combined. Obvious inconsistencies were corrected, but it was impossible to verify information which was submitted.

Editing was done to the best of our ability; however, time did not allow correction of some flaws and deviations from section to section which were the result of variations in writing style. Some of the family histories were intentionally left primarily as submitted to preserve local flavor and document colloquial syntax and idioms.

Family histories are randomly arranged, although family groups have been kept together to the extent possible. The index will enable readers and researchers to locate names and family groups. The index includes only names of people, not concepts.

This project would not have been completed without the willing assistance of volunteer typists and proofreaders. The help given me by Arlene Goodwin, Sue Carper, Betty Dilgard, Dorothy Capen, and many others who so generously volunteered their time and talents is very much appreciated. Though space will not allow mention of all others, I sincerely thank all.

My special thanks goes to those who have submitted family histories. Without their interest, this volume would not have been possible.

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Geneological Notes

Roger Hess Family

ROGER ADAM HESS came to DeKalb County in September, 1951. He served as Principal of Spencerville School during the 1951-52 school year. There were 70 pupils in the four High School classes and six teachers. The teachers were Richard Calbeck, Harold Lockamire, Ida Reed, Carl Zimmerman, Hulda Helmick, Isabella McClellan and Lucile Wicoff. Mr. Hess, born 14 February 1921, in Swan Township, Noble County, the son of Henry Hess and Rena Truelove. He was raised in the Avilla area.

At the age of 31, Mr. Hess succeeded Carl Stallman as DeKalb County Superintendent of Schools. During his tenure, plans were formulated for the reorganization of schools in DeKalb County. In 1959, Mr. Hess was appointed Principal of the McKenny Middle School in Auburn. After serving 6 years he was chosen to be Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent of the DeKalb Central School Corporation. In 1975-76, he was President of the Indiana State School Business Officials. He also served as President of the Auburn Lions Club in 1965-66. Mr. Hess retired after 42 years in Education in July, 1985. Currently he is serving as Chairman of the Auburn Plan Commission.

While attending Manchester College, he met his future wife, Doris Ellen Howenstine. They both graduated 1 May 1943, and were married 10 days later. On 26 May 1943, Mr. Hess entered the United States Army. After serving in the infantry of the 95th Division in Europe, he was honorably discharged on 30 January 1946.

His wife, Doris Ellen, was the daughter of Paul Stults Howenstine and Lucile Olive Thorne. She was born in Clear Creek Township, Huntington County on 30 August 1921. During the time Mr. Hess served in the Armed Forces, she taught school in Huntington, Indiana. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hess received their Master Degrees in Education. His was from Indiana University and hers was from St. Francis, Fort Wayne. Mrs. Hess taught elementary school in the DeKalb Central Schools for 25 years. She taught 4 years at DeSoto School, 13 years at the East Auburn School and 8 years at the McIntosh Elementary School. The family has been members of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church since moving to Auburn in 1952.

Their oldest daughter, Mona Jean was born in Huntington, Indiana on 28 July 1948. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1966, and 4 years later received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio. Her Master's Degree was from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. She married Kenneth Gorman Turner on 4 August 1973. Mr. Turner is the son of Gorman and Minnie Turner of Plymouth, Ohio. He was born 19 September 1943. He is a graduate of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and Xavier University of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is currently the Vice-President of the Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Mona is a Reading consultant in the Allentown Public Schools. They are the parents of Andrew Hess Turner, born 18 December 1975, and Abigail Lee Turner, born 13 September 1984. The family resides in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Their second daughter, Kathleen Louise, was born 6 January 1952, in Huntington County, Indiana. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970. She attended Hanover College in Indiana and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1974. Later, she received her Master's Degree from Indiana University. She married Pierre Frank O'Hare, son of Dorothy Reynolds and Pierre O'Hare, on 28 June 1975. Mr. O'Hare was born in LaFayette, Indiana on 19 February 1951. He is a graduate of DeKalb High School and of Purdue University. He is currently a Civil Engineer with Wollpert Consultants in Columbus, Ohio. Kathleen, now a housewife, formerly taught in Eastern DeKalb and East Noble School Districts. They have one daughter, Molly Kathleen, born 8 November 1979, at Logansport, Indiana. The family now lives at Gahanna, Ohio.

JOHN WAANDERS came to DeKalb County in October of 1978. John was an employee of JSJ Corporation in Grand Haven, Michigan, and they sent him to Butler, Indiana, to start DeKalb Molded Plastics. The new operation began in a building just west of Butler, Indiana, which was purchased from the Crane Edmond Company.

Judy and the family moved in August of 1979. At that time, Judy was offered employment as an elementary librarian at the DeKalb Eastern School District. Due to her library experience and love of books. Judy always wanted to have her own bookstore and in 1985, Judy opened

John Waanders Family

her bookstore "Waanders' Bookmark" at 108 East Seventh Street in Auburn. That year she also became the Senior High Librarian at DeKalb Central School District.

John was born 7 June 1929, in Hospers, Iowa, as the eldest of seven children born to Ddores and Greda Waanders. Judy was born in Chicago, Illinois as Judith N. Hofstra on 18 April 1937. She was the eldest of the three daughters born to Oscar and Elizabeth Hofstra. John and Judy met in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as students at Calvin College, a Dutch Christian Reformed liberal arts college. John was going to school on the GI Bill after serving in Korea during the Korean Conflict. They were married in South Holland, Illinois on 24 January 1959. Judy later completed a Master in Library Science degree at the University of Michigan and has taken further courses at the University of Chicago. John has a Master of Art degree in business from Michigan State University.

The Waanders' children are: John D., born 7 September 1961; James O., born 30 March 1963; Nicholas A., born 14 May 1964; Deborah M., (adopted) born 30 March 1965; Amy L., 24 November 1966; and Peter M., born 14 April 1969. At this time none of the Waanders' children are married and are all continuing their education at various high schools, colleges, and universities.

The Waanders' family belongs to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and is active in a variety of community affairs.

LYNN J. ARTHUR was born 24 April 1900, in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Oliver B. and Nellie (Jennings) Arthur. Oliver was born in Lima, Ohio, taught grade school for a number of years in DeKalb County, Indiana then became a railway mail clerk in government service until retirement. Nellie was the daughter of Hiram Jennings, born and raised in DeKalb County.

Lynn graduated from Waterloo High School, taught school in Corunna, Waterloo, and Ashley. He graduated from Purdue University in 1925, as a Civil Engineer, and worked for Indianapolis Consulting Engineers for 10 years. In 1940 he obtained a position as a Structural Engineer in the U.S. Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. In 1950, he transferred to the 9th Naval District Bureau of Yards & Docks at Great Lakes, Illinois, where he was Manager of the Structural Design Branch until he retired in 1966. He now lives in Libertyville, Illinois.

Lynn's wife is Laurene Doty, born 6 September 1903, in Hudson, Indiana, graduated from Ashley High School. Their children are: Robert Oliver, born in Indianapolis, 1927, and living in Libertyville, Illinois; Marilynn Battis McArthur, born 1930, in Indianapolis, now living in Seattle Washington. Marilynn's children are: Jeffrey Battis, born in 1958, in Seattle, now living in San Francisco, California; Karen (Battis) Grinolds, born 1960 and living in Seattle; Craig Battis, born 1964 and living in Seattle.

FAY MELVIN SMITH, born near Churubusco, 23 June 1923, son of Arly H. and Eva Ivy (Bosler) Smith. His paternal grandparents were William and Orphelia (Hathaway) Smith, and maternal grandparents were Albertus H. and Sarah Jane (Slaffer) Bosler.

In the Spring of 1939, Melvin's family moved to DeKalb County on the Ida Grogg farm in Richland Township. His father died in June 1943 and Melvin, his mother and sister, Gladys continued to live on the farm.

Kathryn Eleanor Provines, born 13 March 1926, in Jackson Township, daughter of Kent and Ruth Ann (Draggoo) Provines. Her paternal grandparents were Lucian and Sarah Ann (Moore) Provines. Her maternal grandparents were James and Deliah (Irvin) Draggoo. She went to Magginnis School and graduated from Auburn High School in 1944. She was employed by the Messenger Corporation in Auburn for the next two years.

Melvin and Eleanor married, in Auburn, 1 April 1945. They lived on the Grogg farm until April 1948 when they moved to a farm south of Garrett at Butler Center. This farm was owned by Eula McConnell Baumann of Fremont, Ohio. When they purchased the farm in 1957, they started dairy and grain farming. Melvin started substituting as a school bus driver and has driven as a regular driver for thirty-two years.

They are the parents of two children; Marylin Jean, born in Garrett, 10 December 1947, and

Wayne Melvin, born 21 December 1951. Both graduated from Garrett High School. Marilyn and Verlyn Johnson married 24 January 1975. Wayne is engaged in farming with his father. His favorite sport is truck pulling and in 1985 he won the state championship in the 6200 pound class of four-wheel drive trucks sponsored by the Hoosier State Tractor Pullers Association.

FRANK AND SARAH (DOTY) AMSTUTZ retired to "The Farm" in 1962 and it was not to be a take it easy time, it would be a working one. Conservation and preservation with wood to cut, land to drain, soil to be restored and new friends to make, was their retirement plan.

"The Farm" at the Village of Spencerville on County Road 68 and 61 just over the Covered Bridge was to be their new home. This was "Lake Land" and Sarah's mother was a Lake. Minnie Lake, daughter of Emma and John Lake. Minnie and Elmer Doty her husband came with their family to this very house for Lake Reunions when Sarah was just a little girl some 60 years ago. Elmer Doty's family settled in Northeast Indiana as did the Lakes in early 1800's.

From Fort Wayne Post Office and the Home Making Trade, Frank and Sarah came. Memories were shared of 60 years past when as a girl, Mom and Dad Doty hitched old Jim and drove some 20 miles to this very house now to become their new home. It too was is disrepair. Way back then on a hot July Sunday afternoon on the river at the clear St. Joe in the old swimming hole great fun was shared. The beach at the sand bar in the small bend of the river was behind Kraft's Gravel Pit was where fun really began. On to the hay rope tied to a huge limb extending out over the water we could either dive or drop for a splash into the cool of the river. The waters too, have now changed and no one swims in the old St. Joe.

Lake reunions continue as an enjoyable time because family love is a gift from above.

Frank was a planter and loved nature. His teachings of their family continues. Frank died in 1973 and with His Lord, but his work goes on. In 1985, "The Farm" was honored as one of Indiana's "Tree Farms" also is soon to become an "Indiana Century Farm" for as you see the land has always been within the Lake family.

Frank's mother too, a DeKalb County person Queen Lawhead and their home farm was property now where many planes land. The Lawhead land is now DeKalb County Airport, a runway running through it. The beautiful wooded land south of that field was replanted by Frank during his Purdue School days and later. The tall beautiful stately forestland restored too, by a caring younger man. Franks parents lived on the Amstutz road which to many of us was County Road 35 depending on which side of the county line we lived. The Lakes - Doty -Lawhead - Amstutz and now Lichtsinn's are farm people and loving the land.

St. Peters Lutheran Church was their new church home and in the south wall of that old brick structure are two beautiful stained glass windows. One with the open Bible and the other with The Ark and a Dove in flight. The first was donated by Barnet Chapel the other by Erich Chapel Sunday School Classes. Sarah's family worshiped at Barnet Chapel and Frank's the other. Surprised they were to find it so, but so rewarding too, as they both had taught and worked through the years in Sunday Schools.

Two daughters they were given, Betty Ruth and Lois Mae.

Sister Betty R. Amstutz a renown Lutheran professional of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania devoting her life to the Lord's work. Officially she is Dr. Betty R. Amstutz, a Lutheran Deaconess with a B.A. from Whittenburg University, a Masters of Social Service from Bryn Mahr - also an honorary LHD from Gettysburg College.

Mrs. Lois Amstutz Lichtsinn and Robert "Bob" C. live on "The Farm". He retired and she a homemaker - retired to the Farm also and continue the practice of Conservation Restoration.

Three grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Nancy (Lichtsinn) Fish, Mrs. Russell, Charles E. and Jennifer Ned Lichtsinn & Sandra, Michelle, Melanie, and Elizabeth Nina (Lichtsinn) Hill, Nathan David and Jason.

New memories were built as the years have passed by. Sarah, now 86 lives on "The Farm" and having a wonderful time. Enjoying new growth as the years pass by through family and friends on "Lake Land."

RODNEY WARREN SCOVILLE, son of Frank and Mary (Kelley) Scoville, was born on 25 April 1906, in Stafford Township, where his great grandparents, Clark and Mary (Cotton) Joslin, had lived. His paternal grandparents were Warren Edward and Hattie (Joslin) Scoville and his maternal grandparents were James M. and Melissa (Haverstock) Kelley. Rodney married Laura Alberta Stroh, 16 May 1931, Versailes, Indiana, daughter of Irvin Clyde and Nellie Myrtle (Noragon) Stroh, was born 6 February 1905, at 433 West Main in Butler, Indiana. This house was built by her grandfather, Milton Noragon, in the early 1880's. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel Jay and Mary Augusta

Rodney and Laura Scoville

(Cool) Stroh and her maternal grandparents were Milton Jeremiah and Jennie Rose (Crooks) Noragon.

Rodney and Laura first lived on the farm that Rodney's great grandfather, Edward Scoville, owned. This farm is located in Stafford Township and had been in the Scoville family since 1857. In 1947, they moved to the next farm north where they still live.

Upon graduation from the 8th grade in 1922, Rodney started his lifelong occupation of farming. An occupation that he continued until 1985 when he rented most of his farm ground. However, he still farms about 100 acres including the old Scoville farm which his father, grandfather, and great grandfather farmed before him.

In over sixty years of farming, Rodney has seen farming progress from farming with his father's 20 H.P. 1917 Fordson tractor, to his 130 H.P. International Harvester 1986. Rodney is a past director of The Hicksville Grain Company.

Laura graduated salutatorian of her class at Butler High School in 1923. She attended Manchester College, and received a diploma from the Normal School Education Department in 1925 and her B.S. in Education in 1957. She taught 4 years at Butler, 20 years in various one room county schools in Jackson Township, Franklin Township, Stafford Township, and Wilmington Township, of DeKalb County, and 16 years at Leo Elementary School. Laura is a member of the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association and the DeKalb County Retired Teachers Association.

Rodney and Laura have two children: Carol Marilyn born 30 September 1933, and John Rodney born 14 February 1949. Carol married Charles Leland Smith, died in 1978 and has four sons: Charles Allen, Sherman Lee, Chad Rodney, and Craig Eugene. John married Nancy Louise Washler and has three sons and one daughter: Rodney Curtis, Judith Renee, Samuel Adam, and Darryl Thomas.

JOHN RODNEY SCOVILLE, son of Rodney Warren and Laura Alberta (Stroh) Scoville, born on 14 February 1949, in the Souder's Hospital in Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Frank and Mary (Kelley) Scoville and his maternal grandparents were Irvin Clyde and Nellie Myrtle (Noragon) Stroh. John married Nancy Louise Washler, 5 June 1976, at the Newville Church of Christ in Newville, Indiana. Nancy, daughter of Delbert Curtis and Marjorie Rose (Lott) Washler, born 28 July 1949, in the Hicksville Community Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were Cleveland Hendricks and Lillian Bertha (Weisz) Washler and her maternal grandparents were Chester Charles and Eulalia Beatrice (Wemhoff) Lott.

John lived on his parents farm in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, until his marriage in 1976. Nancy lived on her parents farm in Stafford Township until 1971, when she moved to Ligonier, Indiana, where she lived until 1976. John and Nancy first lived in Butler, Indiana, in a house built by John's great grandfather, Milton Noragon, in the early 1880's. On 6 August 1980, they moved to Stafford Township, into the house that John's grandparents Scoville had lived.

John graduated from Leo High School in 1967 and from Purdue University with a B.S. M.E.T. Nancy graduated from Eastside High School in 1967, Milligan College in 1971 with a B.A. in Music Education, and Ball State University in 1974 with a M.A. in Music Education.

John is employed as a Mechanical Engineer at Universal Tool and Stamping Company in Butler, Indiana. Nancy taught music in the West Noble School Corporation from 1971 to 1976.

John and Nancy have four children: Rodney Curtis, born 11 March 1977, Judith Renee, born 22 April 1979, Samuel Adam and Darryl Thomas (twins), born 1 December 1983.

John and Nancy are members of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

CHARLES REIGN SCOVILLE, son of William Henry and Mary (Dickerhoof) Scoville, was born on 14 October 1869, near Butler, Indiana, and died 23 January 1938, at Garden City, Kansas.

His paternal grandparents were Edward and Lydia (Culp) Scoville, who settled in DeKalb County, in February of 1838, and his maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (McBee) Dickerhoof, who settled in DeKalb County, in 1856. He was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, Indiana. He married Arlene Cornelia Dux on 17 October 1906. After Charles Reign's death Arlene remarried to Dr. William H. Rothenberger on 2 August 1943. Charles Reign and Arlene did not have any children, but adopted a girl named Ruth.

HOWARD W. RICKETTS, son of Milton Jay and Bertha May (Platter) Ricketts, born 3 November 1923, on the first farm west of the junction of State Roads 8 and 101 in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were James and Anna (Wasson) Ricketts and his maternal grandparents were Arthur and Luella (Simpkins) Platter. Howard's ancestory goes back to some of the early settlers of DeKalb County. His great grandfather, Samuel Wasson, settled in Concord Township in 1833 and his great grandfather, James Platter, was the first white male born in DeKalb County.

Howard graduated from Butler High School in 1941 and entered the Navy in November of 1942. He served in the War in the Pacific until Jananuary of 1946 when he was discharged with the rank of Naval Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class.

Howard moved to his present home in Stafford Township, in 1951 and started farming. In addition to farming Howard worked 19 years at United Milk Products in Butler.

Howard married Violet Amelia Saylor, 22 May 1949, in Wilmington Township. Violet, daughter of Elijah and Margaret (Bogner) Saylor, born 28 May 1922, in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They have one daughter, Judith Kay born 20 December 1953 in Auburn, Indiana. Judith married Frank Lue Strong, son of Lloyd and Berneice (Drake) Strong, on 4 May 1974 at the Newville United Methodist Church. Frank and Judith live near Fremont, Indiana, and have one daughter, Stephanie Lynn, born 26 March 1982.

Howard and Violet are members of the Newville United Methodist Church and Howard is a member of the American Legion.

JAMES INDUS FARLEY, son of Frank and Nancy Jane (McCurdy) Farley, was born 2 miles south of Hamilton, Indiana, on 24 February 1871, and died in June of 1948. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Noragon) Farley who settled in Franklin Township, DeKalb County in 1837. Elizabeth's father was Jacob Noragon Sr., who came to DeKalb County in 1836 and apparently settled in Smithfield Township. James married Charlotte M. Gramling on 15 April 1893. Charlotte, daughter of Peter and Lavinia (Meyers) Gramling, was born in 1874 and died in October or November of 1961. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. Their children were Frank G., Paul E., Frances, Thain Lester, and Maxine.

Peter Noragon Family

PETER NORAGON, son of Jacob Noragon Sr., was born between 1820 and 1822 in Pennsylvania, and died 6 January 1892. He married Sarah Emmons, 17 December 1846 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Lena (Smith) Emmons, born 14 July 1821 in New Jersey, and died 13 May 1907 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

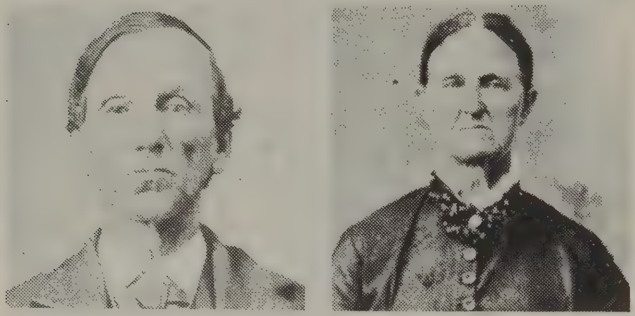
In 1831 Peter accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania, to Stark County, Ohio and in 1836 to DeKalb County, Indiana. They apparently settled in Smithfield Township. Sarah accompanied her mother, two sisters, and two brothers to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1841. Peter and Sarah lived on their farm in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana until 1885 when they moved to Butler, Indiana.

Peter and Sarah's children were: Milton Jeramiah, born 19 December 1847 and died 30 September 1886. He married Jennie Rose Crooks and their children were Nellie Myrtle, Agnes Arletta, Elsie Antionette, and Gracie Lodelle.

Jennie N., born 17 November, 1851 and died 9 October 1932. She married Richard H. Murch and their children were Willie P., Clarence W., Warren Brig, Mabel J. and Grace B.

Sarah Ann, born 3 November 1853 and died 4 December 1887. She married Cyrus M. Platt and their children were; Robert C., Richard Herbert, Amber D., Charles M., and Frank.

Cinderilla, born in 1856 and died in 1875.



Elias and Mary Ann Noragon

ELIAS NORAGON, son of Jacob Noragon Sr., was born on 12 November 1824 in Union County, Pennsylvania, and died on 11 September 1905 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Mary Ann Waggoner on 4 June 1848 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Mary was born 10 February 1821 in Ohio and died, 4 July 1903 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

In 1831, Elias accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania to Stark County, Ohio and in 1836 to DeKalb County, Indiana. They apparently settled in Smithfield Township. Elias and Mary lived on their farm in Franklin Township until their death.

Elias and Mary's children were: Benjamin F., born on 15 December 1849 and died 4 July 1913. He married Mary E. Bland and their children were Adrian J., Arthur Burt, Cora May, Walter Lee and Clyde Elias.

Samuel, born on 27 February 1852 and died on 22 March 1924. He married Sarah Elizabeth Lowe and their children were Emory Lee and Charley C.

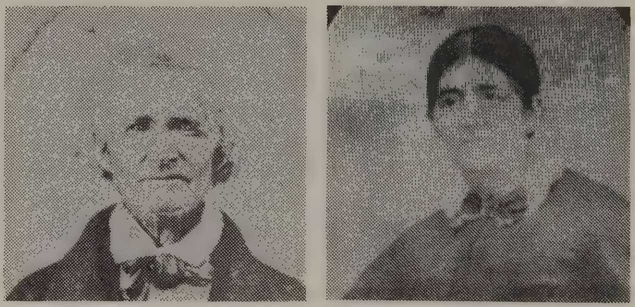
Calvin, born on 13 August 1854. His wife's name was Eva and their children were Bertha, Alta, and Alda.

Almond, born in 1856.

A daughter, born 31 March 1859 and died in early childhood.

A daughter, born 7 September 1860 and died in early childhood.

Ida May, born in September of 1865 and died on 14 June 1950. She married Henry R. Beard and their children were Melva Wells, Lloyd L., Ford E., Artie, Harley, and Harold.



William Jr. and Nancy Crooks

WILLIAM CROOKS JR., son of William and Jane (Norris) Crooks, born on 12 October 1819 in Trumbull County, Ohio and died on 6 June 1883 in DeKalb County, Indiana. William's paternal grandfather was Henry Crooks who was from Glasgow, Scotland and his maternal grandfather was James Norris who was from Ireland. William married Nancy Arvilla Rose on 2 September 1843 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Nancy, daughter of John and Rhoda (Rose) Rose, was born on 18 June 1823 probably in Trumbull County, Ohio and died on 8 January 1878 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Nancy's paternal grandparents were John and Tacy (Reese) Rose and her maternal grandparents were Jesses and Susan (Smith) Rose. After Nancy's death William remarried to Mrs. Queen (Atkinson) Householder 22 June 1878 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Queen, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Miller) Atkinson and widow of Louis Householder, was born on 2 March 1838 in Holmes County, Ohio and died on 15 September 1900. After William's death Queen remarried to Robert Norris Crooks (brother of William) on 16 or 17 February 1884 in DeKalb County, Indiana. William and Nancy are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, Indiana. and Queen is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

William, his brother Matthew and their brother-in-law, Mr. Hull, probably Milton A. Hull, came to DeKalb County, Indiana from Trumbull County, Ohio in 1836. They located three miles below Newville, Indiana on the St. Joe River. William's brothers, Thomas and Robert Norris and sister Mrs. Ann Coe also became residents of DeKalb County, Indiana. William left Newville Township and bought 100 acres in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where probably all his children were born. During the Civil War, William enlisted in Co. H, 88th Regiment Indiana Volunteers at Newville, Indiana, on 7 August 1862. On 30 December 1862 he was listed as sick furlough and remained so until his discharge on 22 December 1863. William's two eldest sons, John Henry and James Albert, also served in the Civil

War.

Nancy came to DeKalb County, Indiana, with her parents who left Trumbull County, Ohio on 2 September 1836 and arrived in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana on 3 October 1836.

William and Nancy's children were: John Henry, known as Henry was born on 21 November 1844 and died on 16 January 1900. He was never married.

James Albert was born on 28 June 1846 and died 17 January 1895. He married Sarah Jennie Emerson and had one son, George William.

David Leander was born on 1 July 1848 and died at the age of three months.

Jennie Rose was born on 20 August 1850 and died on 5 August 1934. She first married Milton Jeramiah Noragon and after his death remarried Alexander Campbell Huffman. Jennie's children, by her first marriage were Nellie Myrtle, Agnes Arletta, Elsie Antionette and Gracie Lodelle.

William Sherman was born on 9 May 1853 and died on 2 March 1917. He married Barbara Katzenback. Their children were William Henry, Arthur Edward and Charles.

Jessie Fremont was born on 29 July 1856 and died about 1885. His wife's name was Mattie and they had two children, Maud and George.

Julia Agnes was born on 15 February 1860 and died on 7 October 1896. She married Isaac S. Hose and did not have any children.

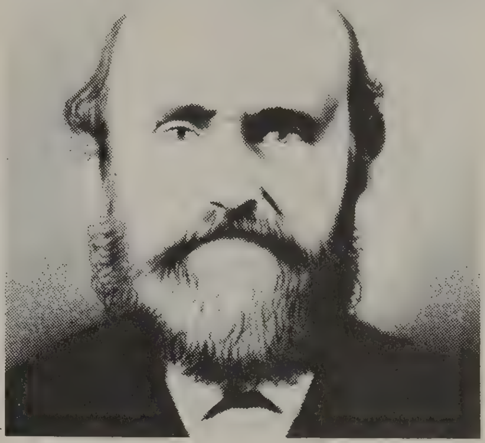
Oscar Ellsworth was born on 24 October 1861 and died about 1880.

Frank Morton was born on 17 May 1863 and died 2 November 1923. He married Anna Luella Stuart and has two children, Eloise M. Irene and Marjorie Morton.

Charles Sumner was born on 14 July 1866 and died on 15 June 1936. He married Eva May DeLane. Their children were: Lena Marie, Bert J. and William Donald.

Burton Jay was born on 26 July 1868 and died on 14 September 1928. He married Agnes John Looby. Their children were: John Clark, Esther Lucille, and Edna Mae.

By William's second marriage he had one son, Warren T., was born on 2 December 1878 and died on 25 September 1900. Warren was never married.


James D. Kelley

JAMES D. KELLEY, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Dewees) Kelley, was born on June 1, 1828 in Wayne County, Ohio and died on 15 January 1882. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Jemima (Crownover) Kelley. James married Amy R. Marvin on 15 December 1855 in Hancock County, Ohio. Amy, daughter of William and Mabel (Roberts) Marvin, was born on 23 July 1833 in Hancock County, Ohio and died on 25 August 1900. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

James came to DeKalb County, Indiana about 1844 with his father and step-mother who settled near Waterloo. In March of 1852 James and his brother, Freeman, left DeKalb County and walked to California. James returned from the gold fields to DeKalb County, Indiana probably in 1855 and bought a farm in Smithfield Township.

James and Amy's seven children were:

An infant daughter who died on 11 October 1857.

Rebecca Jane who was born about 28 October 1859 and died on 30 March 1861.

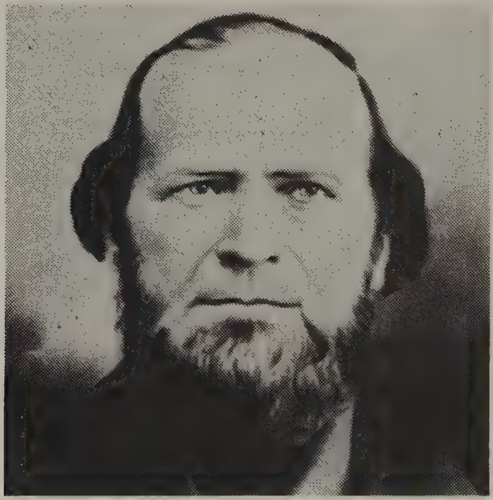
An infant daughter who died on 1 January 1861.

Isaac Douglass was born on 12 November 1862 and died on 24 January 1899. He married Dora Walker who remarried to Clark Campbell after his death. His children were Walker J., Marvin and Amy M.

Carrie E. was born on 26 January 1865 and died on 1 September 1902. She married Frank Shull and had one son, Harry E. Nettie M. was born on 12 June 1868 and died on 10 August 1891.

Mary E. was born on 25 November 1872 and died on 14 June 1893.

THOMAS KELLEY, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Dewees) Kelley, was born on 20 December 1831 in Hancock County, Ohio and died on 11 September 1911 in Waterloo, Indiana. Thomas' paternal grandparents were Charles and Jemima (Crownover) Kelley. Thomas married Jane Willey on 17 February 1853 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Jane, daughter of James and Nancy Willey, was



Thomas Kelley

born on 15 May 1833 in Columbiana County, Ohio and died on 4 February 1903. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

Thomas Kelley came to DeKalb County, Indiana with his father and step-mother when he was 13 years of age. His parents locating near Waterloo. After his marriage, Thomas and Jane, settled on a farm in Steuben County, Indiana, but stayed only a few months. On 5 July 1854, Thomas, with his wife and young son, left New York for California by the way of the Isthmus of Panama. They arrived in San Francisco on 27 July and spent 6 ⅔ years in the gold fields of California. In 1860 they returned to DeKalb County, Indiana where they remained until their death. Jane came to DeKalb County in 1851 with her sister, Mrs. Frances Wolf, wife of Michael Wolf.

Thomas and Jane's children were:

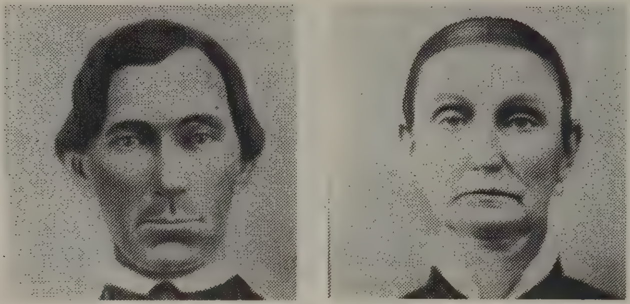
James M. was born on 8 March 1854 and died on 23 March 1894. He married Melissa Haverstock and had four children, Ida Blanch, Robert Alcid 'Burt', Mary and Edna.

Freeman W. was born 4 October 1855 and died on 29 May 1876. He died in Iowa and was unmarried.

An infant son was born on 22 February 1857 and died on 2 March 1857.

Valanda was born on 20 August 1863 and died on 24 January 1926. She married Frank Bowman and did not have any children.

HENRY STROH, probably born 19 September 1814 in Pennsylvania and died 27 February 1886 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Mottinger, 3 June 1840. Elizabeth born 14 April 1825 in Summit County, Ohio and died 9 March 1889. Both are buried in the Stroh Cemetery in DeKalb County, Indiana.



Henry and Elizabeth Stroh

Henry and Elizabeth moved from Ohio to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1845 or 1847 and settled in Union Township.

Henry and Elizabeth's children were: Daniel Jay, born 29 July 1841 and died 14 March 1918. He married Mary Augusta Cool and their children were Clara Augusta, Elmer George, and Irvin Clyde.

Samuel L. born about 6 July 1842 or 3 and died 31 March 1922. He married Emma Mull, or Null, and their children were Harley E., Orville LeRoy, Kimber, Arthur L. and Edith.

Lavina, born about 1848 or 9. She married a man named Chaffee and had seven sons.

Peter B. was born about 1850. He married Eva Scattergood and their children were Arthur E. and Ada E.

Anna Barbara, born 25 March 1852 and died 9 June 1917. She married Adam Prosser and their children were Arlington, Roy C. and Ada Eudora.

Catharine, born 25 March 1852 and died 5 September 1859. Twin of Anna.

Henry S., born 27 December 1856 and died 24 February 1938. He married Olive M. Johnson and their children were Goldie May, Linford Vern, Winnifred Laura, Adrian Jacob, Wayne, and Norma Naomi.

Freeman, born 9 September 1864 and died probably in 1932. His wife's name was Cora and their children were Lillian, Brian and Elizabeth.

FREEMAN KELLEY, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Dewees) Kelley, born 21 November 1833 in Hancock County, Ohio and died 7 September 1902. Paternal grandparents were Charles and Jemima (Crownover) Kelley. Freeman married Martha Jane Marvin, 6 August 1857 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Martha, daughter of William and Mabel (Roberts) Marvin, born 29 July 1838 near Findlay, Ohio and died 18 February 1923. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

Freeman came to DeKalb County, Indiana

about 1844 with his father and step-mother who settled near Waterloo. In March of 1852 Freeman and his brother James D. left DeKalb County and walked to California. Freeman stayed in the gold fields until 1857 when he returned to DeKalb County, Indiana and bought a farm in Smithfield Township.

Freeman and Martha's children were:

Selectia Alice, born about 1859 and died 16 May 1917. She married Archie S. Bowman. Their children were Clarence Ashley, Ray Kelley, Mildred, Delbert, Mary, Ruth and Russell.

Mabel Adella, born 20 October 1860 and died 20 July 1928. She married Francis Marion Haverstock. Their children were Samuel Freeman, Robert Lester, and Gertrude.

Amy Roberts, born 25 October 1861 and died 6 January 1942. She married Robert Anderson Haverstock. Their children were Grace Martha, and Iva Blanch.

Clemetine V., born in 1863 and died in 1903. She married Ashton W. Gonser. Their children were Lloyd and Martha Lenore.

Sarah Ann Cool

DANIEL COOL, son of Phillip and Mary (Sponyble) Cool, born 23 December 1812 in the state of New York and died 19 December 1882 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Sarah Ann Bassett on 1 January 1839. Sarah, daughter of Charles and Elsie Bassett, born 9 December 1818 in Tompkins County, New York, and died 23 December 1902 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

In about 1833 Daniel moved with his parents from New York to Erie County, Ohio. Sarah moved to Sandusky, Ohio and lived with her sister, Mrs. Knight, when she was 14 years of age. At the age of 18 she began teaching and continued until her marriage. In 1852 Daniel with his family moved to DeKalb County, Indiana and settled in Jackson Township. Later he moved to Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Daniel and Sarah's children were:

Edward, born 7 November 1841 and died 15 November 1841.

Mary Augusta, born 30 April 1843 and died 26 December 1918. She married Daniel Jay Stroh and their children were Clara Augusta, Elmer George, and Irvin Clyde.

Chloe Elizabeth, born 10 March 1845 and died 29 February 1908. She married Samuel Altman Kanaga and their children were Cora E., Minerva A., Samuel LeRoy, and Guy L.

Daniel N. born 1 February 1847 and died 20 August 1849.

Thomas A. born 1 September 1850 and married Mary Alice Crooks.

Louise Janette, born 17 July 1853 and died 7 March 1926. She married John W. Frick and their children were Clarence E., Elsie Helen, Wilda E., Bertha Mae, Faust G., Kenneth G., Harvey W., and Mollie.

Helen M. born 24 July 1856 and died 27 April 1912. She married Sylvester P. Imhoff and had a son named Bert C.

Edward D. born 23 September 1858. Edward married Christiann Beard and their children were Helen Jannette, Eddie, Marion, and Clarence.

WILLIAM L. COE, born about 1808 and died after 1880. He married Ann Crooks in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, daughter of William And Jane (Norris) Crooks, born 9 June 1823 in Trumbull County, Ohio and died 1 May 1882. Ann's paternal grandfather was Henry Crooks who was from Glasgow, Scotland and her maternal grandfather was James Norris who was from Ireland. Ann is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

William and family moved to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1858 and settled in Union Township.

William and Ann had one son, Henry E. Coe, born 24 September 1853 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio and died 3 June 1926 in Butler, Indiana. Henry married Hattie A. Reed, 16 November 1875 and after her death in 1917 he remarried to Mrs. Marsha (Bixby) Day about 1919. Henry and Hattie's children were Jessie O., Robert Norris, Bernard F., George Wilson, and Henry Earl.

Henry E. Coe was a school teacher in the local schools and for many years was a school superintendent.

JOHN ROSE, JR., son of John and Tacy (Reese) Rose, born 1 February 1788 in

Washington County, Maryland and died 4 February 1865 in DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were David an Hannah (Par) Rose. John married Rhoda Rose 26 May 1814 in Poland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. Rhoda, daughter of Jesse and Susan (Smith) Rose, born 25 April 1794 and died about 1830. Rhoda's paternal grandparents were David and Hannah (Par) Rose and her maternal grandfather was William Smith. After Rhoda's death, John remarried to Sarah Coats, 7 March 1832 in Trumbull County, Ohio. Sarah, born 26 December 1808 and died 30 January 1864. John and Sarah are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, Indiana.

John Rose accompanied his parents to Poland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, where they settled about 1802. Rhoda also accompanied here parents to Trumbull County, Ohio where they also settled about 1802. John served in Capt. Samuel Denison's Company and Capt. Warren Bissel's Company during the War of 1812. John Rose Jr. with his family left Trumbull County, Ohio, 2 September 1836, and arrived in DeKalb County, 3 October 1836. He entered 320 acres in Stafford Township and remained on this farm until his death.

John and Rhoda's children were: Lucinda Mariah born 8 September 1814.

John Wesley, born 31 December 1815 and died 15 September 1860. He married Elizabeth Coats. Their children were Eleanor Marcy, Rosella Marinda, Sarah Ann, William L. and Lawyer B.

Jesse Washington, born 29 March 1818 and died 2 January 1886. He married Marilla A. Hackley.

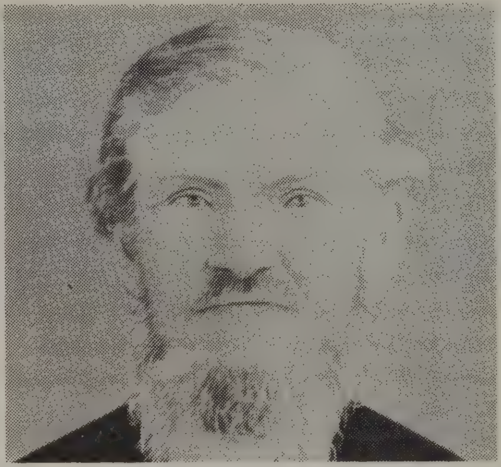
David Harison, born in 1821.

Nancy Arvilla, born 18 June 1823 and died 8 January 1878. She married William Crooks Jr. Their children were John Henry, James Albert, David Leander, Jennie Rose, William Sherman, Jessie Fremont, Julia Agnes, Oscar Ellsworth, Frank Morton Charles Sumner, and Burton Jay.

John and Sarah's children were: James Edward, born 22 December 1832 and died 20 April 1909. He married Mary Jane Moss. After her death he married Ellen D. Aldrich. Ellen also died and again he remarried to Mary F. Nimmons. The children by his first marriage were Ella Josephine, Frank E. and James Holland. By his second marriage he had a son, Percy C. By his third marriage he had Mary Ellen, Ines Pauline, and Laura A.

Lydia Lovina, born 18 April 1835 and married Jonathan J. Totten.

Madison Lewis, 14 December 1840 and died in 1926.



Edward Scoville

EDWARD SCOVILLE, son of Enoch and Eunice (Warren) Scoville, born 15 December 1813 in Richmond Township, Ontario County, New York and died 11 October 1887 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Micah and Mary Scovil. Edward's immigrant ancestor, John Scovell, left England and settled in Farmington, Connecticut, before 1666. Edward married Lydia Culp, 15 October 1835 in Trumbull County, Ohio. Lydia, daughter of John and Lydia (Abbot) Kolp, born 14 May 1820 in Pennsylvania, and died 7 March 1894 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, Indiana.

In 1827 Edward accompanied his parents from Ontario County, New York to Trumbull County, Ohio. In February of 1838, Edward with his family moved to Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana where he rented a farm for two years. He then moved to Newville Township where he had previously entered land. In 1857 he bought a farm in Stafford Township and remained on this farm until his death.

Edward and Lydia's children were: Ann Sarina, born 1 September 1836 and died 8 May 1862. She married Simeon Rose and their children were James Edward and a daughter who died at the age of two.

William Henry, born 10 May 1840 and died 18 September 1913. He married Mary Dickerhoff and their children were Lydia Ellen, George Edward, William Ellsworth, Ida D., Charles Reign, Letitia Rebecca, and Ross.

Martha Ann, born 7 December 1842 and died 14 July 1846.

Mary Alvina, born 5 November 1846 and died 18 March 1882. She married Charles Robinson and their children were Merton Carl and Leland Edward.

Warren Edward, born 9 September 1850 and died 10 September 1926. He married Hattie Joslin and their children were Minnie and Frank. After Hattie's death Warren remarried to Mrs. Julia Fulmer.

John Enoch, born 9 July 1853 and died 24 August 1856.

William Maxwell Family

WILLIAM FRANKLIN MAXWELL, son of Benjamin Franklin and Catharine (Shroyer) Maxwell, born in Gladwin County, Michigan on 25 June 1869. Mr. Maxwell's mother died when he was five years old. His father took him to Shelby County, Ohio, where he stayed with an uncle, Henry Shroyer, for a short time, then was brought to DeKalb County, Indiana and raised in the home of another uncle, Thomas and his wife, Susan Shroyer. He attended school in Moorsville and in 1896 moved with the Shroyers to a farm on State Route 101, where he lived until his death on 2 December 1930.

He married Cora Ethel Oberholtzer, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Bair) Oberholtzer on 25 February 1890. She died 28 May 1948 at the home of her son, Willard, in Waterloo, Indiana. Mr. Maxwell was a farmer and a carpenter. During World War II he worked in Daytona Beach, Florida, Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia in the shipyards.

To this union were born three children.

Roy Edgar born 16 January 1891. He married Stella Margaret Degas on 20 June 1918 in Portsmouth, Ohio where he was serving with the army in World War II. Their two children were:

James Richard married Ruthanne Doll of Spencerville. They now reside in Riverside, California. They have four daughters, Ann, Jane, Mary and Lisa.

Patricia Ann married Harlan Euton (divorced), lives in Atlanta, Georgia. They had two sons, Gregory and Jeffery.

Roy Maxwell was a teacher in the area and for many years taught in the St. Joe School where he was superintendent. He died 21 November 1968.

Merritt Marion was born 28 August 1892. Married Lena Vivian Nelson on 27 May 1914 in DeKalb County. Merritt taught in several schools in the county and in 1932 became Treasurer of DeKalb County, serving two terms. He later worked for Rohm Chevrolet and then taught school in Bedford, Indiana. He died 12 January 1968.

They were parents of three children:

Gordon Wayne married Jeanette Roy. Two children were born to them, Sandra and Timothy. They were divorced and Gordon married Gladys Buttron of Chicago, Illinois. She was the mother of six children, and one son, William, was born to them.

Dorthea Eleanor married Robert Berg of Auburn. Their three children are Douglas, Rebecca and Steven.

Robert Keith married Janet Thomas of Auburn. They have one son, Michael.

Willard Gerald born 14 October 1906. Married Ruth Agnes Fichlie of Covington, Kentucky, on 7 August 1934.

Willard Maxwell Family

WILLARD GERALD MAXWELL, the third son of William Franklin and Cora Ethel (Oberholtzer) Maxwell, was born on 14 October 1906 in a large brick house on State Route 101 near the Alton Cemetery, two miles east of St. Joe, Indiana.

His early memories include a trip to Corunna, Indiana, to watch the engine of a train scooping up water on the run. Another was of going to Auburn, Indiana, to watch Art Smith fly his plane. The weather was not right for the first two scheduled flights and a third trip was necessary before the plane finally got off the ground. Also watching a Mr. Bassett get clams out of the St. Joe River. Mr. Bassett had a device which enabled him to look down into the water. When he saw a clam he put down a rod which the clam clamped onto and was pulled up and deposited into a boat. He then cooked the clams; the meat was fed to hogs and the shells were used to make buttons.

Willard attended the Cheestown school until midterm of the seventh grade when the school was closed. The children were taken to school in St. Joe, Indiana. The county provided a horse drawn conveyance, which had been used to haul pallbearers at funerals, to take the children into town until they finished their grade school education. When they went into high school, they were required to furnish their own transportation.

After graduation in 1924, Willard went to Ball State University, which was the called the ''Eastern Division Indiana State Normal School Ball Teachers College''. He then accepted a teaching position in Rudyard, Michigan, in the upper pennisula, a Finn community where he taught for two years, then moved to Cornell near Escanaba, Michigan, for one year. During the summer, while attending Marquette, Michigan school he received an opportunity to enter the Post Office Department Railway Mail Service. After substituting on mail trains and the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania terminal, he accepted a permanent assignment in the Cincinnati terminal.

He found living quarters in Covington, Kentucky and while living there met Ruth Agnes, daughter of John Joseph and Caroline Josephine (Lammert) Fichlie. On 7 August 1934 they were married by the Rev. Joseph Scholes at Hamilton, Indiana.

The couple was only housekeeping in Latonia, Kentucky two weeks, when Willard was detailed to the Toledo, Ohio office and it wasn't until December, 1934 that his position was made permanent and the couple moved to Toledo, Ohio.

Three children were born while the couple lived in Toledo: Beverly Joyce 12 March 1936; Sharon Rose 6 June 1940 and Paul Floyd 20 September 1941.

After nine years Willard transferred to a position on the New York Central mail train running between Chicago, Illinois and Cleveland, Ohio and the Maxwell family moved to Waterloo, Indiana.

In 1948 Willard received an appointment to the District Office in Cincinnati where he worked until his retirement in 1968 after 39 years of service. They then moved back to the home place on State Route 101, St. Joe, Indiana.

They now have 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Willard is a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Of their three children, Beverly Joyce married John Munro of Fall River Massachusetts. They now live in Fairview Park, Ohio. They have three children, Lori, Vicki, and Douglas.

Sharon Rose married L. Dean Hightower of Rosie, Arkansas, who served with the army until his death in 1983. Sharon lives in Columbus, Georgia. Their two children are Gary and Sherri.

Paul Floyd married Gertrue Butler of Walton, Kentucky. They now live in Celina, Ohio with their five children, Julia, Angela, Holli, Paula and David.

PAUL JAMES MC DONALD, was born 16 February 1914 in Corunna, Indiana, son of Archie Forest and Bertha Grace (Oster) McDonald. His paternal grandparents were James L. and Cordelia (Bowers) McDonald. Maternal grandparents were Charles and Barbara (Arter) Oster. McDonalds and Bowers families were from the Corunna area. The Osters were from Hamilton area and the Arters from Ohio.

Mary Ellen Roop, born 23 April 1916 in rural route Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Murvin and Laura Janette (Cochran) Roop both from Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Frank and Emma (Talbert) Roop. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary Ellen (Miser) Cochran. Paul lived ten of his boyhood years of a farm south west of Corunna. Eight years of grade school were spent at West Richland school. The first two years of school the children were transported by a horse drawn hack. In cold weather the hack was heated by a coal or wood burning heater, in the center of the hack, and the driver had to go outside to stoke the fire. When snow came we rode in a grain box mounted on a bobsled, filled with straw to help keep the children warm. Heated bricks and Irons also helped to keep hands and feet warm. Four years of High School were spent at Waterloo. Students from Corunna were transported by Railroad to and from Waterloo during the 1928-29 school year. Busses were used after that.

Mary Ellen Roop lived on a farm across the road from the East Richland school where she went for eight years. Three years of High School at Waterloo and one year at Auburn. Paul and Mary Ellen married 12 June 1935 in Corunna united Brethern Parsonage by the Rev. Vern Keller.

During the first year of their marriage Paul was making $7.00 per week. A cow, several chickens and some rabbits helped greatly during those tough depression years. The second year of marriage Paul lost his job at the feed mill. His father was bumped out of his job at the water station, where the trains take water on the run, and he had to go to Toledo, Ohio to work.

Paul has one sister, Irene B. (McDonald)

Francis. She married Newton Francis, deceased, Paul's folks had moved to Toledo, and while there Irene got Polio. With the burden of caring for her placed on the folks and Paul being out of work, a decision was made to close the home in Corunna and move to Toledo to help care for Irene and to look for work. A sight to behold was the little '31 Chevy roadster, with the rumble seat packed full, a crate of chickens and a crate of rabbits tied to the running board, and Toledo or bust.

During the winter of 1936-1937 a job was found with the Sherlock Baking Company on Detroit Avenue. For three and one half years Paul peddled bread and pastries from door to door driving a horse drawn truck before finally getting new International trucks.

The New York Central Railroad called during these years in Toledo and Paul worked for then 23 years. Sixteen years as Telegraph Operator and seven years as signal mechanic. After retiring from the Railroad Paul was employed by Stanadyne Distributing Center Garrett, Indiana and worked there as a Dispatcher for 12 years. He retired in March 1978 still living in the old homestead in Corunna.

Three children were born to them, Brenda Kay, Roger D., and Janice D. They with their families are all living in Corunna, all active in church work, helping one another. There are seven grand children and one great-great grandchild. Archie is 96, doing fairly well, living with Paul and Mary.

CLARENCE A. BOGER, born 11 December 1936, son of Harold A. and Dorothy A. (Mavis) Boger. His paternal grandparents were Clarence A. and Lydia (Rudolph) Boger. His maternal grandparents were Henry Dale and Elva E. (Doty) Mavis.

Clarence attended Harrison Grade School, Auburn Junior High School and Auburn High School.

He started to work at the Auburn Rubber Company, March of 1953, as a stockboy, later in the shipping and receiving department until they closed in 1959.

Clarence married Gloria Jane Dickson, 14 August 1954, daughter of John R. Dickson and Mary (Hogan) Dickson, McNutt. She has four sisters, Doris Ort, Detty Miller, of Auburn, Shirley Greuter of Butler and Darlene Eakes of Mississippi and three brothers; John, Jr., Jack, and Ted, of Auburn. Gloria's maternal grandparents were Clay and Mabel (Cole) Hogan and her paternal grandparents were George and Zella (South) Dickson. Gloria attended Mooresville School, near Butler and the Butler Elementary, Junior High and High Schools. Gloria started to work for Cooper Industrial Products of 6 January 1963 and is still employed there.

They are the parents of five children; Jerry L., born 15 March 1955, who is first manager for Famous Recipe Restaurants in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He also lived in Ft. Wayne and is engaged to be married in May of 1987.

Kim A. born 11 September 1956, works for R. J. Tower in Auburn and also a volunteer fire fighter for Auburn. He is married to Chris Lingar who works for Bauman and Harnish in Garrett. They have one daughter, Jamie L. born 23 February 1977 and they live in Auburn, Indiana; Terry L. born 8 August 1959, worked for Indiana Decorative in Waterloo, Indiana and lives in Auburn; Deborah J., born 23 November 1957 is a L.P.N. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. She is married to Robert Leon, who works at Magnavox in Garrett. They have two children; Christopher, born 16 March 1980 and Becky, born 13 July 1981. They live in Auburn; Tina, born 3 July 1963 works in dietary, at Betz Nursing home. She is married to David Clair who works at Bauman and Harnish in Garrett. They live in Auburn and are expecting their first child in September of 1986.

Clarence worked for his grandfather, H. Dale Mavis, who owned Mavis Heating from the early 1950's until the late 1960's.

Clarence started to work for Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn in March of 1960, in the mill room, later in receiving and maintenance departments. Clarence helped start Cooper's first fire brigade and was fire chief of the brigade about ten years.

He joined the Auburn Fire Department, as a volunteer fire fighter on 1 January 1966. On 1 December 1972, he left Cooper's and accepted the position of driver/firefighter with the Auburn Fire Department. He has received Indiana Certification of first class fire fighter and attended the national fire academy in Emmitteburg, Maryland. He received a master certification in fire and arson investigation.

He is a member and secretary-treasurer of Squad 707 fire and arson investigators.

HAROLD ALLEN BOGER, born 12 May 1913 in Auburn, Indiana son of Clarence Allen Boger and Lydia Marie Rudolph. His paternal grandparents were Daniel D. Boger, born 12 May 1845, died 24 January 1899 and Suzannah Alice Betz, born 29 September 1855, died 28 May 1919. Maternal grandparents were John Rudolph and Catherine Elizabeth Lumm.

Harold met Dorothy Arlene Mavis on a blind date, 23 June 1934. Dorothy's parents were

Harold and Dorothy Boger

Henry Dale Mavis, born 8 August 1891, died 8 August 1983 and Elva Eunella Doty, born 28 March 1981, died 19 October 1968.

Harold has lived all his life in DeKalb County. Dorothy moved from Defiance County, Ohio, March 1923 with her parents and brother, Adrian Ray, born 24 May 1921. Harold's family was; John Rudolph Boger, Safara L. Boger, Marie (Boger) Zulich, all deceased, Clarren L. Boger, and Alice (Boger) Draggoo, living. The father worked at New York Central Freight-Ticket Office on Seventh Street, second shift.

Harold and Dorothy went to housekeeping in Auburn, 15 December 1935. Their children are; Gloria Jane, born 1 October 1935, Clarence Allen, born 11 December 1936, Carolyn Eloise, born 2 July 1938, Franklin Dale, born 2 February 1940, Michael Lee, born 25 September 1941, Larry Don, born 14 July 1943, John Lynn, born 18 December 1944 and Marlene Kay, born 14 May 1947.

Just after Christmas 1941, the Bogers moved to Ninth Street and lived there for eleven months. Then moved to Ensley Avenue just before Christmas 1942. Harold retired from Cooper Industrial Products in May 1978.

GLORIA JANE BOGER, born 1 October 1935 at her maternal grandparents home, Henry Dale and Elva E. (Doty) Mavis in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger. Her paternal grandparents were Clarence Allen and Lydia Marie (Rudolph) Boger.

She lived in Auburn until May of 1978 when she moved to South Bend, Indiana until March of 1984, then back to Auburn.

Gloria attended Harrison Grade School, Auburn Junior High School, and Auburn High School, graduating May 1953. She attended Anderson College in Anderson, Indiana for one semester.

Gloria went to work June 1953 at the Indiana Bell Telephone Company. The office closed in May 1978 and she was transferred to South Bend, Indiana. Then retired 25 December 1983 after thirty years.

She attended Brush College Church of God, now known as County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana. During gas rationing, they were unable to afford gas so started attending the Auburn Church of God, now known as the Indian Village Church of God.

Gloria enjoys knitting, crocheting, traveling and short trips.

JERRY DEAN TRAMMEL, born 21 August 1939, Spencerville, Indiana, son of Virgil B. and Pauline Mary (Furnish) Trammel, of Spencerville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Jasper and Pearl (Smith) Trammel, of Harlan, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Ralph and Bertha (Keesler) Furnish, of Spencerville, Indiana.

Carolyn Eloise, born 2 July 1938, in Auburn, daughter of Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger. Paternal grandparents were Clarence Allen and Lydia Marie (Rudolph) Boger. Maternal grandparents were Henry Dale and Elva E. (Doty) Mavis.

Jerry attended Riverdale High School, Carolyn graduated from Auburn High School and attended St. Josephs school of Nursing. She later graduated from Purdue School of Nursing.

Jerry and Carolyn met at Sanders Hospital, where Carolyn worked as a nurses aide, while in High School. They married 2 July 1957, Auburn Church of God, Reverend Loren Shackleton.

Jerry was employed by Auburn Precision, Dana Corporation as a factory worker. Jerry was a member of the Moose Lodge and was active in bowling leagues. He also raced stock cars. Jerry was killed at the age of 25 years, 5 October 1964 in an automobile accident near Antwerp, Ohio.

Carolyn and Jerry are the parents of two children; Ricky Lynn, of Englewood, Florida and Sheryl Ann (Trammel) Jordan of Waterloo, Indiana. Carolyn raised her two children with much help and support from her family.

Carolyn is a member of the Indian Village Church of God and the Moose Lodge. She enjoys traveling and attending the theatre. She looked forward to retiring in 15 years and hopes to travel extensively.

RICHARD STEVEN JORDAN, born 27 May

1951 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Frank D. and Beverly Jean (Redman) Wasson Jordan. His paternal grandparents were Elza Cecil and Carrie Bella (Haynes) Jordan. His maternal grandparents were Harold Theodore and Alverta Marie (Yoeman) Redman.

Sheryl Ann Trammel, born 30 June 1960 in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Jerry Dean and Carolyn Eloise (Boger) Trammel. Her paternal grandparents were Virgil B. and Pauline May (Furnich) Trammel of Spencerville, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Harld Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger.

Rick graduated from DeKalb High School in 1969 and Sherry graduated from DeKalb High School.

Sherry and Rick married 21 June 1986 at the Nazarene Church in Waterloo by Reverend Robert James. They had a beautiful informal wedding with a reception following at his brother, Harold's farm. Their families belled them on their wedding night. They were awakened by two large dinner bells and lids and pie tins clanging together. They were seated together in the back of a pick up truck and taken on a ride through town and in the country with horns blowing. They were clad only in shorts and t-shirts. The bellers would not leave until they had been fed. They were given crackers by Rick and Sherry and told to go home. It was enjoyed by all.

Rick is self employed in construction. Sherry works as a plant clerk at DeKalb Assemblies.

Rick has three children by a former marriage; Jeremy David, born 23 September 1970, Kelly Ann, born 26 September 1978 and Christopher Steven, born 6 March 1981. Rick and Sherry have no children.

Rick has two brothers: Harold William and Michael Shelby and three sisters; Vickie Marie (Jordan) Day, and Michelle Jeanette (Jordan) Wells and Carrie Jo Jordan. Sherry has one brother; Ricky Lynn Trammel of Englewood, Florida.

Rick and Sherry live in an older home that Rick is presently remodeling in Waterloo, Indiana with their children and their dog, Jake.

RICKY LYNN TRAMMEL, born 4 February 1958 in Auburn, Indiana, son of Jerry Dean and Carolyn Eloise (Boger) Trammel. His paternal grandparents were Virgil B. and Pauline May (Furnish) Trammel of Spencerville. His maternal grandparents were Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger of Auburn.

Patricia Sue Baird, born 17 October 1959 in Kendaville, Indiana, daughter of Richard Lee and Harriett Fern (Koon) Baird, Rose. Her paternal grandparents were Clifford and Edna Catherine (Sherwood) Baird. Her maternal grandparents were Francis Marion and Vivian Esther (Opdycke) Koon.

Rick graduated from DeKalb High School and Patti graduated from East Noble High School.

Rick and Patti met January 1977 in Auburn. Rick and Patti were married, 15 April 1977 in the Indian Village Church of God by Reverend Carroll McNutt.

Rick and Patti are the parents of two daughters: Sarah Elizabeth, born 26 February 1979 and Rachel Renee, born 20 June 1980, both born in Auburn, Indiana.

Rick has one sister, Sheryl Ann (Trammel) Jordan of Waterloo, Indiana. Patti has one brother, Marion Clifford Baird of Englewood, Florida and three sisters: Lisa Marie Baird, Leslie Renee Baird and Elizabeth Esther Baird all of Kendallville, Indiana.

Rick has worked several jobs; Warner Gear of Auburn, Auburn Foundry, Newman Foundry. In Florida, he has worked as a meat cutter, in a nursery, in construction and is presently employed in concrete work in Englewood, Florida. Patti has been employed at Kentucky Fried Chicken as a waitress and as a supervisor at Colwell General in Kendallville, Indiana.

Rick enjoys fishing and hunting. Patti enjoys working with crafts, sewing, knitting and crocheting.

FRANKLIN BOGER and Nancy Lung were childhood friends. Franklin, born 2 February 1940 in Auburn, Indiana, son of Harold A. Boger and Dorothy Mavis. Paternal grandparents were Clarence Boger and Lydia Rudolph (both deceased). Franklin had three sisters and four brothers: Gloria (Boger) Trammel, Marlene, Clarence, Mike, Larry and John. Maternal grandparents were H. Dale Mavis and Elva Doty (both deceased).

Nancy Lung, 10 May 1939 on her grandpa Kolbe's farm in Spencerville, Indiana, the daughter of Kenneth M. Lung, deceased and Leona Gerig, died September 1948. Paternal grandparents were Harry E. Lung and Goldie Houser (both deceased).

After mom died, dad sold our farm "Sleepy Hollow" and we moved to her grandparents, Harry Lung's home in Jackson Township.

In 1950, Kenneth married Mildred Walters, she had two daughters; Carol (Pearsall) and Karen (Bitner). Kenneth and Mildred had two children; Larry and Peggy (Boger) Miller.

Franklin and Nancy were married 13 June 1959 by Rev. Loren Shackleton at the Church of God. They are now active in the Indian Village

Church of God of Auburn. They are the parents of five children; Scott Allen, born 3 October 1960, he died unexpectedly on 12 October 1969; Timothy Dale, born 25 November 1966, died 26 November 1966; Matthew Paul, born 10 February 1967, he is a 1985 graduate of DeKalb Central High School; Von Eric, born 21 September 1969, he is now a senior at DeKalb Central High School; Amy Susan, born 11 November 1970, she is a sophomore at DeKalb High School, plays piano and sings.

Franklin worked is his grandfather's heating business, Holben's, the City Market, Montieth Brothers, a guard at Warner Automotive and Dana and is now retired from the Post Office. He enjoyed all the people of his route, in December, he dressed as Santa and delivered the mail. Nancy is employed at the Waterloo Kiddie Kollege.

In May 1970, the Boger's home and belongings were destroyed by fire. With the help of family, friends and much prayer, the Bogers purchased a modular home near Auburn.

Nancy attended grade school in Spencerville, Jackson Township, one room school, Harrison and Auburn High School, graduating in 1957. Franklin graduated from Auburn High School in 1958.

The Bogers enjoy camping as a family and try always to attend their church convention in Anderson, Indiana. This has been part of their lives since Franklin and Nancy were young. Franklin was fortunate to be have been able to camp with his granddad, H. Dale Mavis. They set up army tents for sleeping and one for their kitchen. Many people benefited from the generosity of Franklin's grandparents.

MICHAEL LEE BOGER, born 25 September 1941 in Auburn, Indiana to Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger. His paternal grandparents were Clarence Allen and Lydia Marie (Rudolph) Boger of the Auburn Junction. His maternal grandparents were Henry Dale and Elva Eunella (Doty) Mavis of Defiance County, Ohio.

Carol Anne Sweet, born 18 September 1944 in Kendallville, Indiana. The daughter of Dale Winfield and Kathryn Eileen (Wagner) Sweet. Her paternal grandparents were John Winfield and Susan Marie (Corzine) Sweet of Terre Haute, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Herbert Carl Wagner of Kendallville, Indiana and Lillian May (Murray) Wagner of Wolcottville, Indiana. Carol graduated from Kendallville High School in 1962 and worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville from 1963 to 1971.

Michael graduated from Auburn High School in 1959 and Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 1977. Michael served in the U.S. Navy from September 1959 to May 1963. He worked for the B & O Railroad at Garrett, Indiana as a brakeman for a short time and also worked a few months at Auburn Gear in Auburn. In July, 1963 Michael went to work at Dana Corporation in Auburn where he worked as a machine operator chemist and metallurgy assistant, field service technician, and in Purchasing. During this time he and his family lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado from July 1977 to March 1982. Michael transferred to the Spicer Heavy Axle Division of Dana in Fort Wayne, May 1984 where he presently works in Sales.

Michael is active in the Auburn Lions Club as incoming President for 1986-87.

Michael has four brothers; Clarence, Frank, Larry and John. Three sisters; Gloria, Carolyn and Marlene.

Michael and Carol were married, 3 September 1966 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville, Indiana. They have one daughter, Marsha Jane. She was born 3 September 1969. Marsha will be a junior at DeKalb High School and she is active with the Baron Brigadiers and works as a waitress at the Auburn Pizza King.

The Boger family lives in Auburn.

LARRY DON BOGER, born 14 July 1943, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger. His paternal grandparents were Clarence Allen and Lydia Marie (Rudolph) Boger. His maternal grandparents were Henry Dale and Elva Eunella (Doty) Mavis of Auburn.

Linda Ann Vogtman, born 14 December 1947, in Auburn, daughter of Willis LeRoy and Martha Fern (Croy) Vogtman of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents were James Andrew and Effie Maude (Childs) Vogtman. Her maternal grandparents were Marley Hugo and Ruth Violet (Goe) Croy of Auburn.

Larry attended Harrison Grade School, Auburn Junior High and graduated from Auburn High School, in 1962. Linda attended DeSoto grade School, Auburn Junior High School and graduated from Angola High School in 1967.

Larry and Linda were married 16 June 1973, at Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake with Reverend Darrell Cook officiating.

Larry was employed at Krafts at Kendallville in 1962-1964. He joined the Air Force, 13 January 1964 and served until 5 November 1967. He served in Vietnam from 5 November 1966 to 5 November 1967 as a helicopter mechanic in 20th Helicopter Squadron. He returned to employment at Krafts until 13 May 1968. He then went to Dana Corporation in Auburn as a factory worker. He serves as United Auto Workers Community Action Program Representative at the Board of Directors of United Way of DeKalb County. He is a candidate in the 1986 Fall election for Union Township Trustee.

Linda worked as a bookkeeper at Citizen State Bank Waterloo, Indiana and at Simily's in Angola, Indiana. She has not had employment outside the home since marriage. She has been busy raising her daughter and twin boy and girl. Larry and Linda are the parents of three children; Brenda Sue, born 21 March 1974 and twins, Beth Ann and Brent Allen, born 13 April 1983. The twins in particular have been a treat and an experience.

Larry and Linda resided at Golden Lake from June 1973 until October 1974. They then purchased a home in Auburn, Indiana.

JOHN LYNN BOGER, born 18 December 1944, son of Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger. His paternal grandparents were Clarence Allen and Lydia Marie (Rudolph) Boger, of Auburn. Maternal grandparents were Henry Dale and Elva Eunella (Doty) Mavis, of Auburn.

Eleanor Jean Rollins, born 1 November 1944, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of William Henry Rollins III and Fae Eleanor (Clark) Rollins, of Butler, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were William Henry Rollins II and Susan Greenfield of Mooresville, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Ross L. and Myrtle (Kingsburg) Clark, of Omaha, Nebraska..

John attended Harrison Grade School, Auburn Junior High and graduated from Auburn High School. Later John received a B.S. degree in Industrial Supervision from Purdue University regional campus at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Eleanor Jean Attended first Franklin Township grade school, Taylor Franklin Township school, both were one room school houses north of Butler, Indiana, then after consolidation of schools she attended Hamilton Junior High School and Hamilton High School.

John and Eleanor were married 30 August 1968, at the justice of the peace, Auburn. They lived in Waterloo, Indiana, then moved to Auburn. They now live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John was employed at Warner Gear and Dana Corporation before joining the Air Force in December 1963 and served until Thanksgiving Day in November 1967. His tour of duty included England, Germany, and Libya. John returned to Dana Corporation as a factory worker. He returned to school on the GI bill and earned his B.S. degree. He moved up in promotions until he was area manager at Dana, in Auburn. He stayed there until August 1984, when he accepted a job as production superintendent at Dana Corporation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He moved with his family to Colorado in August of 1984.

Eleanor Jean was employed for a short time as a nurses aide at DeKalb Hospital. Eleanor has two children from a former marriage, James Waldo Sattison, born 21 February 1965 and Theresa Ann Sattison, born 6 August 1963, in Auburn, Indiana. John Lynn and Eleanor Jean are the parents of two children; William Harold born 30 July 1969 and Regina Lynn, born 6 September 1973, in Auburn, Indiana. "Bill" William, is active in swimming and hopes to participate in the olympics and wishes to attend Air Force Academy. Regina also had been active in swimming and band. She has hopes of becoming an Auto Mechanic.

John has four brothers and three sisters. Eleanor Jean has one sister, Janet (Rollins) Baxter of Angola, Indiana.

John enjoys collecting Antique Clocks. Eleanor Jean is an Artist and enjoys painting and sewing. They both enjoy traveling and exploring the west from their home in Colorado.

MARLENE KAY BOGER, born 14 May 1947, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Harold Allen and Dorothy Arlene (Mavis) Boger. Paternal grandparents were Clarence Allen and Lydia Marie (Rudolph) Boger, of Auburn. Maternal grandparents were Henry Dale and Elva Eunella (Doty) Mavis, of Auburn, Indiana.

Marlene attended Harrison Elementary School, McKenny Junior High School and graduated from Auburn High School, after graduation Marlene found employment at Coopers Industrial Products in Auburn. She was employed at Coopers and now at Dot Corporation.

Marlene has one daughter Cynthia Mavis Boger, born 17 August 1967. Cindy attended Harrison Elementary School, McKinney Junior High and DeKalb High School. Cindy is employed at Hermac Corporation in Auburn.

Marlene enjoys collecting salt dips and clowns. Cindy enjoys knitting and crocheting. Marlene also enjoys cooking, baking and decorating cakes.

WILLIAM TRITCH, born on the Bass Farm, the present site of Saint Francis College, Fort Wayne, son of Friderich and Margaret (Troutman) Tritch. Friderich and Margaret were married in Germany and came to New York in

William Tritch

the early 1850's. They later pushed west to Allen County, Indiana. William, born 27 November 1863. A year later the family moved to the Hudson-Salem Center area in Steuben County where William grew to young manhood. Friderich died in 1881, he and Margaret are buried in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, West Fairfield, Corunna, Indiana.

William married Sarah Lydia Mertz, 16 May 1889. Daughter of John G. Mertz of Kohlstadt, Germany, and Marianna Saurer, of Sigriswill, Canton Berne, Switzerland. William and Sarah bought 140 acres with a small house and barn west of Fairfield Center. They named their farm, Pleasant Ridge. Here they lived for 41 years and here their seven children were born. Herman, born 1 March 1890, married Esther Lehman, one daughter Majorie, one son, Paul, died 12 February 1967, buried in Fairfield Cemetery. Alma, born 1 December 1891, married J.H. Piel, one daughter, Mary died 3 November 1970, buried Concordia Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Arthur, born 23 November 1894, married Lois Rauh, three daughters, Eleanor, Nelda and Norma. Died 15 October 1950, buried Kendallville, Indiana. Esther, born 17 January 1897, married C.E. Wagner, one son, William. One daughter, Jeanne died 2 February 1979, buried Columbus, Ohio. Ernst, born 29 November 1900, died 13 January 1914, buried Zion, West Farifield. Clara born 6 November 1905, married David Gibson, two sons, David and Noel. Royal, born 28 December 1908, married Virginia Albright, one daughter, Sarah, two sons, John and David.

William Tritch was a progressive farmer engaged in general agriculture. He was active in Farm Bureau work and early cooperatives, and enjoyed experiments devoted to improving common grains especially wheat, oats, and corn. In this way he is very successful, winning dozens of ribbons at county fairs and honors in state and national competition. Included in these were sweepstakes and diploma of honor at the National Corn Show, Columbus, Ohio, 1912; sweepstakes at Dallas, Texas, National Corn Show, 1914; and silver medal and diploma of honor at the World's Fair in San Francisco, 1915. In addition, he was certified, by Purdue, corn judge.

Mr. Tritch was skilled in the use of hand tools, building a large bank barn in 1898, and other out buildings as needed, plus renovating and expanding the house two accommodate seven children and a grandmother. He cobbled shoes, cut the boys' hair and handcrafted toys for the children. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a good neighbor. Sarah and Will worked diligently together to feed and clothe their seven children and to bring them up "in the way that they should go". All were confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church and all graduated from the Christian Day School there.

In 1930 William and Sarah retired from Pleasant Ridge and moved to Kendallville where William died on 31 March 1934. Sarah died 15 September 1942 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Both are buried in the Zion Cemetery. On their headstone together with birth and death dates are engraved these words, "I know that my redeemer lives." Job, 19:25.

Danny McAfee Family

DANNY D. MC AFEE, born in Bedford, Indiana, 22 March 1952, the first of seven children, born to James D. and Patricia Joann (Hankins) McAfee. His paternal grandparents are Arthur and the late Flona (Waskom) McAfee. His maternal grandparents are Ruth Mae (McCollum) Hankins and the late Kenneth Clair Hankins. Danny graduated from Marion High School in Marion, Indiana in 1970 and from Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana in 1972.

Sandra K. (Miser) McAfee, born in Auburn, Indiana, 24 May 1952, the second of three daughters born to Jack L. and Martha (Gratz) Miser. Her paternal grandparents are, Princess Orlena (Triplett) Miser and the late Wilbur Clark

Miser. Her maternal grandparents are the late Pliny David and Rosa (Mayerhofer) Gratz. Sandra graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970 and attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Danny and Sandra were married 24 September 1976 in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of three children; Todd Christopher, born 1 June 1971, Meghann Danielle, born 26 December 1977 and Molly Kay, born 31 January 1982.

Danny moved to DeKalb County from Marion, Indiana, 9 December 1974 as an employee of DeKalb Abstract and Title Company. He purchased Auburn Abstract Company from Warren G. Sunday in 1978, Knapp Abstract, Inc. from John Martin Smith in 1982 and DeKalb Abstract and Title Company from Donald T. Mefford in 1982. He is currently the president of the merged companies, Auburn Abstract Company, Inc.

Danny has been an active participant in the Community of Auburn, having served as president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, the Auburn Jaycees and as a member of the Board of Directors of DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He is currently an elected member of the Common Council of the City of Auburn and an appointed member of the Auburn Board of Public Works and Safety.

The McAfee family are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT D. RUGMAN, born in Auburn, 1 March 1918, son of Ralph W. and Gayle L. (Scott) Rugman. This marriage ended in divorce, 22 November 1934. Ralph, the son of Charles and Anna Rugman, born 9 November 1895 and died 13 April 1966. He was a rural mail carrier out of the Auburn Post Office. Ralph remarried and Bob had a number of half brothers and sisters.

Gayle, born 25 December 1897 to John and Mary Scott. She is still living and resided in Fort Wayne. Her main employment was as a sales lady and she retired in 1976.

Robert married Jeanette L. Carlson, 2 July 1938, daughter of Roy W. and Selma A. (Buckland) Carlson. The Carlson family which consisted of Roy (1891-1973), Selma (1894-1951), Jeanette, born 26 October 1918, and her brother, William Roy (1923-1962) moved to Auburn in November 1928 from Escanaba, Michigan. A. J. Kirsten had purchased an interest in The Auburn Rubber Company and brought Roy to Auburn as the company accountant. Roy and Selma had another daughter, Dorothy J., born in Auburn, 10 February 1931.

Robert and Jeanette Rugman had two daughters, Janet Rae, born 26 March 1942 and Judy Kae, born 16 May 1947. Janet married Richard Schoudel, 30 June 1972 and they reside in Garrett. Judy unmarried, is a career woman and resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Bob was employed by Warner Motive most of his working years, retiring from there in August 1976, except for a period when he was one of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Agents, in Auburn. He was a member of the Auburn Lions Club and St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He died 29 June 1981.

Jeanette has worked at a number of local businesses as their bookkeeper throughout the years. She spent 6 years at The Auburn Rubber Company, 22 years at Auburn Motor Sales (the Ford Dealer) and 13 years as a deputy in The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, retiring from that position, 1983. Through the years Jeanette has done much volunteer work for their family church and for DeKalb Memorial Hospital. At present she is a volunteer worker at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and still resides in their home.

GEORGE HOODLEMIER, born 16 December 1846, in DeKalb County, where he grew up. He is the son of Leonard and Phillipiana (Napp) Hoodlemier. More may be found on Leonard in the 1885 DeKalb County History book.

He married Mary Staley, 6 June 1849. They have five children; The first birth was triplets who died at birth. Later they had three sons; William Leonard, Twite Lorestes, and Howard C.

George was active in the founding of the DeKalb County Fairgrounds, and he pounded in the first stake in its establishment. As the only male child, he inherited the family farm from his father and increased its size to 300 acres. In his later years, he moved the original house back and built a large spacious house in its place. This house was to remain in the family and was owned by the Hoodlemiers until 1969. It still remains on the original homestead on Co. Rd. 45, just north of St. Rd. 8. In her later years, Mary, his wife, lost her eyesight and was confined to a wheelchair. She preceded her husband in death. He lived till March of 1925.

TWITE LORESTER HOODLEMIER, born 29 January 1875, in DeKalb County. As a young man he served in the Spanish American War. He suffered an injury which was to effect his walk for the remainder of his days. He married Myrtle Baughman, and they had one daughter Lucile (Hoodlemier) Erhman. Twite was involved in several career ventures. He and his brother

Howard owned an elevator on the west edge of Auburn; he served one term as Sheriff of DeKalb County; and at one point he moved to Ohio where he ran a grocery store in the same community where his married daughter lived. In his retirement, he returned to Auburn and lived the remainder of his years at 411 East Ninth Street with his wife Myrtle. He preceded her in death.

HOWARD C. HOODLEMIER, born 16 September 1878. He was the youngest son of George and Mary. He grew up in DeKalb County and married Laura McClellan. They had one child Ruth (Hoodlemier) Stried, before their marriage ended in divorce. Later he married again to Rose Robertson. They did not have any children. Howard was business oriented and tried many different ventures. He ran a grain elevator with his brother. At one point he moved to Fort Wayne where he ran an Overland Auto Agency. Later he returned to Auburn and entered the hay, grain and coal business, establishing the Hoodlemier's Coal Co. on South Ensley Avenue. For health reasons, he sold the business to his nephew Lloyd Hoodlemier and moved to Mt. Dora Florida where he owned a Fruit Distributorship. He remained in Florida with his wife Rose for the remainder of his days, and preceded her in death.

WILLIAM HOODELMIER, was born 28 October 1871, in DeKalb County. He was the eldest son of George and the first college graduate in the family — graduating from Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana. He then returned to DeKalb County to marry Addie Poorman, his childhood sweetheart, and to take up farming. William and Addie had two sons: DeLoss and Lloyd. The eldest son, DeLoss, died from diptheria at the age of nine. Saddened by his death, Addie became ill, and the William Hoodelmiers moved to Auburn. After some time, they built a home on the corner of Wilson and East Seventh Street. They lived here the remainder of their years and Will commuted to the farm where he raised livestock and tilled the land.

LLOYD HOODELMIER, born 9 March 1908. He was the youngest son of William Hoodelmier, and the last male heir namesake. As a young child he lived on the farm and later moved to Auburn. He was attending college in Gunison, Colorado, when his uncle asked him to buy his coal business, so he returned to Auburn. On 23 July 1933 he married Margaret O'Neill of Fort Wayne. They had three daughters; Dian, Janet and Linda. They also had a son John who died at birth. In addition to Hoodelmier's Coal Co., he operated a Texaco gas station adjacent to his coal business. Later he also served as Juvenile Probation Officer of DeKalb County. He was a very active person in his community, serving in many different capacities. He was a member of Lions Club and served as president. For thirteen years he was co-chairman of the March of Dimes. He was secretary-treasurer of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair Association, for thirteen years, and was elected to the City Council, for six years. Lloyd and Margaret Hoodelmier still live in Auburn. In 1983 they celebrated 50 years of marriage.

LYLE E. HOLMAN, born 23 September 1940, son of Kenneth G. and Alice I. (Jennings) Holman. His paternal grandparents were Ray B. and Mary K. (Gilmore) Holman. His maternal grandparents were Hiram N. and Leota T. (Boyd) Jennings.

Lyle was born and raised on his father's eighty acre farm in Franklin Township. He attended the Jerusalem, Taylor's Corner and Franklin Center Schools in Franklin Township for eight years and then into Butler for High School, graduating in 1958.

In 1960, he started employment at the Crane-Edmund Corporation on U.S. 6 near Butler. In 1962, he purchased forty acres where the Franklin Center School was located. In August 1963, he began a two year hitch in the Army, with most of the time being spent at Fort Hood, Texas. In April 1968, he started his career with the Postal Service in Auburn with Buster Hetrick being the postmaster at the time.

On 1 September 1973, he married Sherry A. Biddle, daughter of Otto G. and Martha A. (Bowman) Biddle of Auburn. Lyle and Sherry are the parents of two daughters; Lisa R., born 15 September 1974 and Ginger D., 2 November 1976.

Lyle and Sherry are members and active in the Jerusalem United Methodist Church, located north of Butler on State Road One.

Sherry is a member of the Jerusalem Community Society and the Franklin Homemakers Club.

Lyle belongs to the Falcon Car Club of America. He also is an active member in the Hamilton Knights of Pythias Lodge. He was a 4-H member for ten years in the Franklin Trailblazers Club and was also a 4-H leader for ten years from 1966 to 1975.

ARIEL RUDE, 1810-1879, son of Levi and Polly (Crandall) Rude, married Sophia Stoddard 1807-1877. He entered forty acres in Stafford Township, 7 March 1836, and lived the remainder of their lives on one hundred twenty acres in Franklin Township which he entered on 30 July 1836. Both are buried in the Rude Cemetery on the Rude farm.

Their son, Lewis W. 1841-1929, married Mary Antoinette (Baldwin) of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, on 2 January 1864.

Their daughter, Louisa Amanda, 1847-1929, married on 5 August 1866, to George Deems, 1840-1897, son of George and Hannah (Dugdeon) Deems.

CHRISTIAN GILBERT HUNTINGTON, 1874-1945, son of John and Eliza Ann (Mark) Huntington, married on 30 October 1885, Hannah Elnore (Deems), 1874-1949, daughter of George and Louisa (Rude) Deems. Their daughters were; Virgel, married Clare Jennings; Velda, married Raymond Snyder and Opal, married Charles Cecil Vose.

DR. WENDELL D. HUGHES, born 24 February 1928, Angola, Indiana, son of Dale and Wilma (Cole) Hughes. His paternal grandparents were Alfred Porter and Clara (Haskins) Hughes. His maternal grandparents were Sherman and Mary (Dotts) Cole.

Esther Joan Hughes, born 4 April 1927, Topeka, Indiana daughter of Elva and Nellie (Hostetler) Yoder. Her paternal grandparents were Dan V. and Fanny Yoder. Maternal grandparents were Moses and Carolina (Mehl) Hostetler.

Dr. Wendell and Joan moved to Butler from Junction City, Kansas. Where Dr. Hughes was assigned to Fort Riley as a Captain in the United States Army Dental Corps. Dr. Hughes entered the Dental Corp. in 1955, after graduating from Indiana University School of Dentistry in June 1955, with a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree. He also graduated in 1951 from Goshen College, with a B.S. degree in Education. He graduated from Topeka High School, in 1946. He moved his practice to Butler in 1957.

Joan Hughes graduated from Topeka High School in 1945 and has worked with Dr. Hughes as a dental assistant since 1963.

They are the parents of four children; Victoria Lynn (Hughes) Arnold, born 16 April 1947, Goshen Indiana. Graduated from East Side High School and Indiana University with a B.S. degree in Education and M.S. degree in Early Childhood, she married 5 July 1969, to Larry Arnold and has two children; Jeffrey Scott and Jennifer Lynn. They live in Grabill, Indiana; Wendelin Jo (Hughes) Kelper, born 2 September 1951, Goshen, Indiana. She graduated from East Side High School and Goshen College with a B.S. degree in Music and St. Francis with a degree in Music Education. She married, 10 August 1975, to Dennis Kelper and has two children; Ryan Dean and JoDee Lea. They live in Auburn, Indiana.

Daniel Porter Hughes was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, 15 December 1952. He graduated from East Side High School and Indiana University with a B.S. degree in Diology and Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1980. Dan married Debra Nugen, born 4 June 1957, and they have two children; Bradley Daniel and Lauren Joan. Dan has his dental practice and lives in Leo, Indiana. Mary Beth (Hughes) Rippy, born 26 April 1957, graduated from East Side High School and Purdue University with a B.S. degree in Restaurant, Hotel, Institutional Management. She married 30 August 1985, to Gerry Rippy and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana.

DORIS HAGERTY, born 5 July 1914, Franklin Township, daughter of John Allen, born 25 January 1877, DeKalb County, died 4 January 1959 and Lela Rozella (Rice) Hagerty, born 16 January 1881, Williams County, Ohio, died 30 July 1943. John and Lela were married 29 January 1898. Both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Paternal grandparents were William Henry, born 30 January 1851, Carroll County Ohio, died 21 April 1937 and Olive Rhoda (Freeby) Hagerty, born 10 March 1853, Troy Township, died 30 January 1939. William and Olive were married 23 May 1872. He came to Indiana at the age of twelve. They are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery. Paternal great grandparents were Nathan, born 2 April 1819, New Hagerstown, Ohio, died 26 December 1892, Mary (Huston) Hagerty, born 27 February 1824, Brooke County, West Virginia, died 10 October 1885. Nathan and Mary were married 28 May 1844, Leesburg, Ohio. Their son, John Hagerty, died in the Civil War. Paternal great great grandparents were James, born 6 August 1793, Dublin, Ireland, died 3 October 1866, Butler, Indiana and Elinor (Crawford) Hagerty, born 30 November 1794, Brooke County, West Virginia, died 9 October 1853, New Hagerstown, Ohio.

Doris married Willis Matson, 7 December 1935. They are the parents of five children; Lee W., Ellen Marie, Nancy Lou, Willis James, Jr. and Larry Allen.

Willis and Doris were engaged in many

different types of businesses. They sold their Hidden Valley Mobile Home Park in 1969, due to poor health. They moved to the Arkansas Ozarks, returning to DeKalb County in 1984. They now live north of Auburn.

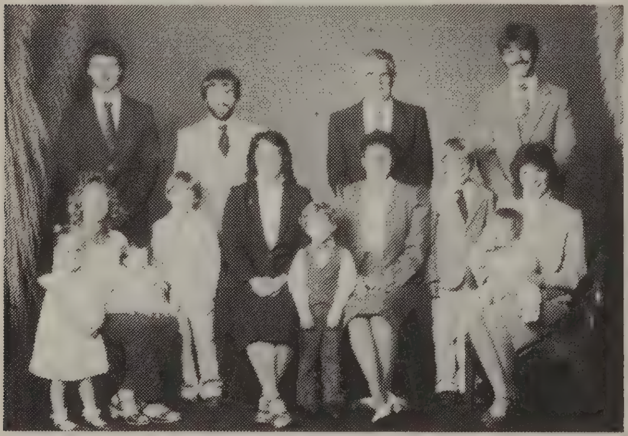
GEORGE TAFT MATSON was born 24 January 1851, and died 15 October 1923 at his home in Franklin Township, DeKalb County Indiana, aged 72 years, 8 months and 21 days.

Mr. Matson resided in Franklin Township and on a part of the old John Matson farm all his life and engaged in farming and livestock raising. On 25 January 1882 he was married to Matilda J. Ridge and to this union were born four children; Merritt, Lewis Alonzo, George Russell and James Ridge. James died at the State University at Bloomington, 29 April 1914.

The deceased was the son of John and Margaret Matson who were among the very earliest pioneers of DeKalb County. They settled here in 1837, entering government land Franklin Township. John Matsons home was Rutland, Vermont and Margaret (Waterman) Matsons home state was New York. There were nine children; Cordelia, Alvin, Chloe, James, Lewis, Lydia, Willis, George and Ophelia.

It fell to the lot of George to care for his aged parents which he so faithfully did. He was a patient, kindhearted, indulgent husband, father and neighbor and will be greatly missed by his family circle as well as many neighbors and friends.

He was of quiet and unassuming nature, upright and just in all his dealings. A wonderful patience was shown during his illness, even to the last he expressed a wish for the comfort of the one who cared for him, such a life certainly speaks in unmistakable terms of a faith in the promises of our Blessed Redeemer.



Dow Baker Family

DOW AND DAROLA BAKER, moved to DeKalb County in 1963, with their three children, Sandra, age 6 Sherry 4, and Timothy 3. At that time, Mr. Baker, an insurance agent was transferred to this area from Indianapolis. They lived in Auburn for one year, then moved to Waterloo, where they purchased their home on West Maple, where they have lived since 1964.

Dow Baker has been in the insurance business for 25 years, and is now an independent agent, selling all types of insurance, and owns his own agency in Waterloo.

Darola Baker worked several years as a substitute teacher in the DeKalb Central School System. In 1969, she helped to open the Waterloo Kiddie Kollege Day Care and Nursery School. She worked for 14 years as Director and Head teacher, and still works there part time as a teacher. In 1983 Darola attended Insurance school and obtained her insurance license in property and casualty, she now works part time with her husband at the agency.

Dow and Darola Baker are members of the Waterloo Church of the Nazarene, where he serves as trustee. Dow is also a member of the Waterloo Lions Club. He served for 10 years on the Waterloo police reserve, and also served as the President of the Waterloo Town Board from 1976 to 1979. Mr. Baker is active in the Republican Party and at present serves as precinct committee man in Waterloo.

Dow Baker Jr., born in London Kentucky, the son of Dow and Cora (Jones) Baker. His father was a Baptist Minister. Dow spent most of his growing up years in Peru, Indiana. He graduated from Peru High School. Dow spent 4 years in the Air Force, one year in the Air Force reserves and 2 years in the Army reserves. He has attended several insurance schools and Insurance college courses.

Darola Kemery, born in Hudson, Indiana, the daughter of John Wilson and Ania (Simmons) Kemery. Her grandparents were Monroe and Olive (Huffman) Kemery and Otto and Mable (Tubbs) Simmons. Darola was the oldest of three daughters. She graduated from Salem Center High School, attended Olivet Nazarene College and Fort Wayne Bible College; as well as completing Psychology courses at I.U., Ball State, and Ivy Tech. She worked as an operator for Indiana Bell in Fort Wayne in 1955. They were married 8 September 1956, in Cheyenne Wyoming, where Dow was stationed with the Air Force. Dow spent 18 months in Japan in 1956-57. During that time their daughter Sandra Joy was born, 3 August 1957, in Auburn. Sherry Lyn, born 8 October 1959 in Savannah, Georgia while Dow was stationed there. Their son Timothy Dow, born 3 October 1960, in Angola.

The children attended elementary school in Waterloo and graduated from DeKalb High School.

The Baker children are now all married. Sandra married David G. Cleverly of Metz. They live in Auburn, and have two sons Joel David, born 21 September 1979 and Tyler Allen, born 23 June 1982. Sandra is pursuing a degree as a Para-legal Aide, David is in Maintenance at Rieke Corp. Sherry is married to James E. Foster of Fort Wayne. They live in Auburn, and have two sons Zachary James, born 22 November 1978 and Kyle Edward, born 14 August 1985. Sherry is employed at Magnavox and James is Superintendent. at River Bend Golf Course in Fort Wayne. Timothy is married to the former Jennifer Carr of Auburn, they live at rural Garrett and have two daughters, Angela Marie, born 21 September 1982 and Lindsay Olivia, born 21 March 1986. Tim works as foreman at Reeves, and Jennifer is employed at Magnavox.

Harold Stafford Family

HAROLD J. STAFFORD, born 20 February 1936 in Newville Center, Indiana., to Harold and Leah (Rhines) Stafford. They moved to Auburn in 1942. His maternal grandparents were Aaron and Mahalia (Yoder) Gerig of Woodburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were John and Nettie Stafford of Newville Center.

Jane Frances Miller was born 8 July 1937 to Carl and Esther (Schoudel) Miller from Smithfield Township, later moving to Waterloo. Her maternal grandparents were John N. and Margaret (Hoff) Schoudel of rural Hamilton. Mrs. Schoudel came from Germany when she was a young woman. Jane's paternal grandparents were Frank A. and Theresa (Zircher) Miller of rural Waterloo.

Jane and Harold were married 7 September 1957 at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo, by the Rev. Herman Miller. They lived in Auburn until 1970.

After working at McCollough's in Auburn a short time, Mr. Stafford took a job with International Harvester Company in Fort Wayne. He retired from there in 1985 after 30 years, spending the last two years commuting to the Indianapolis plant.

Jane worked at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne before leaving to raise a family.

Harold has one brother, Roger, from Anderson, Indiana., and one sister, Mrs. Clifford (Frances) Carnahan from rural Auburn. One brother, John is deceased.

Jane has one sister, Lucille Miller, from Auburn.

Jane and Harold have seven children: Anthony from Auburn, Elizabeth from Butler, Thomas from Kendallville, Sara from Auburn, Jonathan, a student at Bloomington, and Anne and Peter, students at DeKalb High School. They have one granddaughter, Katheryn Stafford, daughter of Elizabeth.

They have lived on a farm in Grant township since 1970, where Harold farms and works part time in Fort Wayne.

A pond, dug in 1980, provides a variety of year-round activities for the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are members of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, the Auburn Elks Lodge, and enthusiastic members of the Tri-County Skirts and Shirts Square Dance Club of Auburn. Mrs. Stafford is a member of the Country Charm Extension Homemakers of Waterloo.

ELIZABETH JANE STAFFORD, born 13 March 1960 to Jane and Harold Stafford of Auburn, Indiana. She moved with her family to rural Waterloo in 1970. She attended DeKalb County Schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1978.

Her maternal grandparents are Carl and Esther (Schoudel) Miller of Waterloo, Indiana, and Harold and Leah (Rhines) Stafford of Auburn.

She has six brothers and sisters: Tony of Auburn, Thomas of Kendallville, Sara of Auburn, Jonathan of Bloomington, and Anne and Peter at home.

She is employed by Nucor Corporation of St. Joe, Indiana, and resides in Butler with her daughter Katheryn.

She is a member of The Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn.

EDWARD RUSSELL SHOEMAKER, born 15 November 1895 north of Waterloo, the son of Henry D. and Mahala (Bachtel) Shoemaker. His paternal grandparents were Emanuel Roger and Harriet (Miller) Shoemaker. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Mary (Moyer) Bachtel.

Edward and Marie Antionette Miles of Corunna were married in June of 1915. Marie, the daughter of George and Cora Miles. Both Edward and Marie attended Waterloo High School where they met.

A son, James Russell Shoemaker, born 6 June 1916. After marriage, Edward assumed management of the Shoemaker farm until 1922, at which time the family moved to South Bend, Indiana. During the next eight years, he spent his time in automobile and packing house sales.

Edward returned to the farm in 1930. The family lived in the old Shoemaker homestead until 1949 when they moved into a new home in Waterloo.

Edward managed the Shoemaker farm until his death in 1977 at the age of 82.

His wife, Marie, passed away in 1984 at the age of 88.

Edward will always be remembered for the multitude of friends that were his good fortune to have. He was a Democrat of good standing and once ran for State Representative. He was a Blue Lodge Mason and belonged to the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

JAMES RUSSELL SHOEMAKER, born 6 June 1916 north of Waterloo, the only child of Edward Russell and Marie (Miles) Shoemaker. His paternal grandparents were Henry D. and Mahala (Bachtel) Shoemaker. His maternal grandparents were George and Cora Miles of Corunna, Indiana.

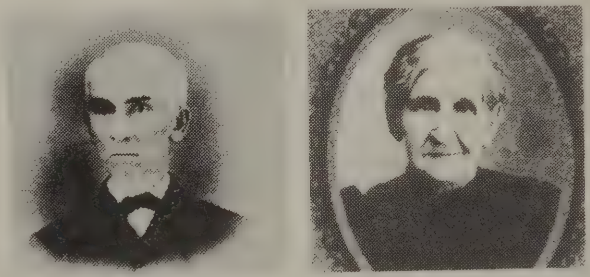
James attended eight years of grade school in South Bend, Indiana and his high school years in Waterloo.

After graduating from Waterloo High School, James attended Tri-State University, Dayton University, Wright State University and Ohio University. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Tri-State; and a Masters Degree in Equipment Engineering from Ohio University.

James married Violet Lucile Frick in Montrose, California in 1937. To them a son, James Russell Shoemaker II, was born one year later in 1949 a daughter, Donna Rae, was born. Their forty-seven years of blissful marriage ended in 1984 with the death of Lucile.

James and Lucile spent two years in California where James worked as an engineer for the Douglas Aircraft Company. They then returned to the Shoemaker farm for two years. Following that, they moved to Dayton, Ohio for twelve and one half years with the Air Force at Wright-Patterson A.F.B. Thence to Portsmouth, Ohio for 25 years at the Goodyear Atomic Plant. The time with the Air Force was spent as supervisor of the Aircraft engine accessories laboratory, and with the Atomic Energy Plant as superintendent of their research and development laboratory.

After the death of Edward, James returned to Indiana to manage the Shoemaker farm. In 1985 this farm received an award from the State of Indiana for having been in the Shoemaker family for 144 years.



Samuel and Caroline Olds

SAMUEL N. AND CAROLINE (ROBINSON) OLDS, were both in Franklin County, Vermont, on 24 June 1818 and 1 February 1826 respectively. Their 1866 arrival in DeKalb County, from Ft. Wayne, followed Samuel's purchase of the old Dawson General Store on Spencerville's South Main Street and a home adjacent thereto. Their five living children, of eight born up to that time, were George 20, Mary 18, Mort 9, Lena 6, and Will 2. Nellie and Arthur were yet to be born, in Spencerville, in 1868 and 1871 respectively.

The move to Spencerville was the last of many moves that Samuel and Caroline had made following their upbringing in Vermont. Samuel first left there as a 20 year old bachelor in 1838 to migrate to Fort Wayne and learn the hatmaking trade from his brother-in-law Henry Sharp. He returned to Vermont by 1844 to marry Caroline and remained 11 years, in St. Albans, to make hats and caps and start his family. In 1855 he returned to Ft. Wayne, this time with a family, and for the next 11 years was engaged in his hatters trade in that city, except for a few years, 1859-1861, in Allen County's Eel River Township where he farmed.

After moving to Spencerville in 1866, Samuel prospered in his new retail venture there and three of his four sons later followed his lead by having their own retail operations for varying periods of time. Samuel sold his store and retired in 1883 and in 1890, with all children out of the household, Samuel and Caroline moved to the nearby Saint Joe where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; four years later and where Samuel had died in 1899. Caroline spent her remaining years staying in the homes of her

children.

The youngest son, Arthur, was an Auburn Variety Store partner with his brother Will by the early 1890's and in 1905 became a LaGrange area farmer as Will had become about four years earlier. Their oldest brother George had also become a farmer, in southwest Minnesota, but had died young in 1882, survived by a wife and two children. The other brother, Mort, was a merchant and newspaper publisher in Saint Joe until about 1902 when he became a retailing partner to his sister Nellie Bishop's husband, John, in Bluffton; this partnership lasted until 1912 when Mort moved to Clinton, Michigan to where John continued in retailing until his death in 1926, after which his wife Nellie returned to Bluffton. The eldest Olds daughter, Mary, married farmer John Dills and lived near Saint Joe for many years before they retired to Hicksville, Ohio; her younger sister, Lena (Mrs. Will) McClaran, a railroader's wife, lived in Argos and Frankfort, Indiana, then Fostoria and Lima, Ohio.

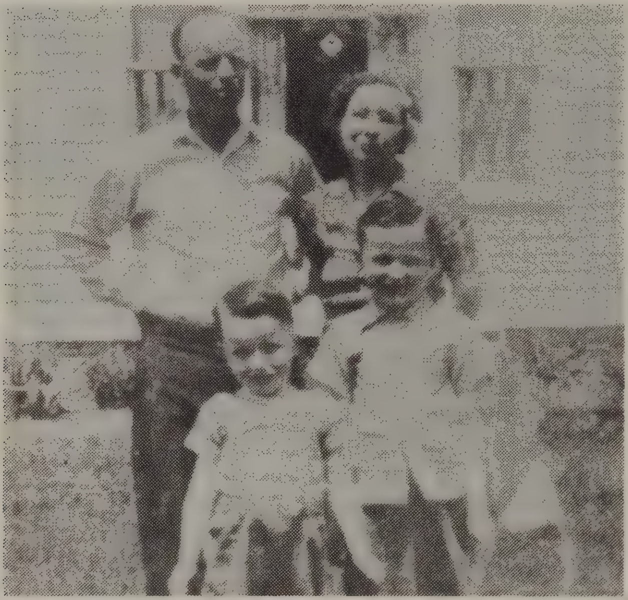
Arthur B. Olds Family

ARTHUR B. OLDS, born 26 August 1871 in Spencerville, son of Vermont-born Samuel N. and Caroline (Robinson) Olds; Samuel was a retail merchant in Spencerville from 1866 until retirement in 1883. Arthur's wife-to-be, Rose Wildred Kline, born 29 January 1874 near Corunna and was the only child of a short-lived marriage between J. Frank Kline and Arminnie Britton who were both born in DeKalb County and grew up on farms near Corunna; Wildred was raised by her maternal grandparents, Lewis D. and Martha (McCague) Britton on their farm, southeast of Corunna and west of where Martha's parents, James and Elizabeth McCague had settled in 1848. Wildred's paternal grandparents, Michael and Anna (Summers) Kline, and great grandparents, John and Elizabeth Summers, all of whom were early Auburn area settlers.

Both Arthur Olds and Wildred Kline were relocated in Auburn by the early 1890's. By the time they met, about 1894, Arthur had joined his brother Will in a variety store venture north of the courthouse on Seventh St. and Wildred was a recent Auburn High School graduate, class of 1893, and courthouse clerical employee. They married, 30 April 1895 at 711 N. Jackson St., which had been the home of Wildred and her widowed maternal grandmother, Martha Britton, since their early 1890 move from Richland Township a house next door, where they remained for the next ten years; in this house were born the couple's first five children, Ruth in April 1896, died, February 1901, George, born August 1897, Esther, born January 1900, Frank, born July 1902, and Herbert, born March 1904. The births of two more children, Charlie in December 1909 and Mary in May 1912, occurred after the family's move to a LaGrange County farm in the summer of 1905; only Charlie and Mary survive today.

By 1900, Arthur was the sole proprietor of the Olds Variety Store in Auburn, but in the summer of 1905 an illness caused him to sell it and move with his family to an uncle's farm a mile east of LaGrange, Indiana., then farmed by his brother Will. After a year of recuperating, Arthur bought an adjacent farm and was thereafter a farmer at that location. Only a daughter Esther would again live in DeKalb County, teaching grade school in Auburn from January 1926 until June 1938; her 1937 marriage to farmer Fred Forst of near Stroh, however, returned her to LaGrange County where her brothers all farmed and where her divorced sister Mary Anderson, like Esther. Arthur and Wildred lived to witness their 60th wedding anniversary, 15 days before Arthur's death on 15 May 1955. Wildred died on 23 March 1967.

FRANK BRITTON OLDS, born in Auburn, 7 July 1902, son of Arthur and Wildred (Kline) Olds. Although he would spend only the first three years of his life in DeKalb County, his heritage here is noteworthy. Ten of his ancestors, bearing the surnames Olds, Kline, Britton, Summers, and McCague, arrived in DeKalb County between 1841 and 1866 and his parents and maternal grandparents were born and raised in the county. During the latter half



Frank B. Olds Family

of the 1800's and until as late as 1908 they were to be found in Richland Township, in Auburn, and in the Spencerville/Saint Joe area.

Frank Olds' childhood move from DeKalb County occurred in 1905 when his Auburn merchant father, Arthur, became ill and was moved with his wife Wildred and their four surviving children to the farm home of his childless brother Will and wife Bertha a mile east of LaGrange. After recuperating for a year, Arthur bought an adjacent farm and from then on was a full-fledged farmer. Frank and his three brothers also eventually became LaGrange area farmers, each raising registered Jersey dairy cattle. In 1928, Frank bought his uncle Will's farm, which Will, who then moved to Hicksville, Ohio, had inherited from his and Arthur's childless uncle, George P. Robinson.

Frank Olds married 26 November 1931 to 25 years old LaGrange grade school teacher, Gail Stephens, born and raised in Banquo in Huntington Co., Indiana. Their union produced two sons, James W., born in 1936 and Richard A., born in 1938. Frank died of Lou Gerig Disease, 25 September 1956, by which his son Jim had assumed the operation of the family farm which is both owned and farmed by him today. The other son, Dick, pursued an accounting career and has been employed by Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan. since his 1966 graduation from Western Michigan University. He was previously employed by the Kroger Company in LaGrange and United Air Lines in Chicago and also spent two years in the U.S. Army, stationed most of that time at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona.

Frank's widow, Gail, lives across the road from her former home, which has been occupied by son Jim since his 1961 marriage to Rochelle Harris of LaOtto; that household also now includes their two children. Casey, born 1969, and Jamelle, born 1971. Jim's brother, Dick, married in 1973 to Nancy Oswalt, a native of River Forest, Illinois. They live in Kalamazoo, Michigan. and have daughters Becky, born 1975 and Carrie born 1977.

Michael and Anna Kline

MICHAEL KLINE, born 23 May 1822 in Perry County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Sophia (Frownfelt) Kline. When he was only 6 months old, his family moved to Mansfield, Ohio and then later to neighboring Crawford County, New Washington area, where Michael grew to manhood and learned the carpentry trade from his father. Michael married Mary Wallace in December 1844 and moved to Auburn in January 1850 with her and their two daughters. Mary died in the following month as did one of the daughters. Michael and the other daughter, Sophia, remained in Auburn until 1855, during which time Michael married widow Anna (Summers) Brown and they had their first two children.

Anna Kline, born Anna Maria Summers in Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Summers. After living in Shelby County, Ohio for most of the 1830's, her family moved to a farm on the southeast outskirts of Auburn in August 1841 when Anna was 13. Anna married Henry Brown in September of 1846 but he died the following year so she was a widow for the next five years until marrying Michael Kline, 16 February 1851.

Michael and Anna Kline lived in Auburn until 1855 when they purchased 160 acres of land in Richland Township near Corunna. Here Michael built a brick house and other buildings and took up farming for the next 18 years. Here also were born four additional children, three of them to die there in young childhood. Michael and Anna remained on the farm until 1873, probably then passing it on to their only surviving son, John

Franklin, who married in February of that year. The senior Klines, Methodist and Republican, then returned to Auburn, where Michael again took up his earlier carpentry vocation and possibly built the home where he and Anna would spend the rest of their lives; that home currently bears a 610 N. Main Street address and is at the southeast corner of Main and North. Michael died 16 July 1904 and Anna died 15 September 1908; both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn

The Michael and Anna Kline children to survive childhood were John Franklin, Mary and Etta. J. Frank, 1852-1903, his only child by his short-lived marriage to Arminnie Britton in the early 1870's would become Wildred Kline Olds, 1874-1967. Mary, 1855-1905, married Amos Miller in 1880 and lived in Auburn and Hicksville, Ohio; they had children Nina, who became Mrs. Tracy Little of Garrett, and Owen. Etta Kline, 1865-1930, married Frank Fluke of near Auburn and they had sons Phillip and George. Several descendants of Mary (Kline) Miller and Etta (Kline) Fluke live in DeKalb County.

John and Minnie Kline

JOHN FRANKLIN "FRANK" KLINE, born 3 March 1852 in Auburn, Indiana, son of Michael and Anna (Summers) Kline. At age 3, he moved with his parents to a farm southwest of Corunna where he would grow to manhood and meet his bride-to-be, Arminnie Britton. "Minnie" Britton, daughter of Lewis D. and Martha (McCague) Britton who settled on a farm, southeast of Corunna in September 1850; Minnie, born 2 August 1854 and resided there until her marriage to Frank Kline, 6 March 1873.

Although the marriage of Frank and Minnie Kline lasted only four years, a divorce sought by Minnie was granted 10 February 1877, their only child, Rose Wildred Kline, born 29 January 1874 near Corunna, would survive her father's court-ordered estrangement from her and her mother and grow up a reasonably happy child under the loving care of her maternal grandparents, the L.D. Brittons.

Perhaps a year before he was divorced by wife Minnie, Frank Kline returned to his town of birth, Auburn, where his parents had also moved back to in 1873. Here Frank apprenticed as a newspaper pressman, his occupation thereafter, for about two years before leaving for Butte, Montana, where he would work for the Butte Miner newspaper for the next seven years. A few years after returning to Auburn about 1885, Frank married Florence Pipes in November 1889. From 1890 to 1895, they were Michigan residents, before settling down in Angola, Indiana where Frank worked for the Steuben Republican and where he died on 21 December 1903. They only child born to Frank and Florence, a son Wayne, died in infancy in 1894.

Minnie (Britton) Kline also remarried, in April 1883, to Marion Franks, 1854-1922; Marion, like Minnie's first husband, had been a childhood friend and neighbor in the Corunna area. After their marriage, Minnie moved to Marion's farm east of Kendallville where they had three children, Mae, 1884-1970; John, 1886-1982; and Carl, 1888-1975. Following Marion's death, Minnie moved into Kendallville and built a house on Mitchell St. where she would remain until her death at age 91, 2 December 1945.

JOHN SUMMERS, born 8 April 1795 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, son of George and Elizabeth (Dotts) Summers; he moved with his parents and siblings to Chester County, before 1814 when he married Miss Elizabeth Smith, 22 February 1814. Elizabeth was born in Chester County on 23 October 1797.

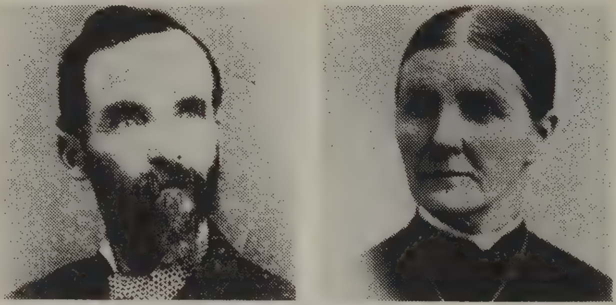
John and Elizabeth Summers moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by 1882 where their first five children were born and in the early 1830's moved west to Shelby County , Ohio where their last three children were born. In August of 1841, the entire family moved to DeKalb County where they settled on the southeast outskirts of Auburn in Union Township where John continued his farming vocation. John and Elizabeth remained there for the rest if their lives which ended 5 July 1873 and 18 July 1879 respectively. It is believed that one of the oldest frame houses still standing in the Auburn area, was the last home John and Elizabeth built and occupied on their farm property. They were charter members of the Auburn Presbyterian church per John's obituary.

The John and Elizabeth Summers children were Jacob, 1822-1902, who never married and was a farmer near Auburn all his adult life; Margaret, 1824-1906, who married Abram D. Goetchius and with their nine sons moved to Montana in the 1870's; Eliza 1827-1891 who married farmer Lyman Chidsey and raised a daughter Auriila who married John Ashleman; Anna, 1828-1908, who married Michael Kline ; Mary Jane, 1830-1901, who married farmer James McClellan and lived south of Auburn and raised three children to adulthood; Rebecca, 1832-1901, who married a Harrison Jones and had several children in the Auburn area; John Clelan, 1834-1909, who married and went west at an early date and ended up a building contractor in Pueblo, Colorado; and James F., 1836-1857, who was killed in the erection of a barn on his father's farm.

JAMES MC CAGUE AND ELIZABETH (ENGLISH) MC CAGUE, were born in Pennsylvania on 21 October 1795 and 6 May 1795 respectively. James was of Scotch-Irish heritage, his Presbyterian parents, James Sr. and Jeanette (Cochrain) McCague having been born in Ireland and Scotland and probably arriving in this country in the mid-1780's.

James and Elizabeth McCague were married, 26 May 1818, possibly in Washington County, Pennsylvania, where all of their eight children were allegedly born. James was allegedly a blacksmith in those days before becoming a farmer later in life. The family moved to Holmes County, Ohio by 1840 and several of the children married there. The parents and several of the children moved to DeKalb County in 1848. where the parents bought farmland just south of the town of Sedan in Richland Township. Here the parents lived until their deaths, 15 December 1879 and 5 August 1880 respectively.

The James and Elizabeth McCague children all ended up in DeKalb County except possibly daughter Margaret and all married and had at least one child each. The children were Samuel, 1819-1852, whose only child J.P.McCague, would become a lumber dealer in Waterloo; Jane, 1821-1893, who married sometime minister James Barton before moving from Holmes, County, Ohio to Richland Township in 1849; Martha, 1822-1904, who married Lewis Britton; George, 1824-1899, who married before arriving in DeKalb County in the 1840's; James Jr., 1826-1862, who married in DeKalb County after 1850; Margaret, 1828-1862, who married George Cameron in Ohio and possibly remained there; John, 1831-1898, who married and farmed the old McCague homestead near Sedan; and Mary Ann, 1833-1884, who married Nelson Chaney and also lived south of Sedan.


Lewis D. and Martha Britton

LEWIS DUWERT BRITTON, born 8 October 1820 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, son of Amos Britton, Sr. and Elizabeth (Cosper) Britton. When Lewis was 2 years old, the family moved to Wayne County, Ohio, then south to neighboring Holmes County, Ohio, in the 1830's where both of the parents died in the 1850's.

Martha (McCague) Britton, born 6 December 1822 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Elizabeth (English) McCague. The McCague family moved from Pennsylvania to Holmes County, Ohio in the 1830's and in 1848 the parents and several of the children moved to DeKalb County, the parents settling in Richland Township just south of Sedan. Martha married Lewis Britton 15 June 1843, in Holmes County, Ohio and they remained in that county for seven more years.

Lewis and Martha Britton migrated to DeKalb County, Richland Township in September 1850 with their two surviving daughters, another daughter had died earlier that year and settled on a farm southeast of Corunna. Here they remained to farm and raise their family that increased to four daughters and one son who survived childhood. Lewis also taught school some and was elected to the state legislature in 1868 and 1870 on the Democrat ticket. Although both Lewis and Martha were raised as Presbyterians, they joined the Corunna United Brethren Church in 1870 and Lewis was a superintendent there for 17 years. Lewis, died 29 October 1889 at his farm home and Martha then moved the following year to Auburn, with a grand-daughter Wildred Kline whom she and Lewis had raised, and lived there until near the time of her death, 29 November 1904, at daughter Minnie's home near

Kendallville. Both Lewis and Martha are buried in the cemetery south of Corunna.

The Britton children to survive childhood were Elizabeth, Frank, Annette, Arminnie, and Rose Ellen, all of whom married and had three or more children each. Only Nettie, 1849-1892, left the DeKalb County area, moving to Ashland County, Ohio shortly after her marriage to William Henry Riley in 1868. Elizabeth, 1845-1901, married Capt. Moses B. Willis and lived in Auburn until their early 1900's divorce, then lived in Auburn. Minnie, 1854-1945, had a short-lived marriage with J. Frank Kline before becoming Mrs. Marion Franks of near Kendallville in 1883; her only child by her first marriage was to become Wildred, Mrs. Arthur, Olds, of LaGrange, Indiana.

GLENN M. HEFFLEY, born 27 July 1901, Miller City, Ohio, son of Newman and Nora (Buttermore) Heffley of Auburn. Paternal grandparents were Nathian and Ruth (Burnill) Heffley, of Miller City, Ohio maternal grandfather was John Buttermore.

The Newman Heffley family came from Miller City, Ohio about 1902, settled in Eastern DeKalb County, four and half miles northeast of Auburn, on a muck farm which was partly overgrown with wild shumack and small trees, also wild huckleberries which are called blueberries now. They raised potatoes, onions, cabbage, spinach, later corn, wheat, soybeans and mint. They had four sons and three daughters. The girls married and moved away. They boys married and bought land around close by and lived and raised their families and now some of the grandsons live on the old place.

Wanda A. Hutton, born 25 January 1906, St. Joe, Indiana, daughter of George Calvin and Grace D. (Johnston) Hutton, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Milton and Susan Hutton, maternal grandparents were Samuel and Rosa Johnston, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Glenn M. Heffley attended grade and high schools in DeKalb County and college at Angola and Purdue. Wanda attended the old Desota and County schools.

Glenn and Wanda met at church, they were married 15 November 1923. Glenn died 30 December 1963.

To this union were born six children; Max E., born 24 June 1924, died 26 May 1972; Norma Jean, born 10 April 1928; Wayne L., born 4 December 1932, died 12 November 1981; Shirley J.; born 30 October 1935, William L., born 25 March 1942; Judy E., born 25 August 1945, died 4 March 1985.

Wanda Heffley now resides in Auburn, Indiana.

JOHN DUNN, born 26 June 1815, Holmes County, Ohio, died 22 May 1863, DeKalb County, Indiana, married Elizabeth Bachtel. Elizabeth, born 27 April 1821, died 2 March 1887, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of George and Catherine Bachtel. George born about 1788 in Pennsylvania and Catherine (Mummaw) Bachtel, born about 1801, in Pennsylvania. She also had a brother, Henry, born 19 February 1829, died 23 July 1913, married to Mary Moyer, born 6 February 1834, died 15 March 1895 and they are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. John and Elizabeth, are both buried in the "Dunn" Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

John and Elizabeth are the parents of six children; George, born 28 April 1839, died 3 May 1861, DeKalb County, Indiana, married 31 July 1860 to Sarah Ann Miller. They had one son, George H., born 21 May 1861. After the death of George, the family was taken in by a Joseph Gardner, who raised George H. George H. married 12 February 1885 to Almettie Showers, daughter of Gilbert Showers. George is buried in the Dunn Cemetery; Catherine, born 6 May 1841, died 2 June 1917, DeKalb County, Indiana, married George W. Pepple, born 18 August 1841, died 9 May 1907. Both are buried in Auburn, Indiana, in the Cemetery north of Eighteenth Street; William, born 16 January 1844, died 15 September 1871; Mary Ann, born 1846, died 1904, married 17 November 1864 to Joseph H. Rohm, born 1840, died 1902. Both are buried in Waterloo Cemetery. He was the son of Simon Rohm Sr., and Mary Ann Miller, born in Germany, 15 January 1800 and came to America in 1833, to DeKalb County, Indiana about 1845. She died 25 September 1855. Simon Sr., born 27 September 1785, in Germany, died 3 April 1857; Fanny, born 9 March 1849, died 24 September 1851, buried in the Dunn Cemetery, two years, six months, and fifteen days; John born probably early in 1854, died 2 June 1943, married 6 August 1872 to Sarah C. Thomas, born about 1852, died 15 May 1932.

WILLIAM DUNN, born 16 January 1844, in Wayne County, Ohio, died 15 September 1871, son of John and Elizabeth (Bachtel) Dunn. His maternal grandparents were George and Catherine (Mummaw) Bachtel. William is buried in the Dunn Cemetery.

William married, 1 January 1865 to Sarah Ann Stroh, born 3 September 1847, died 8 November 1935, daughter of John, born 15 March 1818, in

Pennsylvania, died 27 October 1889, in DeKalb County, Indiana and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, the son of Henry and Catherine (Ulrich) Stroh. Henry, born in the 1790's, died in 1846, in Indiana and Catherine, born about 1787 or 88, died in January 1874, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Henry and Catherine are buried in the Stroh Cemetery. John Dunn was one of five brothers, who came to Indiana in the 1840's; Henry, William, John, Adam and Daniel Stroh, all born in Pennsylvania, but being taken to Ohio before they grew up and married, and Sarah's mother, Catherine (Dice) Stroh, born 19 June 1820, Ohio, died 22 September 1918, in Nebraska.

Sarah Ann (Stroh) Dunn's second husband, Wesley Fulton, son of David and Mary (Knight) Fulton, born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, son of James, who was of Irish parentage, they having come from the North of Ireland. Mary Knight, daughter of James Knight, born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Wesley Fulton had been previously married and his first wife died in 1880 in Illinois, they had three children. Sarah and Wesley had one child; Zella, born 4 April 1888, died 1981. She is a half-sister to John Horatio and William H. Dunn.

The Stroh brothers all lived at first south and east of Waterloo, but in the early 1860's, Adam moved to Steuben County, Indiana and lived southwest of Fremont.

Sarah (Stroh) Dunn, was the third of nine children of John and Catherine (Dice) Stroh; Elias, Mary Ann, Sarah Ann, Isiah, William, Eliza, Edward, Ellen and Calvin.

Children of William and Sarah Ann (Stroh) Dunn; Ett Dessie, born 9 February 1867, died 31 May 1910, married 1 November 1888 to Frank C. Goodwin, born 26 June 1864, died 11 May 1931. Both buried in Waterloo Cemetery. No children; John Horatio, born 15 December 1869, DeKalb County, Indiana, died 8 September 1959, DeKalb County, married 23 November 1899, at Alma, Nebraska to Eliza "Lida" Catherine Johnson, born 15 May 1879, Ripley County, Indiana, died 27 December 1971. Both buried in Waterloo Cemetery. Eliza is the daughter of John Wesley Johnson, born about 1841, in Ripley County, Indiana, died in Nebraska, son of John Marion and Eliza (Stanford) Johnson. John, born in 1795, in Virginia and Eliza about 1800, in Kentucky. They had eight children: John Marion Johnson, son of Roswell Johnson, born 14 August 1769, in Virginia and died 14 July 1837, in Ripley County, Indiana. Roswell is said to have been a drummer boy in the Virginia Troops in 1782 and also the first treasurer of Ripley County, Indiana. Eliza (Johnson) Dunn's mother, Mary Anna Shields, born 20 March 1854, Ripley County, Indiana, died 11 October 1953, Alma, Nebraska. Mary Anna Shields, wife of John Wesley Johnson, daughter of William and Mary A. (McGee) Shields, they were born about, he in 1832 and she about 1835. William's wife, Mary A. McGee, daughter of George and Eliza (Johnson) McGee of Jefferson County, Indiana. Children of William and Mary (McGee) Shields; Eliza C., born about 1852, Mary Ann, born 20 March 1854, Sarah, born about 1858, Ella E., born about 1862 and Burton, born about 1867.

William Shields, son of James and Katherine (Sherve) Shields, they being born, he about 1804, in Kentucky and she about 1803, in Ohio.

William Shields went to Nebraska, daughter, Clemetine, lived with her father and daughter, Bertha, married Lew Hehe. Eliza C. used a middle name which was Clementine and the 1870 census that lists a Burton, should have been Bertha. William, Clemetine, Bertha and her husband are buried in the Orleans, Nebraska Cemetery.

Children of John Horatio and Eliza (Johnson) Dunn, Helen Ett Dessie, born November 1900, died November 1985, and Lynn Wesley, born 7 April 1917; William H. Dunn, third child of William and Sarah Ann (Stroh) Dunn, born 1871, died 4 February 1946, DeKalb County, Indiana, married 27 February 1898 to Myra May Newiswander, born 1873, died 10 January 1942. Both buried in Waterloo Cemetery. They had two children.

Lynn and Harriett Dunn

LYNN WESLEY DUNN, born 7 April 1917, Waterloo, Indiana, son of John H. and Lida C. (Johnson) Dunn, of Union Township. His paternal grandparents were William and Sarah Ann (Stroh) Dunn, of Grant Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were John Wesley and Mary Ann (Shields) Johnson, of Alma, Nebraska.

Harriett Virginia Waite, born 10 January 1918, Kalamazoo, Michigan, daughter of Harry and Minnie Mae (Harrigar) Waite, of Detroit, Michigan. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Etta (Mott) Waite, of Augusta, Michigan, maternal grandparents were Erven H. and Bertha (Von Pertz) Harrigar, of Detroit, Michigan.

Lynn met Harriet on a blind date arranged by their cousins, at Garrett, Indiana. They were married 1 July 1938, Detroit, Michigan. Lynn attended school at Waterloo and Harriet in Detroit, Michigan. Lynn was an engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He is now retired after 39 years with the railroad. Harriet retired from the DeKalb Construction Company, Inc. She was secretary-treasurer.

To this union were born three children; Lynda Diane, born 26 December 1940, at Detroit, Michigan, married Guy Lane Smith Jr., and they have three sons; Brian Guy, seventeen years Daniel Wesley, thirteen years; and Gregory Martin, nine years. They reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Gary Michael Dunn, born 12 February 1944, at Garrett, Indiana, married Susan Joal Baker. they reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Richard Craig Dunn, born 25 November 1950, at Garrett, Indiana, married Shirley Ann Howe and they have two children; Ryan Wesley, three years and Laura Elizabeth, one and a half years old. They reside in Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dunn now reside in Auburn, they are members of First United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include traveling, fishing, gardening and reading.

JOHN LEAS III, son of John the II, born in Adams County, Pennsylvania on 18 May 1798 and died in Waterloo, indiana on 11 January 1875. He married Sophia Spangler. also a resident of Adams County, Pennsylvania. Sophia born 14 February 1799 and died at Waterloo, Indiana 13 June 1883. Both are buried with their son, John IV and his wife Susanna in the Waterloo Cemetery. In 1818, John III and his wife Sophia Spangler moved to Stark County, Ohio; in 1838, they moved to Guernsey County, Ohio; in 1852, they moved to DeKalb County, Indiana and located about one mile south of Ashley on what is now known as the William Betts farm; in 1866 they moved to Waterloo, Indiana.

John Leas II, while in Stark County, Ohio was commissioned as Colonel of the Militia regiment by Wilson Shamon.

John Leas IV, born 12 July 1816, he was the oldest child of John the III and Sophia Spangler and the father of Obdiah Leas who was the grandfather of Reuah (Leas) Bixler Davis.

John Leas IV married Susanna Schimpff, 22 September 1839. She immigrated to America from Germany when she was 13 years old. He and his wife were one of the early settlers of Steuben County, Indiana having located in 1843 on a farm on the south side of Turkey Lake, west of Hudson, Indiana. the home now belongs to Robert Gonser.

John Leas IV, was the father of 12 children, 3 having died in infancy. He was one of five who organized the Citizens Bank of Waterloo which was sold to Hezakiah K. Leas, his son, in 1894.

The Leas family reunion was started in 1880 having celebrated their 100th anniversary in 1980. Four of his sons being businessmen of Waterloo, Indiana and all Master Masons and strong Democrats. William H. Leas, a lawyer. Hezakiah K., a banker. Daniel Leas, a Department Store Manager. Obediah Leas, son of John Leas IV, was the father of Frank O. Leas, born 28 August 1875 and died 24 March 1964. He married Clara Ann Stomm who was born 29 October 1879. They were married, 30 November 1899. He was a farmer. She died, 5 November 1957, both are buried in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Indiana. They were the parents of four girls and one boy, the boy dying in infancy.

Reuah S. born 24 July 1900 at the old home place north of Waterloo, Indiana, the property now belonging to Clyde Boman. On August 28, 1926, she married Rollin Day Bixler, who was born 17 April 1901. He died, 17 May 1953. No children were born to this union. On 6 October 1962, she married Dale Elsworth Davis, born 4 October 1910. Verna Blanche Leas, born 10 May 1903, died 9 September 1976, she never married.

Ruby Minetta, born 27 October, 1908, married James Platt, 10 January 1929. James, born in 1909, died 15 October 1944. Ruby married Roy Emmett 17 January 1952. Roy born 19 June 1903, died 20 August 1972.

Marie Hester, born 17 January 1917, married Walter Rose, 15 September 1917. He died 4 December 1940. She then married Ernest Surfus, 30 June 1962. Ernest died 24 December 1971. Marie had one son, Marion Alfred, born 15 April 1940. He is a Tri-State University graduate. He lives in Escondido, California and is associated with Convar. Marion, married Dian Phiefer, 19 August 1972 and is the father of one son, Mathew Rose, born 17 June 1977.

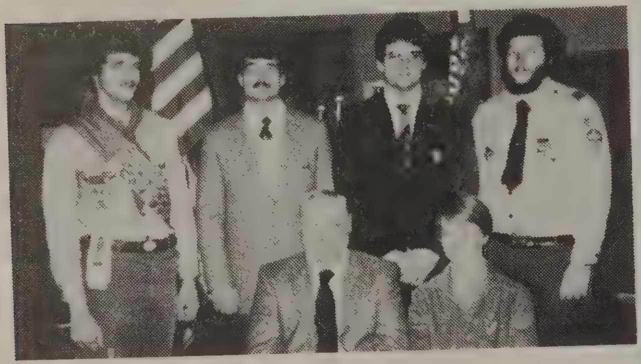
VIRGIL AND FLOSSIE BASSETT have been life long residents of DeKalb County, living in Auburn and Concord Township. Virgil's parents, John Edward & Lonnie Bassett lived in Concord Township where they owned a farm and farmed for a living. Flossie's parents, William & Daisy Keeler also lived in Concord Township, and like John & Lonnie Bassett, farmed the land they lived on.

On 10 October 1927, Virgil Bassett and Flossie Keeler were married and took up housekeeping on North Street in Auburn. While they lived in Auburn, both Virgil and Flossie worked for the Auburn Automobile Company. They worked for the Auburn until 1933, when the plant was closed down.

When the Auburn Automobile company closed down, Virgil and Flossie purchased a farm in Concord Township and farmed the land until 1969 when they retired and moved back to Auburn. Virgil and Flossie had four children all of whom have their own families today.

In 1928, Virgil Jr. was born and today is owner/operator of Bassett Office Supply with the rest of his family. Merle Bassett was born in 1932 and is the owner/operator of Bassett Electric Motor Repair in Auburn. In 1933, Dessie (Bassett) Biddle was born and now lives in Kendallville and is working for the Noble County Cable Company.

One of the activities that Virgil and Flossie participated in was the Auburn Grange. Virgil Bassett died in 1971 and is buried along with his family in St. Joe. Flossie currently resides in Auburn.



Merle Bassett Family

MERLE BASSETT was born in Concord Township, the second of four children to Virgil & Flossie Bassett. Merle grew up on a farm, attending and graduated from St. Joe High School. After serving in the army during the Korean conflict, Merle attended Coyne American Institute in Chicago where he studied to become a telephone lineman. However, Merle did not go into that business and instead started his own business, a motor repair shop.

Polly was born to Everson and Bessie DeCoursey in 1937 and attended and graduated from Auburn High School. On 28 July 1958, wedding bells were heard at the Auburn Presbyterian Church as Rev. Freeman married Merle Bassett and Polly DeCoursey. During the early years of their marriage, Merle and Polly worked to keep the business going. Their hard work paid off as the Bassett Electric Motor Repair Shop is still in business today on 11th St., having moved there after a fire destroyed the business in 1964. While the business was going, Polly took some classes, and taught herself, to become an artist. That dream was realized when Polly was invited to paint one of the backdrops in the Diem Museum of Natural History in Fort Wayne. Since then Polly has painted several paintings for people, and is recognized as an outstanding artist in this area.

In 1959 Tom Bassett was born to Polly and Merle. Afterwards came three more sons, Mark Bassett in 1960, Kevin Bassett in 1962, and William Bassett in 1966. One of the programs that all four boys participated in was the Boy Scouts of America in Boy Scout Troop 169, chartered by the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Scoutings highest award is the Eagle Scout Award and Tom, Mark, Kevin and Bill have all attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Quite a record for Merle and Polly Bassett when statistics say only 2% of all boys who participate in the Boy Scout program become Eagle Scouts.

All four boys graduated from DeKalb High School and have begun careers of their own. Tom graduated from ITT Technical Institute and is currently working as a supervisor at W.W. Grainger, Inc. Tom is currently serving as the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 169 and is serving as an Elder of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Mark has degrees from Tri-State University and Saint Francis College and in currently working for the Zeller Corp. Mark also is active in the Boy Scouts and the Auburn Jaycees. Kevin has obtained a degree from ITT and is working with Merle at Bassett Electric Motor Repair Shop. Bill has been working for the past year for the YMCA at their camps as a counselor. In 1981, Merle and Polly have picked up a new hobby, raising donkeys. Merle and Polly purchased a Jack and a Jenny that came from China Lake, California, and have raised them ever since. All members of the Bassett family are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church in which Polly is serving as Trustee and Tom as an Elder.

EVERSON AND BESSIE DE COURSEY have a rich history and tradition while living nearly their entire life in Auburn. Everson's parents, William & Fanny DeCoursey lived in Shelbyville, Indiana and Everson was born there.

Bessie's parents, Oscar and Ella Wilson came to Auburn in 1900 from South Whitley, Indiana when Oscar was named to manage the Excelisor Factory. The factory was located where the Classic Auto Body shop is today. The Excelisor Factory purchased Basswood and shaved this wood down to make padding for pillows, davenports, chairs, mattresses, and other items. For 15 years Oscar managed this business. One of the children born to Oscar and Ella was Bessie Wilson.

On 28 November 1930 Everson DeCoursey and Bessie Wilson were married. The Great Depression caused Everson and his wife to move around the midwest a great deal looking for jobs. Everson worked for the auto industry, first working for the Duesenberg Auto Company in Indianapolis and then moving around to Buffalo, South Bend, Auburn, Pontiac, Kalamazoo and then back to Auburn, working in each town until that auto factory shut down. While in Auburn, Everson, who was an engineer, designed front wheel drives for the Cords. As the Auburn Automobile Company shut down, Everson began to work for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne and Auburn. Everson's skills as an engineer earned him a nickname of "Zev", after a famous race horse of his time. Everson was a skilled and very good engineer who drew his blueprints quickly.

Bessie taught school in Auburn and Ashley for some time. One of the classes she taught was for the Tri-Kappa Kindergarten. During this time of teaching, Bessie went to New York and was trained, and started the Welcome Wagon program in Auburn. For two years she worked this program that is still alive today.

Everson and Bessie had three children. In 1934, Don DeCoursey was born and currently lives with his family in Ft. Collins, County, where he works for the U.S. Government as a filteration and flood control consultant. In 1936, David DeCoursey was born and currently resides in Phoenix Arizona where he is a carpenter. Polly (DeCoursey) Bassett was born in 1937 and still lives in Auburn with her family.

The Everson and Bessie DeCoursey family are lifelong members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church where they have been very active in several circles and boards of the church. Everson died in 1968 and is buried in Auburn. Bessie currently resides in Auburn.

WILLIAM ROBERT EDWARDS, born 28 October 1841, Ashland County, Ohio, son of Joseph and Sophia Edwards. He has a brother and a sister, Alpheus and Elizabeth Edwards.

William married Muriah M. Giffin, 23 February 1868. Muriah, born 19 December 1848, died 6 April 1868.

A short time later, William married Mary Barnhart, 6 July 1868. Mary, born 10 June 1852, They lived near Moores, east of Auburn. William was a well known well man and building mover. He was also a builder of homes and out buildings.

To this union were born six children; Anna, born 14 August 1869, married George Burns. George and Anna had one son, Clarence Edwards Burns. He married and they had a large family and resided in Garrett and Auburn for many years. After Anna's husband died, she married Curtis Kraumlauf; John was born 20 August 1871, married Julia Ann Carnahan, born 9 August 1871. They had a daughter, Francis, born 3 November 1905, and a son, Charles Leroy, born 28 July 1915; Julia Ann died 27 February 1934; Ida, born 5 February 1875, married R.A. Runnel. They had one daughter, Dorothy; Susan, born 2 August 1876, Melissa, born 14 January 1878 and Calvin, born 19 December 1878, he married Pearl Metcalf.

Mary (Barnhart) Edwards, died 17 May 1881. Having children to young to care for properly, William Robert married again on 20 August 1882, to Nancy E. Lanhan, born 14 August 1856, died 20 November 1890.

William married Almiria Mahallia (Wilson) Davis, 7 April 1892.

ALMIRIA MAHALLIA (WILSON) DAVIS, daughter of Andrew and Amanda (Wyatt) Wilson, who lived in Marriam, Noble County. Andrew Wilson was a private in the War of 1861, he was in Company D. commanded by Captain W.N. Rogers in the 74th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, who died 8 December 1863, at Chattanooga, State of Tennessee, of Camp Diarrhoea, when Almiria was seven years of age, and her sister, Mary Ann, was five and sister, Jane was yet to be born. On 21 September 1866, their mother, Amanda, married Laurence Peter Jacquay. Jacquay had two daughters; Emma and Jennie. Emma was injured as a small child and lived in a wheel chair for the remainder of her life.

Almira married Jacob Davis, he died 29 December 1891. To this union were born six children; Monsorri Mahala; born dead, Ida Isebelle, died at six months; Rosa Alice, born 16 September 1877, married Clarence U. Murray, 23 November 1897; Amanda Jane, born 3 August

1882, died 1887; Lydia Ellen, born 3 November 1885, died 22 September 1903; Ivy May, born 23 September 1888, died 20 August 1889. Only two girls in this family lived very long, Rosa Alice and her husband, Clarence U. Murray, had one child, Amber Lucille, born 9 April 1914 and Lydia Ellen, died a few days before she was to marry. Rosa and Clarence's daughter, Amber Lucille, married Vernon Wyatt, of Auburn, Indiana on 24 January 1937. They have a family, Stanely Vernon, born 9 November 1937, Faunda Sue, born 10 March 1940, Marvin James, born 30 May 1947 and Robin Neil, born 25 November 1953. They reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Almiria married William Robert Edwards, 17 May 1892. To this union were born three children; Minnie Frances Edwards, who died a young girl, married Floyd Leroy Schook. Minnie was born 13 February 1893, Floyd, born 22 January 1893. After their marriage, they went to housekeeping on a farm, where the land was split, farming in Ohio and living in Indiana.

Elmer Arthur Edwards, married Julia Fern Zeigler.

Hazel Marie (Edwards) Gerner. They were long time residents of Garrett. Mr. Gerner worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Elmer Edwards' children

ELMER ARTHUR EDWARDS, born 13 February, in Auburn, Indiana, son of William Robert and Almiria Mahallia (Wilson) Davis, Edwards. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Sophia Edwards. His maternal grandparents were Andrew and Amanda (Wyatt) Wilson.

Elmer Arthur Edwards, married Julia Fern Ziegler, born 7 August 1900, on 1 September 1920. Elmer and Julia had a large family of eight children; Pauline Lois, born 1 July 1921, she married Robert Louis Selking, of Decatur; Berneice Opal, born 23 April 1923, she married George Clarence James; Hilda Marie, born 30 August 1924, she married Frank Andrew Monroe. They were divorced. She then married Hollis Akins; Donna Ileen, born 15 November 1926, she married David Felger of Edgerton, Ohio, he was electricuted in a freak accident. Later she married, Robert Leroy Doane, in Fort Wayne; MayBelle, born 25 November 1928, she married Eugene Thimlar, of rural Butler. They had a son, Richard. They were divorced, later she married John Overly, of Hillsdale, Michigan. They had five children and were divorced. She married William Blankenbeckler, who lived in Defiance, Ohio. Their only son, Roy Arthur, born 15 August 1930, died as a result of an automobile accident, 18 December 1943; Wilma June, born 23 May 1932, died of whooping cough, 17 June 1932; Carol Ann, born in Auburn, 8 February 1936, she married Lynn Scott, of Hicksville, Ohio. They set up housekeeping and lived together for several months and he left a note saying he wouldn't be back. Carol was expecting her first child, she had a daughter, Vanessa Lynn. Carol obtained a divorce and later married Ellis Baker, of Auburn. They presently live in Ohio.

Julia Fern Ziegler, born 7 August 1900, in rural Edgerton, Ohio, daughter of William Henry and Marie "Mary" (Lumpp) Zeigler. They lived on a farm in Williams County, Ohio. Mr. Zeigler had a trade as wellman and building mover. He did much of his work in DeKalb County, as well as Ohio and Michigan. He also did a lot of work on bridges in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. He moved the building from downtown Auburn, to its present site that was known as the old Southend Hotel. He was hired to raise the barn on the DeKalb County Farm. His wife, Mary, did most of the work doing chores on their farm. She always had a large truck patch and caring for their family; Julia Fern; Lydia Caroline, who married Ralph VanAuken; Mildred Carma, who married George Thimlar and William Waren, who married Lucille Sebenauer, they separated in the early 40's and brought the boys to live in Auburn and to go to school until they could make other plans. They stayed with his sister, Julia Fern Edwards. The boys were; Lavon and Gerald Zeigler. Their parents were divorced. Gerald died in 1984.

Elmer Arthur Edwards worked at the Auburn Automobile Company, some time after his return from the Army. He was in the service in World War I. He also worked in a plant in Connersville and he got a job at the City Light and Water Department. On 10 February 1937, he had came home for lunch, after looking for work all for noon and walked with his girls to school and in the evening it got very late, but he did not come home. He never came back to his wife and family. No one seemed to know what happened to him. The older girls went to work and baby sat, did house work for any one that would pay, to help put food on the table, bread or what ever it would buy. They later, worked in restaurants as waitresses, some of them worked two shifts, one at the old Van Scoykes, in Auburn and the next shift at the Van Scoykes restaurants in Garrett. As soon as they were old enough to get a job in a factory, they went to try. Most of the time, they were hired. Their mother also took a job in restaurants, she also took in washings, ironing, sewing, etc., to help keep her family.

In the spring of 1959, they learned that their father was alive. They wrote to him and his second wife. She died in the late 1960's and he went to California, where he married again. She died in 1980. When his daughter called to see how he was, he was in-coherent. Her son, was in California on a trip and called home, she told him of the call. He went to see him and called his mother back and told her that his grandfather wasn't able to care for himself, they decided that Dwight should bring him home with him on the plane. Dwight brought him to Garrett with him to make his home with them, and he lived with them until he died 11 March 1984. He lived to the age of eighty-nine. He is buried in New Hampshire, in the town of Exeter, beside his third wife.

KARL GERNER, son of Christian and Katherine (Keller) Gerner, born in Adelheim, Baden, Germany, 17 January 1854. He came to this country in 1857, and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His father was a locksmith by trade, but he later entered the mercantile business, and continued in that the remainder of his life. His father served in the revolution of 1848 in Germany under General Seagil, and was forced to leave the country on this account. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerner.

Karl Gerner was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh, and he continued his education in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He moved to Boston where he completed a law course. Feeling that the West offered the best field for the practice of his profession he moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, where he continued practicing law for four years. Later he went to South Dakota and entered a government claim at Iroquois. He continued his law practice in South Dakota for fourteen years, and was elected a member of the South Dakota Legislature upon the admission of that state to the Union.

After leaving the Legislature, Mr. Gerner gave up his law practice and entered the newspaper business. He was one of the founders of the Iroquois Chief in South Dakota, and continued that paper until he moved to Indiana in 1896. He located in Waterloo, DeKalb County, and started the Silver Dawn newspaper, a paper which advocated the free and unlimited coinage of silver, as set forth by the Democratic Party at that time. He continued this publication until 1909, when he sold it. He became associated with the Auburn Dispatch, and when the Dispatch was sold to the Auburn Printing Company he took charge of the Auburn Courier.

In 1883, Mr. Gerner married Harriett Mather, daughter of Elias and Eliza (Herrick) Mather. Harriett Mather, born 18 December 1851, at Lodi, Ohio. Her father was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, and was a lineal descendant of Cotton Mather, born 1639, died 1728, a famous preacher and author of Salem, Massachusetts, in the early colonial days. Her mother, Eliza was born in Aurora, Ohio, and her parents were pioneers of Twinsburg, Ohio. Her grandfather, James Herrick, was a native of Connecticut. Harriett attended the University of Michigan, and began teaching at the age of sixteen in Illinois, and later taught in South Dakota until her marriage. After Mr. and Mrs. Gerner came to Indiana she taught in Waterloo Public Schools for three years. She was an active member in several literary clubs and began to urge the desirability of a public library in Waterloo. Others took up the effort, and the library was finally established. Four years after the death of Mr. Gerner in 1916, Mrs. Gerner moved to Vero Beach, Florida, and worked as a reporter for the Vero Journal and Miami Herald. In 1929 her health was failing, and she returned to Indiana, and lived with her son Karl and his wife in Garrett until her death on 7 December 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerner had four sons, Karl, 1884-1934, Hubert, 1887-1906, Harold, 1890-1929, and Alan, 1895-1909. Alan was killed in a hunting accident when he was thirteen years old and Hubert died at the age of seventeen of tuberculosis. Harold married Florence McKinley, who was born in 1900 and died in 1976, Karl married Hazel Edwards, who was born in 1897 and died in 1986.

KARL MATHER GERNER, born 5 August 1884, in South Dakota, son of Karl and Harriett Gerner. They family moved to Waterloo, Indiana in 1896. He was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a clerk, fireman, trainman, and later a conductor. Mr. Gerner served in the U.S. Army on the Mexican border in Company K.

Mr. Gerner married Hazel Marie Edwards, 1 June 1918, of Waterloo, Indiana. Hazel, born in Butler, Indiana, 17 July 1897, to William Robert and Almiria Mahallia (Wilson) Edwards. She attended school in Butler, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1918. While attending high school she worked in the home of Mrs. Boyer in Waterloo, and also in the home of Mr. (Will) and Mrs. (Jennie) Day, who was confined to a wheelchair.

After living in Defiance, Ohio, for about a year, Mr. and Mrs. Gerner moved to 419 South Walsh Street in Garrett, Indiana, where they lived the remainder of their lives. After the death of Karl on 18 May 1943, Hazel became employed in a factory in Garrett, and later worked at the Magnavox Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for approximately twenty years, until her retirement in 1964. Hazel was a member of the Church of Christ in Garrett for many years. She enjoyed her retirement until her death 13 March 1986.

Karl and Hazel had two daughters, Ruth Irene and Pearl Maxine Gerner, who attended public schools in Garrett. Ruth and Pearl Gerner both attended International College in Fort Wayne. In 1952 Pearl moved to Redondo Beach, California, and worked as a teller for the Bank of America. She later returned to Garrett, and was employed by Fruehauf Company, ITT Corporation and since 1959 has been employed by Magnavox Government and Industrial Electronics company in Fort Wayne as an accountant.

Ruth worked in the Claim Department on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from 1943 to 1957. She was later employed by Magnavox and Bowmar Instrument Corporation in Fort Wayne. She returned to Magnavox Company in 1973. When a portion of the company moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1980 she moved to Knoxville, where she lived until 1984, at which time she returned to Indiana with a position as secretary with Magnavox Governmental and Industrial Electronics Company in Fort Wayne. Both Ruth and Pearl have been active in the Church of Christ in Garrett. Pearl has been a teacher in the Primary Department and Junior Departments, and has played piano and organ for the church services for many years.

MILDRED CARMA (ZEIGLER) THIMLAR, born in Williams County, Ohio, 4 April 1903,. daughter of William Henry and Marie "Mary" (Lumpp) Zeigler. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph and Lydia Jane (Walters) Zeigler and her maternal grandparents were John and Caroline (Kline) Lumpp. Mildred married, George Thimlar of New Haven, Indiana. He was an employee of the General Electric Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana for many years, having gone to work there at the age of sixteen years. He had just gone to work and suffered a fatal heart attack.

George Thimlar's parents were Byron and Maude (Tustson) Thimlar. George, born 15 May 1903. George had a sister, Anna Thimlar, who married Peter North, also of New Haven. Anna and Pete had three daughters, Belva Lee, Audry, and Phyllis. They moved to Akron, Ohio and lived out the remainder of their lives there.

George and Mildred had a daughter, Bertha Elmiria Thimlar born 8 October 1923, Bertha married James A. Angelone , 18 June 1949. James born 16 May 1903, in Hartford, Connecticut, son of James and Carmella (LaPosta) Angelone. George and Bertha Angelone had two children; George Thimlar Angelone and Ruthe Esther Angelone. George, born 31 August 1951 and Ruth Esther, born 17 April 1955. They lived in Butler and attended public schools there, and graduated from high school and both went to college, where George studied Law and Ruth studied to become a teacher. George married Kathleen Joan Madinger, 20 November 1976. Joan, born 21 December 1951. They have two children; Rosa Marie, and Paul Anthony Angelone. They reside in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Kathleen has a Law Office and George works in the State Office Building. He is lawyer also. Kathleen is the daughter of Edward and Margie (Mieusing) Madinger.

Ruth Esther Angelone, married Martin Wayner Brown, 22 December 1973. Martin, born 12 July 1952. They have two children; Luke Martin and Rachel Carmela (Angelone) Brown. Luke, born 20 February 1980 and Rachel, born 4 March 1983, in Auburn, Indiana. Ruth and Martin live in Butler, where Ruth teaches in the Butler school.

George and Mildred lived in New Haven for many years where their daughter attended school. She also attended Concordia in Fort Wayne. They attended Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven where Bertha and James Angelone were married. Mildred worked with the ladies of the church when there was a need to prepare meals at a time of death and other times with bake sales, weddings and other functions with-in the church. She also made gowns for weddings, confirmations and graduations. As long as her husband lived, they lived in New Haven, but after his death, she moved to a trailer court in Butler and she now lives in Waterloo in a trailer court. Although she is getting on in years, she still tries to sew and keep house. A few years ago she was found picking cherries in Artic a few miles from where she lived in her younger years.

RUSSELL GUILFORD JR., born 23 September 1848, son of Russell, Sr. and Sarah M. (White) Guilford. Russell, Sr., born 29 December 1803, in Williamsburg or Haydenville, Massachusetts, to Ebenezer and Polly Guilford. Sarah M. (White) Guilford, born in 1809. Ebenezer was born in Williamsburg, Massachusetts.

Russell Guilford, Jr. married Laura Annie James, 3 October 1873. Laura Annie's parents were Elizha and Eliza (Collor) James. Laura Annie, born 18 October 1857, in Monmouth, Indiana, Adams County. Russell Jr. and Laura Annie had two sons; Ezra, born 24 December 1874 and Newman, born 13 October 1877.

Ezra Guilford married Gertrude Minnick, her parents were Oliver and Nettie (Skinner) Minnick. Ezra and Gertrude had a family of five children; Bernal, born 1901-1901; Fern born 1903-1903; Verma, born 25 December 1908, married first to Mr. Franks, second to Floyd Michael. Verma died 17 June 1976; Velma, born 3 October 1910, married B. Williams Foster, who moved to Fresno, California, as of June 1976; Laura May, born 7 January 1918, married Harold Minter, and lives in Marion, North Caroline. Erza, died 15 April 1943, Gertrude died 10 August 1971.

Newman Derick, married Myrtle Lung. Myrtle Anna, born 29 January 1874, died 12 March 1923, daughter of John E. and Sarah (Rever) Lung. John, born 1862, died 1921, Sarah, born 14 February 1849, died 19 December 1882. Sarah, daughter of Abraham Rever, born 1808, died 1882. Sarah has a brother and a sister, George Rever, born 1840, died 1906 and Elizabeth Rever, born 1840, died 1911.

Myrtle Anna has a brother and a sister, Clara Lung, born 26 April 1876, died 1 April 1945 and Albert L. Lung, born 18 January 1882, died 14 December 1941.

Newman and Myrtle were the parents of four children; Edith May, born February 1905, Edna Viola, both born in Auburn; Harry Elmer, born 20 November 1908, Garrett. Harry married Gladys Jackson, 14 June 1928; Nova Marie Guilford, born 15 December 1913, married Alfred Cox.

GLADYS (JACKSON) GUILFORD, born December 1908, daughter of Delbert David and Cora Faye (Wood) Jackson. Delbert and Cora were the parents of six children; Doris Iona, born 4 June 1903; Ruth Josephine, born 5 June 1906; Gladys Leone; Mary Iva, born 1 June 1912; William Levi, born 28 May 1915; Walter Delbert, born 12 November 1920.

Glady's paternal grandparents were Levi and Martha Laura (Thomas) Jackson, maternal grandparents were William and Emma (Rhodes) Woods.

Gladys married Harry Guilford, 14 June 1928. To this union were born four children; Aleatha Anna, born 11 July 1931, married John Ferreira, Jr. They had four children; Bonnie, Carman, David and Terry; Myrtle Faye, born 7 March 1938, married Edward J. Jenkins, they had five children; Cindy, Edward, William, Daniel and Paul. Myrtle, then married Robert Baker; Lawrence Erwin, born 3 December 1938, married Silvia Desivia, they had three children; Steven C., Ronald and Sharon D. Lawrence then married, Linda Tanvill, Eugene Gordon, born 11 May 1947, married Sandra Scott, they have two children; Michael and Leah.

Delbert and his wife, Cora, lived in rural Auburn, south of town, prior to moving to California. Harry Guilford, also lived in Garrett, and prior to leaving for California, he worked for Leal Woolever, on their farm. Harry James was a brother of Myrtle and George who also left for California. Harry James' wife, Ruth, is a sister of Harry Guilford's wife, Gladys. They all left about the same time, in the early thirties.

GEORGE C. JAMES, born in Richland Township, in DeKalb County, 19 August 1924, son of Myrle and Floy B. (Hensinger) James. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Morton and Evaline Josephine (McCollum) James. His maternal grandparents were George and Edith May (Staley) Hensinger. His paternal great grandparents were Elisha and Eliza (Collor) James and his maternal great grandparents were Owen and Julia Ann (Freeman) Hensinger.

George graduated from Butler High School with the class of 1942. He worked at Warner Gear and Auburn Gear in Auburn, for thirty years. He has lived in Garrett for the last thirty-one years.

George and Berneice O. Edwards were married at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church parsonage, in Auburn, by Reverend Allen K. Trout, on 28 April 1945.

Berneice was the daughter of Elmer Arthur and Julia Fern (Zeigler) Edwards, born in Blakslee, Ohio, 23 April 1923. Her paternal grandparents were William Robert and Almiria Mahallia (Wilson) Edwards, and her maternal grandparents were William Henry and Marie "Mary" (Lumpp) Zeigler. Her paternal great grandparents were Joseph and Sophia Edwards and Andrew and Amanda (Wyatt) Wilson. Her maternal great grandparents were Joseph and Lydia Jane (Waters) Zeigler and John and Caroline (Kline) Lumpp.

To this union were born three children; Sandra Kay, married Gerald Lockwood, of rural Auburn, Dwight George, a resident of Fort Wayne, and Karen Sue, who married David Lee Carter, of Auburn and three grandchildren;

Sheldon Allen Lockwood, Tina Renee Lockwood and Matthew David Carter.

JOSEPH MORTON JAMES, born in Monmouth , Indiana, north of Decatur, 24 September 1863. His father was, Elisha James, born in Shapleigh, Maine, in York County, 7 February 1812. His mother was Eliza Collor, born 29 October 1827, in Huntertown, Indiana. Elisha married twice, first wife was Phebe Davis, who also lived in Shapleigh, Maine. She was born in 1809 and died in 1851. They married 4 January 1835 and had one daughter, Merry Elisib, who married Moses B. Price. Merry, born 18 October 1835, died 6 February 1920. There were two children born of this marriage, Charles Price, born 20 October 1860, died 19 November 1862 and Gaberial Price, born 11 October 1864, died the same day; Francis James, brother of Merry Elisib James, born in 1837, died 6 October 1855. This was the first family of Elisha James and his wife, Phebe Davis James.

Elisha, married Eliza, some time after the death of Phebe. They had the following children; Hanna Augusta, born 15 April 1856, died 25 December 1856; Eunice Alvina, died 18 December 1856; Laura Annie, born 18 October 1857, she married Russell Guilford, born 23 September 1848. They married on 3 October 1873; Susan Caroline, born 18 June 1860, died 27 October 1862; Joseph Morton, married Evaline Josephine McCollum, of Berne, Indiana 2 May 1890. She was born 28 April 1874; Elisha Elimore, born 18 January 1866, died 28 October 1866. The father of this family, Elisha, died 14 December 1865.

Joseph Morton and his wife, Evaline, had five boys and one girl; Clarence F., born 6 October 1890, married Anna Battenburg, born 14 February 1892; John James, born 6 January 1893, married Mable Kline, of Fort Wayne. She died at the birth of a son. He then married, Luella. Clarence and John both died in 1964. Harry James, born 6 May 1894, married Ruth Jackson, a former rural Auburn Resident, born 5 June 1906. He died 10 January 1948 and she died 24 June 1981, Myrle, born 31 January 1897, he married Floy B. Hensinger, born 9 September 1896. Myrle died 30 November 1944, Floy died 13 May 1975; George W., born 6 October 1900, he married Leone Miller, 20 November 1928. She was from Auburn and died 13 May 1959; Edith, born 31 July 1909, she married Harold Carnahan and they were divorced, Elmer Tarlton, divorced, Oppie Roach, divorced and Robert Camp of Spencerville. Edith died 9 July 1967.

After the death of Elisha, Eliza married again. She married Peter VanAnda, 27 November 1866, in Allen county. A son, George Allen VanAnda, born 6 September 1867. He married Eliza Collars, 22 February 1893. They had two children; Georgia, who married Andrew Thieme and David VanAnda, born 18 July 1904.

Myrle and George W. James, both lived in DeKalb County. George W. and Myrle at one time both lived near Waterloo, George lived on the west side and Myrle lived on the east of Waterloo. Joseph Morton James, died 12 March 1926. His widow, Eva, as she was called, died 7 April 1949.

LUCIAN PROVINES, son of Alexander and Dorcas (Adams) Provines, born 19 February 1851. Lucian married Sarah Ann Moore, born 21 February 1855, on 4 April 1886. He died 21 February 1897 and Sarah, died 11 April 1922.

There were six children and Sarah was left a widow at an early age, but saw the children raised to adulthood; Isa, born 11 January 1887, died 15 March 1981; Jesse C., born 7 January 1888, married Janetta Howey, 20 December 1912, no children. He died 24 June 1952; Edith born 1 August 1889, married Robin Wayne Hyndman, 28 May 1917. They had four sons; James Hugh of Tempe, Arizona, born 14 March 1919, John Robert of Atwater, Ohio, born 3 July 1920, David Eugene of Indianapolis, born 5 October 1921 and Lee Allen of East Lansing, Michigan, born 16 November 1923. Robin, died 1966, Edith, died 24 August 1986 and they are buried in the Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco; Kent, born 5 November 1890, married 18 April 1914 to Ruth Ann Draggoo, born 6 January 1893, daughter of James and Deliah (Ervin) Draggoo of St. Joe, Indiana. They lived on a farm, south east of Auburn where the children were born. Later moved close to the Auburn Junction. They attended the Missionary Church of Auburn. They had five children; Hubert, born 9 October 1915; Dorothy June Deihl, born 12 June 1917; Ruth Valjean Surface, born 18 September 1918; Bruce Allen, born 1 October 1921; Kathryn Eleanor Smith, born 13 March 1926; Kathryn born 18 February 1893, died 2 May 1979. She retired after many years as operator for Indiana Bell Telephone Company; Rachel, born 12 June 1894, married 16 September 1927 to Ray Lawrence Harding. They had one son, Thomas Lucian, born 12 November 1929. He was killed in a jet crash 18 December 1952. He married Lorraine Busse on 24 June 1951. Ray, died 27 June 1951 and Rachel, died 25 September 1981, buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

BRUCE ALLEN PROVINES, born 1 October 1921 to Kent and Ruth Ann (Draggoo) Provines in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He attended grade school at the Maginnis country school and later graduated from the Auburn High School in 1939. He was employed at the Auburn Rubber Company until entering the service during World War II on 15 August 1941. Twenty-nine months were spent in the Pacific theatre with Company B, 63rd Infantry, 6th Division. He was discharged 18 December 1945 as a Staff Sergeant. He returned to DeKalb County to begin his life time occupation of farming.

Minnie Aileen Reinoehl, born in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 13 January 1923, the daughter of Charley and Mary May (Benjamin) Reinoehl. She spent her childhood on the same farm where her mother lived her entire life, beside the Cedar Lake Church of Christ on the Auburn-Ashley Road. After graduation from the Ashley High School in 1941, she was employed in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Waterloo for over nine years until marrying Bruce Provines, 30 December 1950.

They set up housekeeping and began farming in Smithfield Township, later moving to Richland township to a farm. They had three children; James Allen, born 31 October 1952; Janice Elaine, born 16 December 1954; and Steven Robert, born 13 June 1957. All three children were priviledged to have attended country school in Richland Township until DeKalb Central School District was formed, closing the country schools. All three graduated from DeKalb Central High School.

On 26 October 1974, Janice married George W. Haskins, Jr. of Waterloo. To this marriage two children have been born; Lindsay Rae, born 29 August 1980 and Kenneth Brice, born 7 January 1984.

Steven married Marcia Ann Keister of Albion, 29 August 1981. They are the parents of Sarah Ann, born 7 May 1983 and Lucian Kent, born 16 April 1985. The children are the name sakes of their great great grandparents Provines.

James married Terri Lynn (Ackerman) DePew, 13 April 1984. She is the mother of Emily Jo DePew, born 16 February 1975 and Jacob Adam DePew, born 21 April 1977.

GEORGE HENRY DEIHL, born 20 November 1892, son of John and Emma (Davidson) Deihl. He married Ada Miller, 18 January 1918. They lived on the Deihl homestead north of Christian Union Church where they were members. He was a successful farmer and livestock raiser and dedicated christian.

They raised two sons and two daughters; Carl Eugene, born 24 November 1918. He married 10 June 1945 to Dorothy June Provines, born 12 June 1917. They moved to a farm northwest of Waterloo in the Spring of 1947. They raised three children.

Helen Marie, born 30 January 1922. She married 26 December 1948 to Merle Walter Hoover, born 9 January 1920. They had two children; Phillip Merle, born 27 May 1950 and Rebecca Kay, born 5 December 1952. They reside in rural Huntington, Indiana.

Ruth Louise, born 15 February 1928. She married 5 June 1953 to Edward William Hackman, born 6 February 1929. They had three children; Paul Edward, born 18 April 1954, Ronald Eugene, born 20 April 1956 and Lynett Jean, born 2 September 1959. They reside in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Harold Conrad, born 3 February 1934. He married 21 June 1959 to Mary Jo Mitchel, born 7 March 1940. They had two children and lived in rural Corunna.

CARL EUGENE DEIHL, born 24 November 1918, Richland Township, son of George and Ada (Miller) Deihl. He attended school at West Richland. He was a farmer and started farming in Smithfield Township on one hundred acres, April 1947. He was also a carpenter and is now a member of the County Council.

Carl married Dorothy June Provines, 10 June 1945, the daughter of Kent and Ruth Ann (Draggoo) Provines. Dorothy was born 12 June 1917. Three children were born to them at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett, Indiana; Carolyn Ann, born 4 September 1946, David Eugene, born 2 February 1950, died 9 November 1953 and John Ernest, born 2 February 1951. They attended the Ashley School. Carolyn graduated from Ashley High School and Taylor University with a degree in Elementary Education.

On 16 June 1968, Carolyn married Bruce Wayne Gaff. They live in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Two daughters were born to them; Sally Janine, born 23 June 1970 and Holly Denise, born 14 December 1971. They were born in Fort Mead, Maryland while Bruce was in the Air Force.

John married Kathleen Kay Pepple, 30 December 1972. They have two children; David Eugene, born 17 February 1974 and Marianne Kay, born 14 February 1977. Both were born in Angola, Indiana.

HAROLD C. DEIHL, son of George H. Deihl. In January 1918, George H. Deihl married Ada Miller, daughter of Francis M. and Orpha (Bock)

Miller of Richland Township. To this union were born four children; Carl E., Helen M. (Deihl) Hoover, Ruth L. (Deihl) Hackman, and Harold C., all of whom were born and raised on the family farm which has been in the Deihl family since 1878.

Harold C. and Mary Jo Mitchel married in June of 1959. Mary Jo, daughter of John V. and Gladys (Utter) Mitchell whose ancestors all lived in and around the Garrett area of DeKalb County. Both are graduates of Garrett High School. Born to this marriage are two children. Mark Allen, born 11 October 1962. Both he and his sister, Elaine Ellen, born 25 October 1963, graduated from DeKalb High School. They presently live at home and work in various capacities to keep the farm going. Both are employed elsewhere as well. Elaine is a 1986 Purdue University graduate with a degree in Animal Science. Farming has been a full-time job for Harold, except for about six years in the late 1950's when he worked in farm and automotive parts stores. Mary Jo, besides keeping house, is employed in the Cost Department of Cooper Industrial Products.

The size of their farm was expanded slightly in 1962 when they purchased the farm of the late Howard and Edith Holman located on County Road 34 just west of County Road 7. On our family farm today, we are involved in the production of both livestock and crops. The livestock consists of a farrow-to-finish hog operation. Corn has always been the most important crop for feed, with soybeans and wheat being used for rotation purposes. Once, various kinds of farm animals roamed the rolling fields, but now most fences have been removed in favor of larger areas for crop farming.

Just down the road on County Road 7 is the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church where many of our ancestors attended church at various times in their lives. They also attend and are members there.

Paul and Gwendolyn Ankney

PAUL HUBERT ANKNEY, has been a resident of DeKalb County for over 70 years, moving to Auburn with his sister, Ethel, in 1915 to live with his grandparents after his mother's death.

Paul was born 12 June 1908, in Grand Rapids, Michigan , the son of Lewis Benjamin and Maud Mae (Likens) Ankney, both of DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Isiah and Mary (Koble) Ankney of Paulding, Ohio; his maternal grandparents were George and Mary Jane (Antrup) Likens of Auburn.

From ages 7 to 14, Paul lived with his grandparents, George and Mary Jane. While attending high school, he lived with Paul and Martha Smith of Waterloo. In 1934, he attended Indiana Central College and, while living in Indianapolis, he met and married Mary Frances James on 1 January 1935. She was the daughter of Orville and Marie Thuneman James. Paul taught school after graduation from college and eventually moved back to DeKalb County to live on the farm he presently owns in Smithfield Township. He has taught at the following schools: Northside, in Fort Wayne. Corunna, Orland, Pleasant Lake, Butler and Shipshewana.

Three sons were born to Paul and Mary Frances. Don Ankney, born 11 November 1939, lives in Fort Myers Florida; Paul H. Ankney II, or "Skip", born 1 July 1941, lives in Portland, Oregon; James W. Ankney, born 19 June 1944, lives on the family farm in DeKalb County. On 28 October 1966 Mary Frances died as a result of injuries suffered in a traffic accident in Ohio. Paul remarried on 9 June 1973 to Gwendolyn Moore of Auburn. Paul's step daughter, Pamela Weimer, and stepson, Rick Moore, also live in DeKalb County.

Mr. Ankney can trace his family back to the 17th century on both his father's side and his mother's side of the family. Paul's great-great-great-great grandfather Ankney came to America in 1746 aboard the ship Neptune. The family was French Hugenot, but had fled to Germany in 1670 to escape persecution. The first Ankney in America, along with his two sons, fought in the Revolutionary War. After the War, the family settled in Sommerset County in Pennsylvania, and the town of Somerset still has a section of town called Ankney Square. One of the grandsons moved to Iowa and founded the town of Ankney, Iowa. Paul's branch of the family moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and later to Paulding, Ohio.

On his mother's side of the family, Paul can trace the Likens family back to the late 1600's when Rev. Matthew and Catherine Likens came to Pennsylvania from Germany. One unusual aspect of the Likens family is that several of its members lived to be over 100 years old. The family tree included several ministers.

Paul has been an active member of the Waterloo Methodist Church since the time of its merger with the United Brethren Church, which he had attended since he was a young boy. He has also been an active member of the following clubs and organizations; Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, Shriners, and DeKalb County Historical Society.

HOMER LOWELL ABEL, born 20 June 1923 in Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of George Homer and Zadie V. (Allen) Abel. His paternal grandparents were Henry J. and Eliza (Shull) Abel. His maternal grandparents were Jeremiah C. and Elizabeth A. (Henderson) Allen. Homer has one sister, Mildred L. (Harold) Harnish of Hamilton, Indiana.

Julia G'Nell Seely, born 30 July 1922 at Detroit, Michigan, daughter of John Amzi and Alta (Swanger) Seely. Her paternal grandparents were William and Ellen (Stager) Seely of Newville, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were William Sanford and Mellie (Arnold) Swanger of Wayne County, Ohio. Julia G'Nell has one brother, J. Kent Seely of Orrville, Ohio.

Homer and Julia married 30 July 1944, in the Church of Christ in Auburn. They moved to the John Carper farm in the near N.E. corner of Jackson Township, in September of 1944. A son, George Allen Abel, born 19 October 1945 to them, in Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel were dairy and crop farmers. Homer was the sexton of Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, which was platted by his father in 1918. The preference of outside work, the repairing of machinery on the farm and the need for lumber were the beginning of a business.

In 1948, Homer purchased a one-man Belsaw sawmill. The first logs sawed were apple tree bodies from the Leichty Orchard, North of St. Joe, Indiana. Farming was changing to larger more expensive equipment and the decision was made to rent the farm ground out. Homer worked at carpentry, building farm fences and with a ditching crew, as well as custom sawmilling.

In September of 1961, George Abel was injured in an accident at the sawmill, breaking his left leg above the ankle. Nevertheless, this did not discourage them from continuing the business.

Homer bid successfully on shipping skids at the Dana Corp. in Auburn in 1962. The result was Abel's Sawmill which grew into a successful pallet and sawmilling business. Homer was a fair and honest business man and gave the credit to the Lord.

George worked with his father in the business and together they sawed the framing for a new sawmill building equipped with steam equipment moved from Hoagland, Indiana in 1968. On 1 August 1968 the first boards were sawed with steam power. In March on 1969 this adventure with steam ended with total loss in a fire. During the summer of 1969 another sawmill was bought from the Shoudel's, south of Auburn. By this time the business had 5 full-time employees and was shipping over 1200 pallets a week. Building materials were still being sawed, one example is the shelterhouse building at the First Christian Church. Homer lost his life in a sawmill accident on 20 January 1977.

George Abel Family

GEORGE ALLEN ABEL, born 19 October 1945, in Auburn, Indiana. Son of Homer L. and Julia G'Nell (Seely) Abel.

Frances LaVon Wise, born 6 November 1945, in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Ira Wise Jr. and Charlotte L. (Goodacre) Wise. Frances has three sisters and one brother; Martha Kaye (Wise) Patterson, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Dorothey Charlene (Wise) DeMint, Auburn, Indiana. Helen Lucillie (Wise) Gryzbowski, Birmingham, Michigan, Samuel Allen Wise, with the U.S. Army in Germany.

George was raised on a 70 acre farm in N.E. Jackson Township and attended school 1st grade, St. Joe, Indiana; then through consolidation it became Concord Spencer Schools, then Riverdale ended with the class on 1963, consolidating and becoming Eastside School Corp. Being George lived in Jackson Township, he went to Auburn High School his Senior Year and graduated from there in 1964.

Frances was raised in Auburn and went to

Harrison Elementary for grades 1-6, McKinney Junior High 7-8 and graduated from Auburn High School in 1963.

George and Frances married 23 October 1965, at the First Christian Church in Auburn. They are still living in Auburn. To them were born three children; Michael Kenneth Abel, 14 April 1967, Sophomore at Huntington College. Marie Elizabeth Abel, 4 June 1969, Junior at DeKalb High School. Melissa Janel Abel, 23 January 1972, Freshman at DeKalb High School.

George worked 15 years with his father in a family business; Abel's Sawmill. Then in 1977 sold the business after the death of his father in January of that year. George is now employed at Auburn Mobile Homes in Auburn.

Frances is a Domestic Engineer and very good at sewing, too.

The Brumbachs are descendants of a line that gradually assumed the name of their farm "in der Brombach" near Muesen, Westphalia, Germany, in the 16th century. Muesen was in an ancient mining and metal working area where the family continued to reside and where Johannes, son of Christophel and Maria Elisabeth (Helman) Brymbach was born in 1711. He married in 1733, Anna Julianna, daughter of George and Anna Maria (Waffenschmidt) Kemper. To them were born Johannes Maria Elisabetha, Johann Henrich and Anna Magdalena. Johannes Sr. died in 1744 and in 1750 Anna Julianna migrated to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with her children, settling near one of her half brothers, Henry Kemper.

There Johannes married and had one child, a girl and died shortly after. Anna moved to the south fork of Shendoah River near Luray, Virginia, where she and her family members were of Mennonite Faith. Here Maria Elisabetha married Jacob Heistand and as a widow moved just after 1800 to Fairfield County, Ohio with a religious group, primarily ex-Mennonites.

Johann Henrich married Ann, daughter of Martin and Barbara (Stauffer) Kauffman in 1761 and by her had 7 children while living near Luray, Virginia. After her death in 1778 he married in 1779, Anna Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Kauffman) Strickler, by whom he had 8 more offspring and died in 1799 on his farm near Harrisonburg, Virginia, where Anna Catherine died in 1817.

The 12th child, Daniel, born in 1789, received an early Ohio land grant in Fairfield County and in 1816 married Sarah Culp. In 1818 he bought 220 acres in Ripley Township on the Huron-Richland County Line north of Shiloh.

At that time the area was a wilderness with only blazed trails leading from the settlement that was to become Plymouth to the various 3 or 4 family settlements nearby. They were parents of David C., 1817, daughter Maria, Henry B., 1821, Jesse M., 1823, Rebecca L., 1826 Asa M., 1827, Daniel M., 1831. Daniel Sr. died in 1838 and Sarah in 1845 and both are buried in Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Plymouth. Over 100 acres of the original property remained in the family until the 1950's.

David married Matilda Hines, born in New York State in 1844 and their offspring were Daniel David, 1845, Asa Freidus, 1846, twins Edward Sherman and Edwin Austin, 1849, Legrand M. 1852, infant 1854, Charles C., 1856, and Oliva I., 1859. David died in a fire which destroyed their home in 1861 and Matilda in 1903 with both buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Shiloh.

Edward Sherman married in 1878, Carrie, daughter of Andrew and Mary Truxell. Children were Inez, 1879, Earl M., 1881, Cora died young, 1883, Alto Blaine, 1884. After the death of Carrie in 1885 Edward married in 1886 Etta Douglas and by her had Mildred, 1887, and Celia Ann, 1889. Edward was a prosperous farmer and cattle buyer who in his later years resided in Shiloh where he died in 1928 and Etta in 1937.

Alto in 1908 married Mary Caroline, daughter of Oscar and Ida Louisa (Cleiland) Latterner. Their children were Edward Austin, 1909, Robert Oscar, 1912 and Jean Lucille Russell 1917.

ASA M. BRUMBACK, born in Ripley Township, Huron County, Ohio, 15 December 1827.

He married Julia Marie Calkins, born in Ohio, ca 1851, Asa, his wife, Julia, brother, Jessie and Jessie's wife, Melissa Jane, on 25 December 1852, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, signed a quit claim deed to clear title to land in the estate of Daniel Brumback.

The 1860 census DeKalb County, Richland Township, Indiana, shows Asa, age thirty-two; Julia M., age twenty-five; Viola M., age eight; Henry C., age five. The family moved back to Ripley Township, in Ohio between 1864-1870, close to Asa's birthplace.

Asa and Julia were the parents of six children, all but the youngest, Jessie, born in Indiana according to the 1880 census. The children are; Viola M., born 1852; Henry C., born 1854, died 1 March 1934; Nelly, born 9 September 1857, died 13 May 1859; Angie, born 1861; Douglas J., born 1865 and Jessie, born 1872.

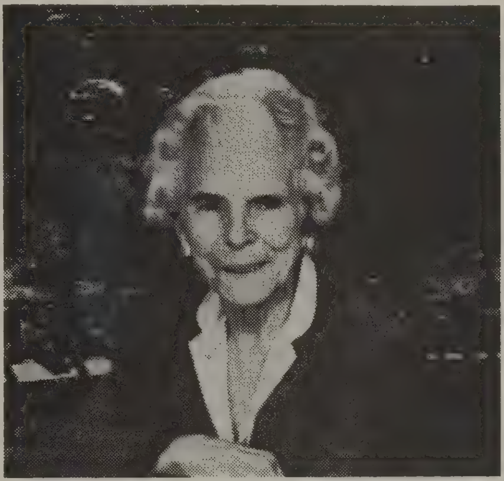
Carrie (Truxell) Brumback's diary for 2 January 1877, mentions a visit of Asa, his wife, Julia, Oliva Brumback and Frank Wilson in the evening.

On his return to Ohio, Asa purchased land and lived just north of the homestead. In 1874, he purchased one hundred five acres, of New Haven Township, just north of Plymouth.

Henry C. Brumback returned to his birthplace in Indiana. Henry and wife, Clara, born 1863, died 1918, are buried in the Corunna Cemetery with his sister, Nelly.

From the Waterloo Press, 1 March 1934, "Henry Brumback, seventy-nine, died at his home in Green Corners. He had been in failing health for the past three years. Death was due to complications of kidney and liver disorder. His widow and a step-daughter survive."

The death record for Mrs. Henry Brumback, the second wife, states the name as Estalla B., died 1 May 1940, father, William Mason, mother Esther Bair.



Flossie L. Mavis

FLOSSIE LUCILLE MAVIS, born 28 November 1895 in St. Joe, Indiana to Jacob and Mary Jennie (Widney) Sechler. She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1914, and attended Normal School at Tri-State in Angola, Indiana and also at Winona Lake, Indiana, after which she taught elementary school in St. Joe. In 1917, she married C. Everett Mavis, 1895-1963, of Hicksville, Ohio, and went to that town to live. In 1922, Flossie and Everett moved to Auburn where she has lived since. Flossie served as assistant Librarian of the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn for a number of years, and as Head Librarian for 1953 until her retirement in 1963. The Children's Library was established during her tenure. Mrs. Mavis is a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, has been active in Federated Clubs, the W.C.T.U. and served as membership secretary of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild for a number of years. Flossie and Everett had two children; C. Everett Jr., 1918-1965, who married Rita Johnson of Garrett, Indiana and Betty Ruth, who married Forrest Bevington of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Flossie presently has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The Sechler and Widney families, who were Flossie's forebears came to DeKalb County in the 1830's.

Forrest R. and Betty M. Bevington

FORREST RAY BEVINGTON AND BETTY RUTH (MAVIS) BEVINGTON, have been residents of Concord Township since 1955. Forrest was born in Adams County, Indiana on 1 April 1913 to Jesse Bevington and Opal (Ray) Bevington. He graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne, and from Manchester College in 1939, and taught school in Elkhart County until drafted into the Army in 1942. He served in Company D of the 114th Infantry of the 44th Division, in the European theatre until discharged at the end of the War in 1945. He received his Master's Degree in Education from Ball State University in 1947. Betty was born in Hicksville, Ohio on 2 June 1920, to C. Everett Mavis and Flossie (Sechler) Mavis. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1938 and attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia for two years, and graduated as a Registered Nurse from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, in 1944. She worked at Presbyterian Hospital as an Operating Room Head Nurse until 1949.

On 1 July 1950 Forrest and Betty were married in Auburn, Indiana, and three months later Forrest was called to serve in the Eighth Army in the Korean War. He was discharged with the rank of Captain in February 1952. After his discharge, Forrest taught in the Columbia City, Indiana schools, and Betty worked as an Industrial Nurse at Blue Bell, Inc.

In 1955, they moved to their present home north of St. Joe, Indiana, and Forrest taught in the Riverdale School until his retirement in 1975. They jointly own a farm with Everett Mavis Heirs, 100 acres of this farm being the original U.S. Land Grant to their great great grandfather Widney. Forrest and Betty are the parents of three children; Lucinda Jane born 1955, married to Michael Stauffer, and living in Fort Wayne and the parents of Michael Jr., deceased, and Jonathan born 1983; Stephen Ray, born 1957, married to Jacalyn Campbell, living in Concord Township, and the parents of Cory Jack, deceased, 1986; and Laura Ann, born 1959, married to James Beckman, and living in Burlington, Kentucky. Forrest and Betty are members of the St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Joe, where they have both served as Sunday School teachers and Church Officers. Forrest is a member of the St. Joe Lion's Club and the Butler American Legion. Betty is a member of the St. Joe Ladies Literary Club, and DeKalb County's past Officer's Club, secretary of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and past Chairman of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

KELSO DAVIS, born in Marion, Indiana and Margaret E. (Hennofer) Davis was born in Peru. They were married 16 June 1934 in Adrian, Michigan.

In April 1938, they moved from Anderson, Indiana to Auburn, where Davis purchased Jones Photo Studio at 210 North Main and changed the name to Davis Studio. Later, in November of 1947, a move was made to 410 South Main where the Davis Studio is still in business.

They are the parents of three daughters: Diane M. Davis born in Marion in 1943, Davis Sible born in 1947 and Loraine (Davis) Hartranft born in 1949.

The Davis' are members of the First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Davis is a member of Entre Nous Literary Club. In 1939, Mr. Davis joined the Auburn Rotary Club of which he has been secretary for 21 years and has a prefect attendance for 41 years in the club.

MARY CHAPMAN, born 1830, died 1864, wife of George H. Duncan, born 1827, died 1892. Came to DeKalb County in 1857. Soon after that her brother Lewis Chapman, 1832-1913, moved here and in 1861 married Mary B. Duncan, a sister of George H.

Mary and George Duncan were the parents of a daughter, Mini, born 1858, and three sons who died in infancy. After his wife, Mary's, death in 1864, George returned to Ashland County, Ohio and married her sister, Jane Chapman in 1865, and brought her to DeKalb County.

Mary Chapman Family

Lewis Chapman, 1832-1913, and wife Mary B. had a family of seven children:

Mary Mae Chapman, born 1862, died 1925, married to William Albert Gramling, born 1859 , died 1906, and they raised six children. Many of their descendant still reside in the area.

Sara Eujennie Chapman, born 1864, died 1939, married Jay Shafer, born 1865, died 1946, leaving grandchildren and great grandchildren in the Ashley area.

Lemuel N. Chapman, born 1867, died 1947 married Alta Marie Keggerris, born 1873, died 1958. To this couple several children were born none of whom are living. Only one grandson, Roscoe Taylor and his wife Olga May (Reinoehl) Taylor live in DeKalb County and they have several children and grandchildren.

Margaret E. Chapman, born 1868, died 1940 married George D. Corbin, born 1860, died 1940. They had one daughter Edrie, born 1905, died 1984, who married Verald Teegarden. She taught school for many years in the area. She retired while teaching at Ashley.

Georgina Grace, born 1870, died 1913, married Isaac Barker, born 1869, died 1932 and they were the parents of four children.

William Chapman, born 1872, died 1961 went to Iowa and met and married there and raised a family.

Edward Chapman, born 1874, died 1960 went to Nebraska where he married and subsequently raised a family.

The sister of Lewis Chapman, Elizabeth, born 1827, died 1919 married John Bemenderfer and came to DeKalb County. They had one son, Marion, born 1855, died 1905. He was the father of Bertha Ettinger a well known citizen of Waterloo. There was another daughter Mrs. George Clark.

Ruth (Hardinger) Chapman, born 1800, died 1873; wife of Lemuel, and mother of this large family, was left a widow with nine children of her own and four children from Lemuel's previous marriage to Betsy Smouse. At the time of her husband's death she was required to post a bond of $400 for each of the children who were not of age. This bond required two co-signers for each child and after they were all of age she sold off all of the property giving each their share. Ruth with her youngest daughter Ellen, born 1837, died 1913, moved to DeKalb County where she bought eighty acres of land and lived until her death. Ruth (Hardinger) Chapman, born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Conrad Hardinger, born 1776, died 1851 and Mary (Dickens) Hardinger, born 1778, died 1863 of Maryland. Mary was the daughter of Thomas Dickens, born 1747, died 1838, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Lemuel Chapman was a well educated man. There is proof of that in his old copy book which was written in admirable penmanship when pounds and shillings were used.

Lemuel was the son of Collimore Chapman, born 1767, died 1855 and Nancy (Hinkle) Chapman, born 1766, died after 1840, both of who lived in Alleghany County, Maryland. Lemuel had a brother William Hinkle Chapman who was a Methodist Minister in Virginia, a brother Isaac in Missouri, a brother Jesse who died in Maryland, a sister Sarah Lakin of Ohio, and a sister Nellie who died single in Maryland.

Collimore was a tobacco farmer, having been granted his first patent for land in Maryland in 1792 and was one of the first farmers to deal in the "Futures" market.

MARY CLEMENTINA DUNCAN, born 1871, died 1933, daughter of George Holmes Duncan, born 1827, died 1892. He first married Mary Chapman, who died in 1865, leaving one daughter Mini. Mary Clementina's mother was Jane (Chapman Duncan), born 1835, died 1899, daughter of Lemuel Chapman, born 1792, died 1838, and Ruth Hardinger, born 1800, died 1873, of Ashland County, Ohio. Mary C. had two brothers, B. Franklin, born 1874, died 1939 and George Brown Duncan, born 1876, died 1959. Benjamin Franklin married Maud Camp. To this union one daughter, Mildred (Duncan) Harmon, born in 1902. George B. married Bertha Metzger. They had one son Vern who was killed in 1949 leaving no heirs.

Mary C. was born in DeKalb County grew to adulthood and taught school at the Center School around 1890. She married William H. May, born 1868, died 1905, in 1891. He was a teacher in the Waterloo and Angola schools and spent five years as superintendent of the Ashley Schools. He was studying to get his law degree when his life was taken by a serious illness. Mr. William May was a brother of John May, the father of Mrs. Orris "Troas" Wise.

In 1907 Mary C. (Duncan) May married Maurice M. Bowen M.D., 1861-1949, in Lafayette, Indiana in 1907, where she was living at that time. He had his practice in Kendallville so they made their home there for a few years. They were the parents of three children, Max, Ruth and June.

Mary's father George H. Duncan was a school teacher. He taught in schools in Delaware County, Ohio, Niles, Michigan, and school #1 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. In 1854, while teaching in DeKalb County his log lists his brothers and sisters as being a large part of his class. They were: Emoline 21, Sarah J. 21, Mary 17, Margaret 16, James 15, William 13, John 16, A.B. 17, Benjamin L. 10, Theodore R. 6. The only brother he did not teach was Cyrus, 1825-1852.

Two of his sisters became teachers and several of the brothers merchants and farmers. George H. Duncan was a county commissioner for six years. He was responsible for the building of his own home in 1874 which still stands on county road ten, setting across the road and down the lane from the end of township road 31.

George H., son of George J., born 1803, died 1870 and Mary (Baxter) Duncan, born 1804, died 1877. George J. was a craftsman from Washington County, Pennsylvania, where he paid a trade tax of .70 and .75 in 1825 and 1826. Later in the census, he is listed as a shoemaker. Mary (Baxter) Duncan, daughter of William Baxter, born 1767, died 1832 and Sarah (Rogers) Baxter. They came from Tyrone County, Ireland, where they had been married prior to coming to America, in 1791. Some of the children were born in Ireland and several more after they came to this country.

MAURICE MASON BOWEN, M.D., born 1861, died 1949, in Corunna. He received his education in the local schools and received his Doctor of Medicine from what is now Case University, then Western Reserve University, in 1884. He then set up his practice in Angola where he was married in 1885 to Emma Merriet, born 1871, died 1901. They were the parents of three boys, Carl R., born 1887, died 1960, Merl R. born 1897, died 1969 and Croy T., born 1899, died 1962. Carl and Croy resided in California and Merl in Watertown, New York.

After the death of Maurice Bowen's first wife, he married Mary C. (Duncan) May. The family then moved to Kendallville where he set up his practice of medicine. Max M., born 1908 was the first born of the new family followed by Ruth 1910. Due to Dr. Bowen's poor health the family moved to Lafayette where June M was born in 1912. The family then moved to a small farm which is now part of the Purdue University golf course in West Lafayette, Indiana, where the children grew to adulthood and attended Purdue University.

Max now resides in Boone County, Indiana, where he was owner of the Bowen Heating and Plumbing for many years. He later become the Building Inspector for the City of Lebanon, a position from which he has since retired. Max was married to Ruth Park in 1934 in Anderson, Indiana. They have one son, Thomas, born in 1945 and two grandsons, Trent and Mark, all residing in Lebanon, Indiana.

June Purdy resides in Madison, Connecticut. She owns and operates an aviary in her home raising many different kinds of birds. It has been a very interesting and profitable business for her.

Maurice Mason's father, Ira W. Bowen, born 1835, he was born in Allen County, Indiana where he spent his early childhood, died in 1916. His mother was Abarintha (Grate) Bowen, born 1838, died 1901. Ira W. was the first postmaster of Corunna, when that was the office serving the Summit area of DeKalb County. He was also the owner of a drug store in Corunna. In his later years he owned a sawmill just west of Ashley where some of the buildings still stand. Later his interest in lumber took him to Thompsonville, Michigan where he was a mill owner, until his death.

Jeremiah Bowen, born 1787, died 1845, father of Ira, was born in Delaware. He was married in Urbana, Ohio in 1820 to Sarah Lowery, born 1802, died 1876 who was from Kentucky. No record of his first marriage could be found but he was found with two small children in 1820.

Jeramiah and Sarah brought from Urban, Ohio a family of six children and the necessary articles for use in their new home by wagon, with a team of horses and a yoke of oxen arriving in Fort Wayne on 30 May 1830. The journey was difficult due to the condition of the roads. It took them almost six weeks to make the trip.

Jeremiah was a mail contractor and with his sons Marvin and Mason he delivered the U.S. Mail by horseback in the counties of Northern Indiana, Western Ohio and as far north as White Pigeon, Michigan. Marvin and Mason were also employed in the building of the Erie Canal which started in 1832.

At the time of his death Jeremiah was dealing in real estate making several transactions with Samuel Hanna and he was also the owner of a brickmaking business with his son Mason. Fort Wayne was developing very rapidly at that time.

ROBERT KIMBALL, born 1905 died 1976, in South Bend, Indiana, son of Burton C., born 1882, died 1936 and Margaret (Zangerie) Kimball, born 1884, died 1976. His father's family was from Corning, New York and his mother's family came from Marpingen, Germany on 15 August 1880.

Ruth (Bowen) Kimball, born in Kendallville, Indiana 1910, to Maurice M. Bowen, born 1861, died 1949 and Mary Clementina (Duncan). Mary Bowen, born 1871, died 1933. While Ruth was attending Purdue University, she met Robert Kimball. Robert and Ruth were married in Anderson, Indiana in June of 1935.

They were priviledged to have raised five children; Robert Edward of Nashville, Tennessee, a C.P.A., Robert's children are; Monica, born 1961, Donna, born 1963, Robert Edward, born 1964 and Stephanie, born in 1976; Ronald James of Richland, Washington, an auditor, Ronald James' children are; Samantha, born 1971, and twins, Justin and Rebecca, born in 1974; Mrs. James (Ruth) Keating of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Ruth's children are; Ruth Ann born in 1967, Edward Robert, born in 1969, Patrick James, born in 1971, Theresa Mary, born in 1978 and Katherine Margaret, born 1983; Mrs. Donald (Roxann) Shafer of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Engineer. Roxann has one son, Jeremy Randall, born 1973; and Randall Kirk of Waterloo, Indiana, a systems Analyst.

With Robert's employment as a Mechanical Engineer for the larger companies manufacturing heavy military equipment the family was forced to move several times while rearing their family. The older three children were born in the Los Angeles, California area. Roxann, was born in Wyandotte, Michigan and Randall in Syracuse, New York. Other places the family lived include Denver, Colorado, Moorestown, New Jersey and St. Louis, Missouri.

Many hours were spent studying all available information on the new area into which the family was moving in order to help the children accept the upcoming changes. For the most part they anticipated the new experience although it was difficult to leave their friends and classmates. They were enrolled in the Catholic parochial schools as much as possible which was a big help. Now that they are grown, it is not hard for them to make a change or to travel when their employment demands.

During Robert's lifetime he helped with the invention and development and production of the Cherry rivet, which was used extensively in the manufacture of airplanes. It was the first of its' kind to be out in place with a gun. He also worked on the Titan, the first Missile in space.

The Robert Kimball family moved to DeKalb

County in 1967 to reside on the George Duncan farm on County Road ten. Robert was transferred to the Fort Wayne Magnavox Company as a Mechanical Engineer.

GLENN WELDON SNYDER, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 22 May 1907, son of Charles Samuel and Alpha Minnie (Lehner) Snyder. His paternal grandparents were Henry Frank and Chloe C. (Haynes) Snyder.

Mae Maude (Brown) Snyder, born in Greene County, Indiana, 11 May 1909, daughter of William George and Alta Elizabeth (Hensley) Brown. Her paternal grandparents were Christian and Lucinda (Cutshall) Brown, maternal grandparents were Edward and Sarah (Arney) Hensley.

Mae and Glenn were united in marriage, 17 August 1929, in the Cedar Lake, Church of the Brethren parsonage in DeKalb County by the Reverend Russell Sherman.

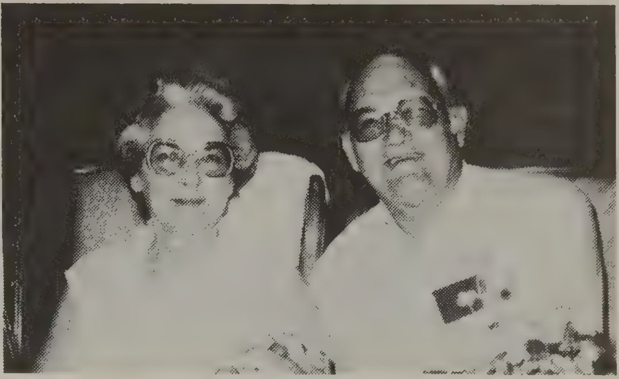
Two children were born to this union; Glenna Mae, born 13 July 1930, in Kendallville, Indiana. Glenna married Clarence E. Brown of Auburn and Max Eldon, born 19 May 1937, in Kendallaville, Indiana. Max married Brenda Sue Hollen of Pine Ridge, Kentucky. He is the father of five children; Diana Jean Engle, Amy Joan Snyder both of Warsaw, Indiana, Kimberly Elaine of Toronto, Canada, Melissa Mae and Jason Glenn, at home in Columbia, South Carolina. Max is employed with Dana Corporation as Facilities Engineer and recently moved to South Carolina to build a new Dana Plant there.

Mae and Glenn resided on South Randolph Street in Garrett, Indiana before moving to the North Webster, Indiana area. He was a tool and die maker and worked at this trade in various cities with his last employer being, Dietronics Corporation of Leesburg, Indiana.

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker as well as being employed at the Dietronics Corporation. Lots of Garrett School children will remember her from 1954 to 1957 as clerking at the East Side Grocery on Houston Street, in Garrett. This grocery was a favorite hang-out for the kids as the store owners, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lehner, served school lunches for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder's last residence was near North Webster, Indiana. Mr. Snyder died 2 May 1968 and Mrs. Snyder was killed in a violent car-train accident near Leesburg, Indiana, 11 March 1972. They both were laid to rest in the Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett, Indiana.

ALFRED FRANKLIN SHERER, SR., born 10 June 1919, at Grover Hill, Ohio, son of George Earl Sherer and Minnie Blanche Kohn. He has one sister, Ida Ann Bowen, of Bowling Green, Ohio. On his father's side, the Sherers and the Goodwins had come from Germany and England in early days of American History. On his mother's side the Kohn's had come from Prussia and the Inwoods from England in the 1700's.


Alfred and Helen Sherer

Alfred graduated from Haviland in 1937, Findlay College in 1947 and received his masters degree from St. Francis in 1967. His education had been interrupted by WW II and he spent four years and four months in the Air Force. He was with the 1456th AAF Base Unit and the Air Transport Command. He saw service in Panama, the States, Alaksa, Canada and the Pacific.

Helen Mae Jackson, born 20 February 1919 in Wichita County, Texas, daughter of John Willis Jackson and Fae Leota Gregory. The Jackson's and the Gregorys were early pioneers in Texas, going there at the end of the Civil War. The Jacksons came from Raleigh, North Carolina, and stopped a while in Tennessee, then again in Arkansas, then on to Texas. Her grandmother Jackson was a bellflower. The Gregorys came from Missouri. William Preston Gregory and wife, Bettie Jane (Emery) Gregory, came to Grayson County, Texas with their ten children, Helen's grandfather, Robert Otis Gregory, was the sixth child.

Robert met Martha Ettie Stone in the second grade. She was descended from the Illinois Harshbargers and the ancestor was Christian Hirshberger of Shenandoah County, Virginia. They came from the Village of Epstein, Bavaria, Germany, in 1749.

Helen graduated from high school in 1937 at Sherman, Texas, and worked as a toll-billing clerk for the Texas Telephone Company. When the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor and was at war, she went to a sheet metal and riveting school for six weeks and got a job at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft in Fort Worth, making B-24 and later B-32 bombers. Two years later, she joined the Army Air Force, Company Thirteen, Twenty-first Regiment, Dallas, Texas.

After basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, she was a clerk-typist on the flight line at South Plains Army Air Force, Lubbock, Texas, a glider pilot training field. When that field closed down, she was transferred to Fort Worth Army Air Field, where they were training pilots to fly B-24 and B-32 bombers. Helen signed up for overseas duty, went to Des Moines, Iowa, for training and the war ended the day she was to ship out for the west coast. Helen was sent to Indiantown Gap Separation Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to type discharges for returning servicemen.

Alfred was out the the service and back in college. They had met briefly when he was stationed in Mineral Wells, Texas and she in Fort Worth. They met again, and were married, 3 March 1946.

They have five children: Alfred Franklin, Jr, born 13 December 1946, Findlay, Ohio, married Elizabeth (Deam) Ellert and they have two daughters, Stephanie Cotina and Annette Elizabeth. They live in Indianapolis and Frank worked in the Indiana University Hospital and Betty works for an Insurance Title Company; Jerry Lynn, born 12 April 1948, in Van Wert, Ohio, married Deborah Lane Magee and they have two sons; Neil Thomas and Bradley Kent; They live in Whitefish, Montana and Jerry is an optometrist in Kalispell and Debbie is a school teacher; Linda Sue Sherer, born 14 October 1949, in Van Wert, Ohio. She lives in Angola, Indiana and is a social worker for the Steuben County Welfare Department; Vickie Ann Sherer, born 26 July 1951, in Van Wert, Ohio, married Keith Aaron Johnson and they have two daughters; Amanda Lynne and Ambria Lea. The live near Cadillac, Michigan. Keith works for the Telephone Company and also works on their farm and raises Angora goats, Vickie is a homemaker; Tamara Kay Sherer, born 12 October 1956, in Paulding, Ohio, married Josiah Edward Hausbaugh and they have two sons' Joshua Aaron and Jame Matthew. Joe is employed at Vulcraft Nucor Manufacturing Company near St. Joe, Indiana and they live near the covered bridge at Spencerville, Indiana. Tammy will graduate from Indiana University-Purdue University this coming May and plans elementary teaching.

The Sherers moved to Butler, July 1962, from Haviland, Ohio with their five children. Alfred was to start teaching high school in September.

After twenty-five years, Alfred retired from teaching and Helen from ten years as a library aide at the high school. Their years were full of school, church and community activities, college years, and weddings. Helen taught a chlidren's Sunday School Class for fifteen years, was on library board several years and at present is Historian in the John Houlton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Alfred was interested in the schools, improving the profession of teaching, improving city parks in Butler, helped organize a park board, served on the park board and library board for many years, member of the Lions Club, member of the Widow's Son Lodge #571, Paulding, Ohio, William Hacker Chapter No. 63, R.A.M., Auburn, Indiana and since retirement, serves on the DeKalb County Council on Aging for Wilmington Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherer are members of the Steuben County Church of Christ in Angola.

Josiah Hausbach Family

JOSIAH EDWARD HAUSBACH, born 15 October 1954, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Willis and Loretta (Lichtsinn) Hausbach. His paternal grandparents were Raymond and Elva Hausbach. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Clara Lichtsinn. Joe's mother, Loretta, died of cancer in December, 1958, when Joe was four years old. Subsequently, Willis moved his new bride and five children out to the farm at Spencerville, which he had inherited from his parents. They had purchased the farm in 1947. These are the children of Willis and Loretta Hausbach in order of birth: Willis, Arthur, Euphrasia, Josiah, and Grace. Joe also has an older half brother, Robert Hausbach, who was born to Willis in a previous marriage.

Tamara Kay Sherer, born 12 October 1956, at Paulding, Ohio, daughter of Alfred and Helen Sherer. Her paternal grandparents were Earl Sherer and Minnie Frakes. Her maternal grandparents were John and Fay Jackson. Tammy lived with her family on a small farm at Haviland, Ohio, until 1962. Alfred had gained a teaching position at Butler High School, so in the summer of 1962, he moved his family off the farm and into the thriving metropolis of Butler. These are the children of Alfred and Helen Sherer in order of birth: Alfred Jr., Jerry, Linda, Vickie, and Tamara.

Joe and Tammy met while attending Eastside High School. They dated off and on throughout these years. After graduation, Tammy attended Indiana University at Bloomington for one year. This proved to be too great a distance between her and Joe, however, so they decided marriage was what they wanted. Joe and Tammy were married 7 June 1975. Joe worked for Miles Homes in Butler from 1972-1973. Next, he was employed at Kitchen-Quip in Waterloo from 1973-1974. Then he hired in at Vulcraft at St. Joe, where he has been employed for 12 years.

Joe and Tammy have two sons. Joshua Aaron, born 23 December 1975. James Matthew, born 25 August 1978. Josh and James attend Riverdale Elementary and are in fifth and third grades, respectively. Joshua enjoys basketball and he dreams of being one of the nation's leading farmers. James loves to collect most any kind of junk, and he dreams of becoming a scientist in the future.

Tammy stayed home with Josh and James until they were both in school. Then, she and Joe decided it would be a good time for her to go back to college and get her degree. So in the fall of 1984, Tammy returned to school, after having been out for ten years. She is presently in her third year at IPFW and is looking forward to graduating in May 1987, with a B.A. in Elementary Education. Tammy has been a full-time student each semester and has been named, one time each, to the Vice-Chancellor's List and the Chancellor's List. She is anxious to begin her career as an elementary school teacher.

Joe, Tammy, and their sons love to travel and camp. Their extensive travels include two trips to Glacier National Park, Montana, a circle tour around Lake Superior, and a month-long trip to Alaska. They love to hike, fish, view wildlife, and visit museums on their vacations. James' favorite time spent on vacations however is stopping at every souvenir shop along the way!

Joe, Tammy, Josh, and James live in a woods east of Spencerville. Joe built their house on a small plot of land that was once part of his father's farm. The Hausbach's love the privacy, the beauty, and the variety of wildlife that living in the woods offers.

EARL FORREST, born 6 August 1879 in Smithfield Township three and one half miles south of Ashley, Indiana. He was the son of William R. and Margaret H. Forrest. He lived all his life on this farm and died 15 February 1967 at the age of 87.

Earl Forrest Family

In January of 1899, he married Emma Myrtle Curry who was born on 7 March 1880 near Leo, Indiana and spent her childhood living at Huntertown, Indiana. Myrtle passed away on 14 September 1946.

Earl and Myrtle farmed the home farm for many years, raising onions, potatoes and grain crops along with hay and raised hogs and cattle with a small dairy operation. Earl also ran a threshing rig.

Born to Earl and Myrtle were eleven children: Lloyd, born 14 November 1899 and died 15 January 1903; Orval, born 21 April 1901 and died 17 December 1903; Edna P. born 28 May 1905 married O.G. Miller and lives at Lake James in Steuben County, Indiana. They have one son, Richard, of Rushville, Indiana;

Lavon, born 29 April 1908 and married Paul Eyster and lives at Lake James in Steuben County, Indiana. They have one daughter, Roma Lee of Angola, Indiana.

Viola born 19 December 1909 who married Pete Engle who passed away in 1959 and then married Lewis Reiter, who passed away in 1974. She lived on Sprott Street in Auburn, Indiana. Viola has one daughter, Joyce Engle Brown of Norland Park, Auburn and two sons, Jack Engle of Yorktown, Indiana, and James Engle of Auburn, Indiana.

Donald Lee Forrest born 3 July 1911. Don passed away in April 1977. Don married Helen Murden of Hudson and they had four daughters: Dorla Deane who lives in DeLand, Florida. Betty lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Susan lives in South Bend, Indiana and Sally who lives in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Clark Forrest who was born 2 November 1913 and married Willa Parsell. They had three children: Sheila of Waterloo, Sharon of rural Pleasant Lake and Neil of Waterloo. Clark passed away in May of 1979.

Glenn Forrest was born on 15 August 1915.

He married Majorie Lockhart and they had three children: Jerry Wayne Forrest who lives near Waterloo, Joan and Janice who lives Waterloo. Glenn and Joan, his oldest daughter met their death in a tragic automobile accident on 11 May 1956.

Irene was born 16 October 1917 and is married to Ray Sunday of near Hudson. They have three children: Dorothy Ann of San Francisco, California, David of Alaska and Debbie of Charleston, South Carolina.

Dorothy was born 23 January 1920 and is married to James Fisher. They live part of the time near Edon, Ohio and part-time at St. James City, Florida. They had 4 children: James Jr. who lost his life in a boating accident near Washington, D.C., Julie who lives near Lansing, Michigan, Lee who lives near Edon, Ohio and Alan who resides in College Park, Maryland.

Robert D. Forrest who was born on 26 July 1921 and is married to Naomi L. Eberly. They live on the home farm of Earl and Myrtle Forrest. Bob and Naomi had two children: Robert Mac of near Waterloo and Linda I. McClish who lives near Montpelier, Indiana.

Altogether there are more than 150 direct descendants of Earl and Myrtle Forrest. We had a family reunion in 1981 and over 140 were present.

ROBERT D. FORREST, born 26 July 1921 to Earl W. and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest in DeKalb County. His paternal grandparents were William R. and Lucy (Canfield) Forrest. His maternal grandparents were David and Emma (Thorpe) Curry. Robert has five sisters: Edna Miller and Lavon Eyster of Angola, Indiana, Viola Reiter of Auburn, Indiana, Irene Sunday of Hudson, Indiana and Dorothy Fisher, Edon, Ohio. Five brothers: Lloyd, Orville, Donald, Clark and Glenn, all deceased.

Naomi L. Forrest was born 2 January 1924 to Ward and Dorothy (Till) Eberly, Sr. Her paternal grandparents were Theodore and Alice (Shank) Eberly. Her maternal grandparents were David and Philoma (Miser) Till. Naomi has three brothers: Ward Eberly, Jr. Angola, Indiana. Cliffton Eberly, Coldwater, Michigan and Mac Eberly, Waterloo, Indiana.

Robert graduated from Ashley High School in 1939 and Naomi graduated from Waterloo High School in 1942. On 11 July 1942, Robert and Naomi were married. Robert farmed the same place on which he was born. He raised potatoes, onions, tomatoes, grain and hay and he and his wife still reside on the home place.

On 7 July 1946, a son, Robert, was born and on 27 September 1947, a daughter, Linda Ilene, was born. When the children were old enough, they helped on the farm, plowing, baling hay and milking cows. In 1963, Robert D. started working as a carpenter and in 1964 he was elected DeKalb County Commissioner and still farmed, working long hard hours. Robert served as commissioner for 16 years, retiring in 1981. In August, 1966, Robert M. was sent to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and daughter Linda moved to Searcy, Alaska, where her husband was in College, leaving Robert D. with no help on the farm. Naomi worked in Kendallville, Indiana for 20 years and is now employed in Waterloo, Indiana.

Robert and Naomi are both members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ where Robert D. has served as a deacon for thirty years.

Robert and Naomi's son, Robert and wife Vicki live on County Road 14 in DeKalb County. Robert has three children: Jonathan, Michael and Lisa Forrest and Vicki has two children: Kelly and Jennie Jernigan. Robert has been employed as a carpenter for 16 years and Vicki has worked in a cabinet shop for 12 years.

Robert and Naomi's daughter, Linda and husband Fred McClish live 11 miles south of Bluffton, Indiana. They have two sons, Jeffrey and Brian. Linda is now employed by a law firm in Bluffton and Fred is employed by Mormans Feed as a District Manager.

SHEILA (FORREST) REFNER, born 13 August 1935, DeKalb County, daughter of William Clark and Willa (Parsell) Forrest. Paternal grandparents were William Earl and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest, maternal grandparents were D. Ward and Ruth (Conrad) Parsell Curry. Grandparents were from DeKalb County. Sheila has a sister and a brother; Sharon (Forrest) Hantz and William Neil Forrest. Sheila graduated from Ashley High School, class of 1953.

Sheila married Larry Keith Refner, 13 June 1953, Monroe, Indiana, son of Charles E., Sr., and Edna (Peckhart) Refner. Paternal grandparents were Calvin and Ada Anna Refner of DeKalb County. Maternal grandparents were Henry and Minnie Peckhart.

Larry joined the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, his rank was Airman First Class. He has been employed thirty-five years with the Rieke Corporation of Auburn, he is a tool and die maker. Sheila is employed with the DeKalb Central School System, as Cafeteria Manager, in the Middle School. They are members of the Ashley Methodist Church.

Larry and Sheila are the parents of three children; Michael Keith, born 8 February 1957, graduated from DeKalb High School, 1975 and from Purdue University, with a B.S. degree in Engineering. Michael married Susan Renee Thomas, 2 June 1979, Susan, born 9 May 1957. They have two children; Sara, born 27 January 1982 and Megan, born 20 August 1984. Michael and his family now live in Fort Collin, Colorado; Jeannine Kay, born 10 June 1960. Graduated from DeKalb High School, 1978 and from Purdue University with an Associate Degree in Computer Science. Jeannine married Michael Wehrenberg, 30 May 1986. Michael, born 14 March 1957. They reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Janette Sue, born 12 September 1963, graduated from DeKalb High School, 1982. She is an R.N. from Parkview. Janette married James David Neuman, 30 July 1983. James, born 15 July 1961. Janette and James live east of Auburn.

LUCY VIOLA FORREST was born 19 December 1909 in Waterloo, Indiana. She is the daughter of Earl William and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest of Waterloo.

Marcele (Pete) Franklin Engle was born 12 March 1902 in Newville, Indiana and passed away 7 March 1959 of a heart attack. Pete was the son of George and Lilly (Morgan) Engle.

Pete graduated from the first graduating class from the McIntosh High School building in Auburn. His hobbies were: fishing, hunting, bowling and woodworking. He built a cottage on Lake Pleasant in 1955 and his family still enjoys it. Pete belonged to the Moose.

Vi graduated from Ashley High School. Her hobbies are: playing the piano, fishing, bowling, playing cards and cooking. She is noted for the pies she used to bake for the local restaurants. Vi is a past College of Regents of the Moose.

Pete and Vi were married 2 June 1928 in the parsonage of the United Methodist Church of Auburn. They have three children: Joyce Arline Brown, born 13 April 1929 in Waterloo; Jack Forrest, born 28 July 1934 in Ashley and James Lee, born 19 February 1945 in Auburn.

In 1931 Pete and Vi lived in an old farm house with 3 acres south of Ashley. They scraped and painted the house one summer for one years rent of $72 and the next year they raised potatoes and pop corn for rent. In 1937, Pete started working at Warner Gear as a machine operator and worked there until his death. During the depression Vi was a mid-wife for Dr. John Showalter and Dr. Harry Covell.

Vi married Lewis Reiter on 10 March 1967 at Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, Indiana. She is a member of that church.

Lewis Reiter was born 1 October 1906 and died 7 September 1974 from cancer. Lewis was an employee of Rieke Corp., for 48 years.

JAMES LEE ENGLE was born 19 February 1945 in Auburn. He is the son of Marcelle Franklin and Lucy Viola (Forrest) Engle of Auburn.

Mary Kay Sheets was born 24 February 1947 in Auburn. She is the daughter of Kenneth Albert and Marietta Evangelin (Long) Sheets of Auburn.

James Engle Family

Jim and Mary met while going to Auburn High School and married 23 July 1965 at Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, Indiana where they are members.

Jim's first job at the age of 15 was pumping gas at Hoodelmier's Texaco Station when gas was $.25 per gallon. Jim graduated from Auburn High School. In 1966 he started as a laboratory technician at Warner-Motive of Auburn. In 1969 he was transferred to the Muncie plant. Jim and his family lived in Muncie for six years and moved back to Auburn after he was laid off. Jim is now the supervisor of the lab at Auburn Gear. His hobbies are: water sports, photography, guns, woodworking, bowling and metalworking. He is now in the process of restoring his 1966 442 Olds. Jim is a member of the 442 Olds Club and was the PR man for the Muncie Sky Chiefs RC Club when he lived in Muncie.

Mary's first job at the age of 16 was a car hop for the A&W Rootbeer Stand with starting wages at $.35 per hour. Mary graduated from Auburn High School. She is now employed as a baker at the East Auburn Elementary School cafeteria and part-time by DeKalb Upholstering in Auburn. Mary enjoys music and can play the piano, alto saxaphone, clarinet, guitar, she enjoys knitting, crocheting, bowling, photography, gardening, water sports and cake decorating. Mary is an honorable member of Job's Daughter's Bethel # 60, Auburn and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #103, Auburn and is a member of the Auburn Community Band.

Jim and Mary have two children: Michaele

Delree, born 31 August 1966 in Auburn and Jeremy Scott, born 16 September 1969 in Muncie.

Michaele graduated from DeKalb High School, Waterloo, and is a sales clerk and bookkeeper at Harger's Meats, Auburn. Michaele likes music and can play the piano and clarinet and takes jazz lessons. Her hobbies are: photography, reading, roller skating, water sports and art. Michaele has made the welcome sign for Koala Center in Ft. Wayne, designed the logo for Cathy Ann Dance Studio and has also sold paintings to local merchants.

Jeremy is a Sophomore at DeKalb High School. He is employed at Lorenzo II Pizza, Auburn. He enjoys: water sports, baseball, guns, fishing, bowling and racing his BMX bike. Jeremy races as a novice in the NIBMXA and is in the top 6% in the nation in his division. He also has a quarter-pipe in his back yard and he likes to freestyle.

MELVIN ALBERT SHEETS was born 1877 in Van Wert County, Ohio and died in 1963.

Bessie Marie Babbitt was born in 1881 at Van Wert County, Ohio, and died in 1956. Melvin and Bessie were married 1 January 1900 in Van Wert, Ohio. They had four children: Mildred Heinzerling who was born November 1901 in Piggot, Arizona; Glen Clemet who was born August 1903 in Piggot, Arizona; Vera Loffi who was born December 1904 in Paulding, Ohio and Kenneth Albert who was born 15 November 1909 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After Melvin and Bessie were married, they moved to Piggot, Arizona where they ran a photography studio for three years. They then moved back to Paulding, Ohio where they ran a studio for about two years until the building burned down. They then moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where Melvin worked for a photographer until 1915. At that time they bought Garrett Studio, renamed it Sheets Studio, which they ran until ill health forced them to retire. About 1947 they converted their studio building into an apartment. After their deaths the building was then sold, razed and the Garrett State Bank was built on that lot and the old Thompson lot.

During their tenure in Garrett, they were active in the Methodist Church. Bessie was choir director for over 25 years and sang at many funerals. Melvin was Sunday School Superintendent for many years and was the Assistant Scout Master for over 25 years.

KENNETH ALBERT SHEETS, born 15 November 1909 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is the son of Melvin Albert and Bessie Marie (Babbit) Sheets of Van Wert, Ohio.

Kenneth and Marietta Sheets

Marietta Evangeling Long was born 29 August 1910 in Auburn, Indiana. She is the daughter of John Perry and Rosa Belle (Rupert) Long of Auburn.

When Ken was six years old, his family moved to Garrett. After graduating from Garrett High School, Ken took a two year course at Ft. Wayne Art School. He worked for his father-in-law for a few years learning the carpenter trade until 1941. He then went to work for Warner Automotive Parts Division, Auburn in the axle grinding room. From there he went into tool design and then held various foreman jobs until he retired in 1972. Ken's hobbi : fishing, woodworking, silver craft and lapidary work. He belongs to the DeKalb Lodge No. 57 R.&.S.M., William Hacker Chapter No. 63 R.A.M., DeKalb Council No. 57 R.&.S.M., all in Auburn and the Order of High Priesthood and the Super Excellent Masters, both of Indiana and the Dreamland Villa Square Club of Mesa, Arizona.

Marietta graduated from Auburn High School. While in school, she worked at Staman's Drug Store. She was also a homemaker and when she was in her 50's, she worked as a nurses aid on the OB floor at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Her hobbies are: sewing, knitting, reading, bridge, cake decorating and she enjoys playing the piano and organ. Marietta belongs to the Order of Eastern Star #103, Auburn and she is a charter member of the Charm and Chatter Club, Auburn. She is presently the woman's editor of the Dreamland Villa Citizen Paper, Mesa.

Ken and Marietta were married 2 March 1935 in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Garrett, Indiana. They have four children: Thomas Lee, born 12 June 1941 in Auburn, and died of a heart disease 11 August 1944; Jill Joan Robbins, born 14 April 1946 in Auburn; Mary

Kay Engle, born 24 February 1947 in Auburn and Jack D., born 2 March 1950 in Auburn.

Ken and Marietta built a cottage, 3 homes, 2 of which they lived in and remodeled 3 homes. After Ken retired, they moved to Mesa, Arizona where they now reside. They do a lot of volunteer work for Mesa Meals on Wheels and are active in the hobby club of Dreamland Villa. They belong to the ValVista United Methodist Church.

Ken and Marietta enjoy coming back to Auburn during Arizona's hot to and visit their relatives and friends. Ken takes advantage of the ACD Days and has a booth on the courthouse square during the arts and crafts show and sells his turquoise jewelry.

JILL JOAN SHEETS was born 14 April 1946 in Auburn, Indiana. She is the daughter of Kenneth Albert and Marietta Evangeling (Long) Sheets.

Phillip Edgar Robbins was born 16 January 1945 in Auburn, Indiana. He is the son of Wilbur and Pauline (Treesh) Robbins.

Jill graduated from Auburn High School and is now a homemaker. Her hobbies are: sewing, knitting and candy making.

Phil received his GED after joining the U.S. Navy in 1967. While serving his country and traveling overseas on an aircraft carrier, Phil was a botwson. He was discharged from the service in 1973. Phil worked as a machinist for Warner Gear for about 10 years. He is now employed as a tool designer at Awer Corp., Mesa, Arizona.

Jill and Phil met on a blind date and were married 6 October 1973 at The First United Methodist Church in Auburn. They lived in Garrett until 1980, then moved to Mesa, Arizona where they now reside. They have four children: Teena Marie, born 24 September 1974 in Auburn; Tony Lee, born 6 October 1976 in Auburn (born on his parents third wedding anniversary); Tracey Ann, born 29 September 1979 in Auburn and Tyler Jay, born 12 December 1984, in Mesa.

JACK D. SHEETS was born 2 March 1950 in Auburn, Indiana. He is the son of Kenneth Albert and Marietta Evangeling (Long) Sheets. Jack was born on his parents 15th wedding anniversary.

Jack graduated from the first graduating class of DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana. He then went to college and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Purdue University. Sometime after college, Jack along with the help of some friends and relatives, built a goedesic dome house in Jackson, Michigan. Jack lived there for about five years.

Jack Sheets

Jack is presently living in Albany, California and is employed by Med-Tox as an environmental chemist. His hobbies are: photography, woodworking, camping and hiking.

JOHN PERRY LONG was born 25 January 1867 in Garrett, Indiana and died of pneumonia on 30 January 1943. He was the son of Samuel Harrison and Marietta (Wiant) Long.

Florence Dirrim was born in 1867 and died in 1900. She was the daughter of William Dirrim.

Rosa Belle Rupert was born 7 January 1886, and died of a stroke on 23 May 1957. She was the daughter of Manassa and Mary (Borden) Rupert of Newville.

Perry Long was reared on the home farm in Garrett and helped till the soil and harvest the crops and in the meantime secure good practical education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one, he came to Auburn and learned the carpenter's trade, which he has made his life work for over 50 years. Perry built the Y.M.C.A., Eckhart Public Library, both the City and the State banks, remodeled the Hotel Auburn three times, the First Presbyterian Church once and put in two-thirds of the fronts of business buildings in town. His house was the first house on the east side of Cedar Creek to have inside plumbing.

Perry is a very active member of the Auburn volunteer fire department. He was a member of the Democratic Party, and in 1904 was elected a member of the city council. His fraternal affiliations were with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees.

Perry was married twice, first on 13 May 1888 to Florence Dirrim. They had five children: Ethel (Warstler, Hollinger, Ostrand) who was born 15

August 1892 and died 11 August 1962; Russel, born 1 January 1895 and died 14 December 1895; Ruth (Albright Dirrim) who was born 14 August 1895 and died of cancer on 20 January 1981; Clarence, born 8 April 1899 and died 16 August 1899 and Vesta Shull born 27 August 1900.

After the death of Florence, Perry married Rosa Rupert on 22 June 1902. Perry and Rosa had five children: Waldo Perry, born 28 May 1904; Rupert, born 31 October 1905 and died of diptheria 24 December 1920; Mozelle Mondhank Tuttle, who was born 28 March 1908 and died of cancer 23 July 1955; Marietta Sheets born 29 August 1910 and Priscilla (Dunn) born 2 December 1912.

The Long's belonged to the United Methodist Church of Auburn. Rosa Long was an active member and went to different clubs and lectured about Noah and Mosses.

PERRY WALDO "BILL" LONG was born 28 May 1904 in Auburn. He is the son of John Perry and Rosa Belle (Rupert) Long of Auburn.

Ruth R. Ketel was born 23 April 1913 in DeKalb County and died from cancer 10 April 1986. She is the daughter of John and Eva (Haines) Ketel.

Bill graduated from Auburn High School. He learned the carpenter trade from his dad, then was self-employed in the carpenter business. Bill was the first carpenter in Auburn to speculate building homes and the first carpenter in Auburn to build a FHA home. He built the house he lives in and retired from the carpenter business in 1981.

Ruth attended a Mooresville country school. She was a homemaker and a sales clerk at Romeiser and Keltsch Pharamacies. She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star #103, Auburn and the Priscila Woman's Circle of the Presbyterian Church of which they are members. Her hobbies were: sewing, knitting and crocheting.

Bill and Ruth were married 5 May 1934 at the home of Rev. Joe Ferguson in DeKalb County. They have three children: Michael, born 23 May 1940 in Auburn; David, born 15 November 1943 in Auburn and Vicki, born 15 January 1952 in Auburn.

Vicki started attending the Wee Haven School in Garrett when she was five years old. She is now employed part-time by the Wee Haven Workshop of Garrett. Her hobbies are: bowling, fishing and she likes music.

MOZELLE LONG was born 28 March 1908 in Auburn, Indiana and died of cancer on 23 July 1955. She is the daughter of John Perry and Rosa Belle (Rupert) Long. She graduated from Auburn High School and was a forward of the high school girls' basketball team.

Frederick Mondhank was born 21 March 1906 in Butler, Indiana and died of cancer on 24 August 1929. He was the son of Walter J. and Ellen (Willock) Mondhank of Butler.

Chester Tuttle was born 28 August 1908 in Auburn, Indiana. He is the son of Edward and Lula Tuttle. Chet graduated from the Pleasant Lake School and went to Tri-State College in Angola.

Mozelle married Frederick Mondhank in January 1928 and they lived in Butler. They have one child, Richard William, born 24 April 1928 in Butler.

After the death of her husband, Mozelle married Chester V. Tuttle on 31 August 1931 in Angola, Indiana. After their marriage, they moved to Angola where Chet now resides. During World War II, Mozelle was head of the knit department of the Red Cross. She operated the Knit Shop in her home at the time of her death. Mozelle was a member of the Moose of Angola.

PRISCILLA FLORETTA LONG, born 2 December 1912 in Auburn, Indiana. She is the daughter of John Perry and Rosa Belle Long at Auburn.

Robert Porter Dunn was born 11 October 1909, in Toledo, Ohio. He is the son of Harry Leigh and Edith Mary (Porter) Dunn of Toledo.

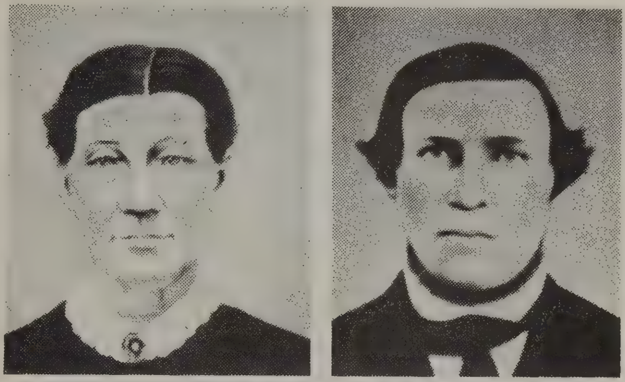
Bob and his parents moved to Auburn when Bob was about fourteen years old. He attended Auburn High School. Bob joined the National Guard in November 1940. About a year later he joined the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army and spent four years traveling over seas. Bob's fondest memories were when he was a mortician while stationed at the 20th General Hospital in India. He was discharged from the service in October 1945. Bob took voice lessons in his younger years and used to sing at the Old Court Theatre for special events and he used to sing in a barbershop quartet. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Legion, both in Auburn. Bob's hobbies are: fishing, writing, poetry, photography and riding his moped.

While Peg was in high school, she was president of the girls athletic association and was guard on the girls basketball team. Peg graduated from Auburn High School and is a homemaker. Her hobbies are: painting ceramics, embroidery and she enjoys growing flowers.

Peg and Bob were married 25 July 1941 at the

Methodist Church in Bryan, Ohio. They have two children: Gregory Leigh, born 10 February 1947, in Auburn and Denise Porter Heath, Lewis, born 3 December 1949 in Garrett.

The Dunns moved to Hamilton in 1957 and now reside at Life of Riley, Pleasant Lake, Indiana.



Edward Praul and Wife

EDWARD PRAUL helped to build the first Methodist church in Jarvis, later Butler, Indiana. He was a Methodist circuit rider who eventually brought his family to DeKalb County from Mercer County, Pennsylvania in 1845. Edward was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, 4 June 1815, and his wife Lucinda Thompson was born in Greene County, New York, 16 March 1817. The couple bought the Ocker farm for their ten daughters and one son. Edward died of a rattlesnake bite, 4 July 1863, and is buried in the Franklin Township Cemetery on County Road 24 near 61, beside the graves of Rev. John McCurdy and his wife. Lucy died, 13 March 1885, and is buried in the Cosperville Cemetery north of Wawaka, Indiana.

EDWIN AVILLA PRAUL, son of Edward and Lucy Praul, born 15 December 1848, in Franklin Township and struggled to improve the farms as an only son with ten sisters. Edwin's first wife, Sarah A. Firestone, also born in Franklin Township, 13 September 1851, daughter of George P. Firestone who came to the township in 1836. George Francis "Frank" was her only child, born 1869, when he was seventeen she left and went to live in Seattle, Washington. She was called Grandma Whitney by her family. Her third husband never came back from the Yukon Gold Rush. Sarah maintained a boarding house. She died in Seattle, 30 March 1921. One of her boarders, a railroad man, brought her back to be buried in the Butler Cemetery.

Edwin married Mary (Dirrim) Hagerty and their son Eugene was born at Maple Lawn Farm 25 August 1890. They lived in the log cabin home at Maple Lawn Farm until about 1902 and then bought a farm south of Butler, which became Gene's after Edwin died, 4 March 1919. Edwin is buried in the Butler Cemetery Mausoleum beside Mary.

GEORGE FRANCIS "FRANK" PRAUL, born 19 November 1869 in a log cabin belonging to his grandfather, Edward, just east of the land he later called Maple Lawn farm. Maple Lawn was on the east side of State Route 1, one-and-one-half miles north of Butler in Franklin Township. As a young man he helped fell and drag the logs to build the road. Later he helped in a community effort to drain the swampy land, of which the sixty acres he farmed were a part, and he planted the maples along the road.

Frank married Margaret Elizabeth McClintock born 18 February 1873 at Artic, Indiana, 27 December 1893, in Troy Township. Her father, Jeremiah and mother Mary Margaret Scott, were married in Crestline, Ohio 1 January 1867. Frank and Margaret's oldest daughter, Sherely Edith, born 4 October 1894, across the raod from Maple Lawn. Just after his second daughter, Besse Gertrude was born 2 May 1896 the family moved to Butler while he worked at the Basket Factory and then for the railroad. Frank's family lived in the Maple Lawn Farm log house until he built a new home closer to the road and the maple trees just before his son, Russell Edward, was born 25 June 1908.

"Lizzie," as Margaret was called, never had a lesson, but she played the organ satisfactorily for church. She was later a most enthusiastic member of the Franklin Township Home Demonstration Club, forerunner of the Women's Council of the Extension Service. Frank was a member of the Knights of Pythias and an early member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and sold fertilizer for them.

At the new house, Sherley Paul married Clarence T. Corson, 19 April 1916. Their daughters, Margaret and Virginia, spent much of their time visiting at Maple Lawn Farm while growing up and shared happy memories of the place, not the least of which was seeing eggs hatched on top of the Ben Franklin stove and little red piglets warmed over the furnace register. The girls saw many changes in farm life during that time — from the kerosene lamp to the electric stove.

Lizzie passed away 20 January 1951. Frank died at Maple Lawn 28 January 1955 and then the farm was sold. They are both buried in the Butler Cemetery next to Grandma Whitney.

SHERLEY EDITH (PRAUL) CORSON was George Francis Praul's first daughter, she graduated from Butler High School, went to Tri-State College at Angola, then taught elementary school north of Butler for three years. She met Clarence True Corson at Tri-State. He was the son of Edgar and Rufina (Newcomb) Corson, born in New Sharon, Maine, 4 January 1894. After he graduated in pharmacy, Clarence and Sherley were married 19 April 1916 and moved back to his home in New Sharon, Maine. for a short time. They had two children: Margaret Louise, born at Maple Lawn Farm 2 August 1917 and Virginia Newcomb, born in Chicago, Illinois 12 March 1919. The family moved to Downers Grove, a suburb of Chicago, before the girls went to school. Clarence was an electrical engineer for Western Electric, where he was employed until his death, 17 December 1948. He is buried in the Butler Cemetery. Sherley, at 92, lives with her daughters, six months a year in Ohio in the summertime, and six months in California for the winter.

Margaret (Corson) Cummings

MARGARET (CORSON) CUMMINGS, daughter of Sherely Praul and Clarence Corson, born 2 August 1917 at Maple Lawn Farm, north of Butler, Indiana, attended two years at Purdue University and better than two years as a link operator in the WAVES during WW II. She met Robert Lee Cummings while obtaining her degree from the University of Illinois. Born in Evansville, Indiana, 20 September 1924, Bob was the son of Elmer and Edna (Graul) Cummings. Margaret and Bob were married in Urbana, where their first son, Robert Lee II, was born, 28 February 1948. Bob was an Air Force Lieutenant in WW II. Graduating as an aeronautical engineer, he went to work for NACA in Cleveland, Ohio. Trulee, their only daughter, was born 17 September 1949, in Berea, Ohio; Daniel Jon was born in May of 1953; and Philip Corson on 25 April 1956. The family moved to Wickliffe, then to the farm in Litchfield, Ohio. Margaret was actively involved in the League of Women Voters for over 25 years.

ROBERT LEE CUMMINGS II and SPUSANNA COPEL were both graduates of Ohio State University in 1970. They were married 2 September 1973, and settled in Potter Valley, California, where they created the Secret Harbour Boat Works. The couple designs and hand builds three-hulled sailboats as well as canoes of Douglas Fir and Redwood.

TRULEE CUMMINGS, attended Ohio State and married John Andrew Burns, attorney, on 26 December 1968. Daughter Tara Lee, born 22 August 1972, in columbus, Ohio. Trulee is now a partner in Jameson Broadcast, Incorporated, a broadcast production and syndication company in Columbus and Washington, D.C.

DANIEL JON CUMMINGS, married Debra Yost, 23 September 1972 in Valley City, Ohio, after his first year at Ohio State University. Kevin Jon, 29 October 1977 and Aaron Daniel, 6 August 1980, were born in Medina, Ohio. The family lives in their own home in Chippewa Lake and Dan owns a computer consulting business. Debbie is Assistant Personnel Director at Westfield Companies.

PHILIP CORSON CUMMINGS was raised on the farm in Litchfield, Ohio. Wanted to be a farmer, but became a sanitary engineer and computer expert. In 1977, he married Ellen Noethe, born 22 March 1955, in Canada where her parents first immigrated from Alsdorf and Baesweiler, Germany. She was raised in Brunswick, Ohio. She and Phil built their own home in Chatham Township, Medina County where their children, Eric Jon, 10 November 1981 and Holly Ann, 6 October 1983, were born.

VIRGINIA (CORSON) TAYLOR, Sherley's second daughter, born 12 March 1919, in Chicago, graduated from West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing in 1940. She joined United Airlines as a stewardess and flew on the DC-3's between Chicago-New York and Chicago-

Virginia (Corson) Taylor

Denver. She met Hal Ingam Taylor who was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, 15 August 1919, the son of Henry and Myrle (Ingham) Taylor. They were married, 5 September 1942, in Downers Grove, Illinois and then moved to Palo Alto, California. There, all four of their children were born: Terrill Newcomb, 13 June 1944; Hal Ira, 22 November 1945; Toni Jean, 17 December 1946; and Scott Ingham, 18 August 1948. The couple built their own home in the hills of Portola VAlley, California. Hal was a pilot in the Air Transport Command during WW II and later a U.A.L. pilot association negotiator. Captain Taylor died, 29 February 1979, after 27 years with United Airlines. Virginia returned to nursing and is currently employed in the office of an orthopedic surgeon.

TERRIL NEWCOMB (TAYLOR) BERNIER, became a computer programmer and systems analyst, and married Ramon Dennis Bernier, Jr. Ray, son of Ramon D. Bernier and Helen LaMere, was born, 16 May 1935 in Minneapolis and served in the Marine Corps. The couple own Fred's Place, a tavern in Mountain View, California.

HAL IRA TAYLOR, Served Four Years In The U.S. Air Force and two years in Vietnam. He graduated from San Jose State University and built his own home in the hills of Los Altos, California. He married Carol Jean Downs, 19 August 1978, in Sunnyvale, California. Carol, born 1 may 1948 in Belvedere, Illinois, is the daughter of Edward Gerald Downs and Jean Ranger. Hal and Carol have two sons: Mark Russell, 26 February 1984, and Brent Ranger, 7 September 1986. Carol has her own clinic as a special education teacher for emotionally handicapped children.

TONI JEAN TAYLOR, graduated with a masters in psychiatric nursing and married a psychologist, Stewart Edwin Trebbe, 15 October 1983, in Pescadero, California. Stewart was born, 24 August 1932, in East St. Louis, Illinois, son of Louis Bross Trebbe and Ruth Stewart. He was in the Navy Medical Corps. They live in Scotts Valley, California.

SCOTT INGHAM TAYLOR, finished his Masters in Pedagogical Cybernetics and is teaching at San Jose State University. He has established his own consulting business. He spent three years in the U.S. Army, one year in Vietnam, in Germany teaching radio communication and seven years with the Edgar Cayce Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona. He is also an expert wood craftsman and lives in Cupertina, California.

Besse G. (Praul) Baker

BESSE GERTRUDE (PRAUL) BAKER, second daughter of George Francis Praul of Franklin Township, Besse was born 2 May 1896 across the road from Maple Lawn Farm. Soon after her parents' home in Butler burned, they moved to the log house of Grandpa Edwin, and she learned to cook while sister Sherley learned to milk cows.

Besse graduated from Butler High School as did D.A. Baker, whom Besse married 16 February 1916 in Auburn. D.A. was born in Fayette, Ohio 24 January 1893. His father was Davis Albert Baker, who operated a creamery in Butler. His mother was Barbara Elizabeth Synder.

D.A. Baker and Besse became owners of the Faultless Machine and Grinding Co., Birmingham, Michigan, and worked together for a year before his death 12 August 1959. He is buried in Fayette Cemetery.

Their only child, Faithe Oleta Baker, was born 11 September 1922 in Butler, Indiana, and raised in Birmingham, Michigan.

Besse retired at the age of eighty from work as a pharmacist's assistant. She is now 90 years old and living in Royal Oak, Michigan near her daughter Faithe (Baker) Leasia.

Faithe (Baker) Leasia, only child of D.A. and Besse Baker, born in Butler, Indiana 11 September 1922, Faithe was a secretary and successful accordion player before she married John Donald Leasia, Jr. 6 June 1945 in Royal Oak, Michigan, when he returned from the service in the U.S. Air Force (MSGT) in Italy. Don, born 3 January 1919 in Detroit, son of John D. Leasia and Helen Majorie Jackson. He became a Senior Project Engineer for General Motors.

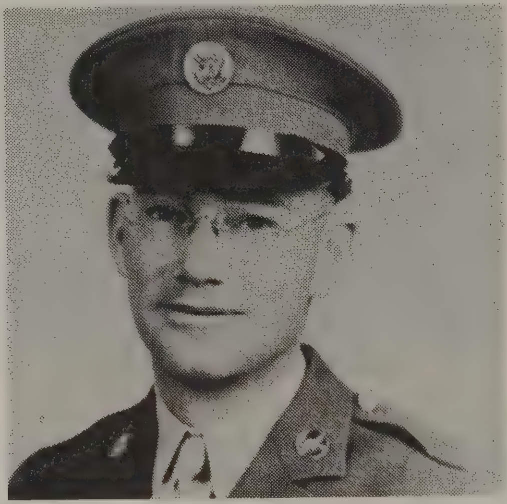
Their first child, Donna Jean, born 3 August 1946 in Detroit. David Edward, born 10 June 1950, Gary Michael born 27 July 1951 and John Donald Leasia III born 29 April 1962 were born in Royal Oak, Michigan.

DONNA JEAN LEASIA, is acting staff manager for Michigan Bell Telephone Company and is married to Herbert Eugene Allen, 12 May 1967. Herbert, born 19 February 1945, in Detroit, the son of William Hector Allen and Beatrice Irene Coburn. Herb was in the U.S. Army in Chicago and Germany, 1965-1968. He is a police officer for the city of Madison Heights, Michigan. Their two sons are Scott William, 14 January 1971 and Todd Michael, 25 October 1974, born in Royal Oak, Michigan.

DAVID EDWARD LEASIA, is a service technician for Bell Public Comunications of Michigan Bell. He married Barbara Lynn Harl 20 April 1974 in Royal Oak. She was born 21 September 1951 in Warren, Ohio, the daughter of David McKean Harl and Ilona Mirian Lepola and is a registered nurse. Their two sons are Mathew David, 26 January 1980, and Christopher Bennet, 29 August 1983, born in Detroit.

GARY MICHAIL LEASIA, is a computer progammer and owns his business, Stallion Cumputer Company, in Waterford, Michigan.

JOHN DONALD LEASIA III, is a Blueprint machine repair representative for HRD Blueprint Company, Mount Clemens, Michigan.



Russell E. Praul

RUSSELL EDWARD PRAUL, born 25 June 1908 and raised on Maple Lawn Farm north of Butler, Indiana, the third child and only son of George Francis and Margaret (McClintock) Praul. He enjoyed farming, but after high school, he went to Birmingham, Michigan, where sister Besse Baker lived. There he learned city jobs in Faultless Machine Grinding as well as the auto industry, before he entered the army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. He later went back to the auto industry in Michigan and married Virginia Goldsmith of Auburn. During WW II she traveled with him until he went overseas to Africa and Italy.

Home again to Maple Lawn Farm, he and Virginia set up a chicken farm and he went to work as an Inspector for International Harvester of Fort Wayne. After Virginia passed away 7 July 1953, he married Nancy Carol Tustison, in Angola, Indiana 17 July 1954. Nancy, born in Spencerville, 20 September 1932 and was the daughter of Carl Tustison and Gaylon Marie Goldsmith of Auburn.

Their children were: Michael Edward, born 19 May 1956, while they still lived at Maple Lawn: Mark Allen, born 19 1957, Martin Eugene, born 10 March 1959, and Melinda Kay, born 24 June 1965, in Auburn, Indiana.

Russell retired a few years before his death, 7 April 1985 at his home they built near Auburn. He was fascinated by railroading and pleased by the restoration of the railroad run to Angola each year. Auburn Cord Museum was another source of pleasure to him and his family. He is buried in the Butler Cemetery.

Son Michael Praul is employed by the Auburn Foundry. Mark Praul is a Senior Customer Engineer for Interlogic Trace, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. Martin is a Purdue graduate in Restaurant Management. He married Lori Joan Schmidt of Auburn, 24 November 1984. They live in Arlington, Virginia. Melinda is a senior nursing student and technician at Fort Wayne.

EUGENE "GENE" PRAUL, born 25 August 1890 in Franklin Township at Maple Lawn Farm north of Butler, Indiana. After his parents Edwin and Mary (Dirrim) Hagerty Praul, moved to their farm home in Wilmington Township, south of Butler, in 1902, Gene married Zora May Ginder. Zora, born 3 May 1891 in Wilmington Township, daughter of Philip and Martha (McDaniel) Ginder. They were married at the home of pastor Rev. I.N. Shilling, 10 January 1910.

They were devoted farmers and members of the Mount Pleasant E.U.B. Church. Their only child. Lloyd Edwin, born 13 November 1920 and raised on the farm.

Zora enjoyed the Wilmington Township Home Demonstration Club as well as the activities of the Mount Pleasant Church. She and Gene celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary there in 1960. She passed away the day after her 73rd birthday, 4 May 1964 and is buried in the Mount Pleasant Church Cemetery. Gene, died in May 1966 at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital, having resided at his farm home the past 66 years.

Lloyd Edwin, his son, farmed and was a Universal Tool Employee. On 6 November 1965, he married Janna Timme and adopted two of her sons. Janna, born 12 April 1930 in LaGrange, Indiana. William Edward Praul, born 11 December 1954 in Canyonville Riddle, Oregon. Allen Lee Praul, born 6 April 1957 in Marietta, Ohio. Lloyd passed away at age 65, 7 January 1986. He is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Butler.

JEREMIAH MC CLINTOCK, first child of David and Margaret (Kirkpatrick) McClintock, born 31 January 1838 near Duncannon and the Susquehanna River in Perry County, Pennsylvania. His grandparents, John and Peggy McClintock, were buried there "up of the hill at Fire Forge." They were believed to be of Scotch-Irish descent, of the Methodist faith, and members of the Whig Party.

Jeremiah met and married Mary Margaret Scott in Crestline, Crawford County, Ohio. Her father, Isaac Scott, a Virginia Quaker and son of Stephan, was born in Loudon County, Virginia 20 July 1816. Isaac married Margaret Fried, born 13 April 1826, daughter of Jacob Fried who came from Germany about 1832, on 5 February 1844. Jacob Fried was born 28 September 1795.

In 1868 Jerry and Mary moved to the James Wiley Farm in Troy township, then in 1871 to their own farm home in Artic, Troy Township, where they lived until they moved to Butler in 1902.

Their children were all born in Troy Township: Elias A., 15 November 1867, Margaret Elizabeth, 18 February 1873, who married George F. Praul; Harriett B., 21 January 1878, who married Lee Noragon, 11 January 1900, died in childbirth 28 December 1905 and is buried near her father and mother; her twin, Martha D., 21 January 1878.

Jerry for many years was a faithful member of the Butler, Indiana Meade Post No. 44 of the G.A.R. They were supporters of the Methodist Church First Pleasant Chapel, north of Butler, then in Butler. And Mary was a quilt maker. Her great granddaughter has one of her quilts that was made in 1847, by Margaret Fried, and another her daughter, Lizzie made in 1888, beside Mary's light heavy ones. Jerry, died 26 February 1918 and Mary. 3 March 1921. Both are buried in the Butler Cemetery near the circle.

ELIAS A. MC CLINTOCK was the first child and only son of Jeremiah and Mary Scott, born 15 November 1867 and raised in Troy Township. He was ordained a Methodist minister and served near the area where he grew up. He was also at one time a Deputy County Clerk and Justice of the Peace in DeKalb County. For a time he made furniture in Auburn, too. He married, 31 December 1891, Eva Alma Lantsenhiser, born 30 May 1870, in Hamilton, Indiana, who grew up in Edgerton, Ohio. They had two children, Clarence E., born 7 November 1893, in Sante Fe, Indiana and Ralph W., who was born 1 January 1903.

Elias passed away, 26 May 1949, after Eva, who died in October 1938. Both are buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

CLARENCE E. MC CLINTOCK, was the first son of Elias and Eva. After he graduated from high school, with the help of Auburn's Attorney Link, he studied and passed the Bar and established a law practice that lasted fifty years in DeKalb County. He was a member of the DeKalb County Bar Association, Auburn, Rotary, Waterloo Masonic Lodge, and the National Lions Club.

He married Louise Merriman in 1917. She was the daughter of Jesse Merriman whose farm was northwest of Butler, in Franklin Township.

Their children were: Dorothy Waltz, of Wilmington, Delaware; Doreen Kranifield of Greenville, Tennessee; David C., of Barrington, Illinois; and Ruth Ravasz of Barnwell, South Carolina.

Later in life, 22 November 1945, he married Stella Mumy Dalrymple of Fort Wayne, Indiana and lived in Hamilton, Indiana, when he passed away, 17 October 1978. He is buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Stella lives in Fort Wayne.

RALPH MC CLINTOCK, youngest son of Elias and Eva, was born 1 January 1903, and raised in and near Auburn. He married Loretta Gallagher. Their only child is Eileen Anders of Seattle, Washington. At the time of his mother's death, Ralph was living in La Junta, Colorado.

Vern Kepler Family

MARTHA D. MC CLINTOCK, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary McClintock, was born in Artic and became a life long resident at the farm in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She married Vernon Lee Kepler, 18 April 1901. He was the son of Samuel and Melinda (Rosenburg), born 17 January 1874, near Hamilton, Indiana, and became a prominent Troy Township farmer. Their four sons were: Arthur F., born 3 March 1902, on the farm near Hamilton; Ferm L., born 24 June 1904; Chester Lee, born 30 March 1906; and Roscoe D., born 17 June 1910, born in Artic. "Mattie" and Vern attended the Zion Methodist Church. He died in Bryan Ohio Hospital, 6 September 1957 and Mattie passed away at the Butler Rest Home six years later in January of 1963. They were both buried in the Butler Cemetery.

ARTHUR F. KEPLER, born 3 March 1902, near Hamilton and raised on his grandfather, Jerry's, farm up on the knoll north of Artic and the railroad in Troy Township. He became a carpenter and a builder with his own business. He married Pearl E. Long, 7 August 1926, in Bryan, Ohio. Her parents were Arthur and Flossie (Williams) Long. Arthur and Pearl's children were both born in Edgerton, Ohio: Vivian Ruth, born 16 June 1927; and Marvin DeLoss, born 4 September 1929. Arthur built their home in Bryan. He died, 17 June 1982, and is buried in Edgerton. His wife, Pearl, is carrying on their dedicated work with the Miracle Revival Center Church.

VIVIAN RUTH KEPLER, grew up in Edgerton and graduated from Stryker High School and the University of Toledo. She married Harvey DeGraft 11 June 1946, in Bryan, Ohio. He was born 11 November 1929, son ofCharles and Leona. he is a graduate of Stryker High School and attended Defiance College. Their children are: Ronald Wayne, born 10 December 1946; and Jerry Lee, born 19 September 1948. Today they live in Stryker, Ohio. Vivian is a retired school teacher and meologist. Harvey restores antique cars and is area manager of power for Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon, Ohio.

MARVIN DE LOSS KEPLER, is a senior engineer at Nasa, New Orleans, Louisana. He married Toni Lavengood in Seattle, Washington on 25 August 1962. Toni was born, 20 November 1934, the daughter of Ludwig and Ella Roller. Their children are Sandra, born 25 October 1963 and Susan, born 22 May 1965.

FERM L. KEPLER, second son of Vern and Mattie was born 24 June 1904, on the McClintock homestead in Artic. His interests turned to automobiles and he was involved in auto mechanics in Montpelier, Ohio. He married Gertrude Ball, 29 December 1926, in Butler, Indiana. Her father and mother were Henry and Frances (Osbun). Gertrude was born in Butler, 5 August 1904. Ferm and Gertrude moved to Montpelier, Ohio, before their daughter, Phyllis, was born on 9 March 1930. Gertrude was an active member of the First Methodist Church and the WSCS at the church in Montpelier. She passed away in Toledo, 4 September 1978, and is buried in the Riverside Cemetery of Montpelier. Ferm is retired, but still very active.

PHYLLIS ANN KEPLER, graduated in 1948 and married Lyle Robison, 14 October 1950 in Montpelier, Ohio. Lyle is the son of Robert Earle and Blanche (Hilton) Robison, born 8 January 1929 in Pioneer, Ohio. Their six children were born in Bryan and raised in Montpelier: Diana, born 16 September 1952; Linda, born 30 October 1953, died 2 August 1954; Jeffrey, born 10 August 1955; Cathy, born 28 February 1958; Rex, born 27 November 1962; and Steven, born 27 August 1964.

CHESTER LEE KEPLER, was born 30 March 1906 in Artic, third son of Vern and Mattie (McClintock) Kepler. Farming became his career. He married Mildred L. Nihart, 19 November 1927 in the Edgerton Church parsonage. She was born 8 March 1909 in Melbern, Ohio, the daughter of William A. and Hannah (Suffel) Nihart. All four of their children were born in Bryan, Ohio: Helen Rosalie, born 11 February 1928; William, born 11 August 1930; Mary Alice, born 8 July 1938; and Richard Lee, born 1 February 1941.

Chester and Mildred celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the Melbern United Methodist Church in 1977. Chester was also a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge in Edgerton, Ohio. He died, 5 September 1979, and is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio.

HELEN ROSALIE KEPLER, graduated from Edgerton High School and Henry Ford School of Nursing in Detroit. She married Warren Forbes, 19 November 1949 in Farmer, Ohio. He is the son of Homer and Anna Forbes, born 31 January 1928, in Coldwater, Michigan. He is a truck driver and tax consultant and former Marine. Their children are: Randy W., born 15 May 1951, who died at birth; Doneen Ray, born 7 November 1952; Warren Scott, born 14 May 1954; Barbara Jo, born 18 January 1959; and Kim Allen, born 12 January 1963.

WILLIAM KEPLER, graduated from Edgerton High School and was with the U.S. Army. He married Dona Able, 13 May 1951. Dona was the daughter of Foster and Blanche Able and born 19 November 1933 in French Link, Indiana. Their children are: Karen Sue, born 22 October 1951; Walter Lee, born 21 May 1953; Richard Michail, born 17 May 1954; Linda Lea, born 24 April 1956; Steven William, born 15 May 1960; and Margaret Ann, born 10 March 1963.

MARY ALICE KEPLER, graduated from Bowling Green University, Ohio, and was a home economic teacher. She married Paul W. Myers in Melbern, Ohio 98 April 1949, He is the son of Warren and Edith Myers and born 27 October 1934, in Wood County, Ohio and became a teacher. Mary Alice passed away, 6 January 1969 in Bowling Green. Their children are: Timothy Lee, born 17 October 1959; and Joy Lou, born 21 January 1961.

RICHARD LEE KEPLER, graduated from Edgerton High School and became an employee of General Telephone. He married Sharon Kadisch, 5 October 1963, the daughter of Dale and Aletha Kadisch and born 18 October 1943 in Paulding, Ohio. They live in Bryan, Ohio and their children are: Sharolee Ann, born 9 April 1965; and Brian Delane, born 17 July 1969.

ROSCOE D. KEPLER, fourth son of Mattie and Vern was born 17 June 1910 on the farm in Troy Township. He spent two years in the Navy. His first wife was Faithe. His second wife was Tina F. Burton, born 22 May 1899, in West County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Charles and Lillian (White) Burton. They were married 26 February 1957 in Angola, Indiana and lived in Pioneer, Ohio.

Walter and Alta Hose

WALTER RAY HOSE, was born 3 September 1891 in DeKalb County, south of Butler, Indiana, the son of Solomon, Jr., born 1 January 1849, died 30 May 1909 and Ida (Swartz) Hose, born 12 March 1860, died 4 December 1940. The oldest son, Ernest, born 2 August 1890, died 22 August 1914, died in his early twenties because of a ruptured appendix. A sister, Gladys Esther, was born 4 November 1900, she taught school a few years then married George Cotrill. They are both deceased but have two daughters in DeKalb County. Ruth and husband, Bert Gearhart, live in Butler. Alice Tumbleson's husband is deceased and Alice lives south of Butler on a section of what was formerly her great grandfather's stock farm of four hundred fifteen acres.

Ida's great grandfather, George Swartz, born 3 October 1817 in Pennsylvania, married Elizabeth Hollipeter from Leo, Indiana on 8 March 1859. They were the parents of three daughters, Ida, Ollie and Minnie, who lived to become adults.

Walter Hose is still living on the farm his parents, Solomon, Jr. and Ida (Swartz) Hose purchased when he was a baby. At first the family lived in a log cabin. The present house was built when Walter was about two years old. An old diary records that Grandpa Solomon Hose, born 1 January 1799, died 1888, lived in the family home for a short time. It is said that his wife had been an Indian girl. Walter's father, Solomon, Jr., died while Walter was a teen age lad. The family continued to live on the farm. A few years later, Mother, Ida moved east of Butler near a place called Gypsy Hill. Walter remained on the farm with his new bride, Alta (Farner) Hose. They had known each other since school days at the Oak Hill School about two miles south of Butler, Indiana. It was here, in an older building, that the area Post Office was first located in the early 1840's. Alta's mother, Roena (Treman) Farner, went to her grade school in this older building. She finished her grades in the new school that was built. Roena, born 12 October 1859, died February 1941, married Jacob Farner, born 1858, died 1933, who came to live with her on the George Treman farm, where Roena was born and continued to live until her death in 1941. For many years their house was the only house on what is now County Road 22.

Veva, Alta's sister married Glibert Hose, a cousin of Walter. Gladys, the youngest, never married. A brother, Heber, lived on this home place all of his life. He worked as a mechanic in Long's Garage in Butler, later is was sold to C.J. Maxton. Heber also served in WW I.

Alta Farner married Walter Hose 28 December 1912. Later they became the parents of six children; Viola Mae, Wilbur Ernest, Ralph Waldo, Harold Heber, Grace Maxine and Herbert Lynn, deceased at eleven years old.

Ralph and Harold still live in DeKalb County. Harold bought the Hose farm where Walter still lives and helps in his garden.

In the 1940's, Walter and Alta with some other interested people, including Glen and Harold Housers', bought an old Church of God building in Butler and started a Community Bible Church. Walter is still attending this church, as his health permits.

Walter was a farmer by trade and buyer of fur hides. His hobbies are baseball, hunting and fishing. Years ago, before the grain combine, Walter and the men in his neighborhood had a common threshing machine that they called ''Old Coalie''. Neighbors helped one another harvest their grain, then they all met together at the end of the harvest for a big oyster supper.

VIOLA MAE HOSE, born 25 June 1914, daughter of Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. She attended the Oak Hill School through grade seven. The school closed in 1927 and never used again as a school. The children were transferred to the Hablawetz School in Butler, Indiana. Viola was in the 1932 graduating class from Butler High School. Being interested in Christian service, she attended Indiana Central College for two years. After her marriage, she taught Child Evangelism classes for several years in Butler. She also helped Pastor Ted and Phyllis Brannen in a children's Bible Club.

Viola and Frank Houser were married on 22 May 1941. Frank, son of Henry and Anna (Hathaway) Houser, born 15 December 1906, died 21 December 1977. He attended Butler High School a couple years, then went to the academy at Findlay, Ohio, Church of God College.

Frank and Viola lived in Butler. Frank's only son, by a former marriage, Henry Boydell, came to live with them. Frank was called to serve in WW II, he was placed in the 11th armored Division, 56th armored Eng. Bn. for three years. The last year was in Germany and Austria.

To this union were born five children; Alta Ann ''Ginger'', born 3 July 1942, Nathan Ray, born 10 May 1944, Richard Lynn, 9 June 1947, Rowena Elise, born 12 October 1954 and Kent Allen, born 17 July 1959.

Frank and Viola lived in Butler, Indiana for thirty-seven years. They moved to Columbia City, Indiana before Frank's death in 1977, where Viola still resides.

Ginger graduated from Butler High School in 1960. She worked at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne. She married Bill Bellam from Fort Wayne. They have one son, John. The last few years, they have lived in Columbia City.

Nathan graduated from Butler High School in 1962. He was in the National Honor Society and selected for Boys State, one year. He recently received his Doctor's degree from the University of Waterloo. He and his wife, Aleta (Halme) and sons, Jesse and Ezra live in Indianapolis, Indiana. Nathan teaches at the Indiana University campus.

Richard graduated from Butler High School. Richard was selected for go to Boys state but because of a conflict in his schedule, his alternate went to Boys State and Richard participated in a National Bible Quiz contest sponsored by Fort Wayne Area Youth for Christ. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1964 and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He is a Senior Vice President for Citizens National Bank in Fort Wayne. His wife, Joyce (Dunlap), is a teacher in a Fort Wayne School. Their home is in Columbia City. They have two children; Dean and Tammy. Richard's hosted an exchange student, Melanie Stolp, this past school year. She was from West Germany. Tammy was a summer exchange student there in 1986, in Melanie's home.

Rowena graduated from Butler Eastside in 1973. She married Bill Miner, Jr. who later became a policeman in South Whitley, Indiana. Then he became Chief of Police in Avilla. He was fatally shot while on duty, May 1983. Policemen from all over the state came to Bill's funeral. They had a special service for him at the church and at the Butler cemetery where he is buried. Rowena and her children, Eric and Amy moved to Columbia City to be near her family. At the present time, Rowena is attending Purdue University.

Kent graduated from Butler Eastside in 1975. He attended classes at Indiana-Purdue University for two years. He then married Judy Wagner. She has five children, Dan, Fred, Jeff, Randy and Sylvia. They live near San Francisco, California. Kent helps to remodel and build new homes.

WILBUR ERNEST HOSE, born 19 May 1916, son of Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. Sice Walter, his father, never moved from the Hose farm, all of his children attended the same school, except the two younger, never went to Oak Hill. Wilbur helped his father farm during his teen years when not in school or playing sports. He played basketball and baseball in Butler High School and graduated in 1934. He worked for a while as a cutter in the Marshall Clothing Company. He went to serve his country in World War II. He dated Martha Work, an Elementary teacher in Butler, before he entered the army. Her parents lived in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Wilbur "Joe" and Martha were married on an Army base in North Carolina. When he returned from the Army, they made their home in Terre Haute. Joe died while still in his forty's with cancer in his liver and complications. Martha continued to teach school until she retired a few years ago. She still lives in Terre Haute. Their two married children live in towns not many miles away. Son, Steve, and his wife, Evelyn, have three daughters. He is a state policeman. He was also in the Marines in the Vietnam War, as was his cousin, Richard Houser. At one time, they were on the same base for training.

Pamela married Cecil Hallock, they have two sons, Christopher and Jason. Pamela became a school teacher and at the present is a principal in an elementary school.

HERBERT HOSE, born 29 March 1929 and died 11 June 1940, son of Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. Herbert was only eleven years old when he was accidentally kicked on his head by his father's horse and died a few hours later. He was a very good student in school. He was well liked by his classmates and friends. Herbert is buried in the Butler Cemetery.

HAROLD HOSE, born 16 April 1919, son of Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. He was the "left hand" pitcher for the baseball games. He was also on the varsity basketball team of the Butler Windmills. He graduated from Butler High School in 1937, then he attended one year at Indiana Central College. He participated in sports there. He didn't continue his sports career but chose to marry Naomi Larkin and live on a farm. He also started to work at the grain elevator in St. Joe in 1942 and retired from there in 1984.

Harold bought the Hose farm when his father retired about thirty years ago. Walter still lived in the old home and has his garden. Harold and Naomi built a new home for themselves and their four daughters on a section of the farm north from Walter, about one city block. This new home is well over thirty years old at this time. Naomi recently retired from the Universal Tool and Stamping Company in Butler because of health reasons. Three of their four daughters are living in DeKalb County.

Linda, the oldest, married Ron Hagerwood, who has been a policeman in the city of Auburn for many years. They have two sons; Rick and Roger are the sons with them, Jeff, was killed in an auto accident a few years ago.

Ruth married Dick Harter, when he was home on furlough from the military, ready to be stationed in Germany. As his wife, she could soon join him, which she did. They now live in Auburn and have three sons, Greg, Scott and Doug. Ruth is a visiting nurse in homes of the sick and elderly in the Auburn area.

The youngest daughter, Helen, married Voyle

Hartlerood, they live south of Butler near Anna Mae Platt. Helen and Voyle had three sons; Danny, who attended Butler Junior High School, David who will be going to the Butler School this year and Voyle Jr. who attends the Faith Christian School, south of Auburn.

Harold's second daughter, Anna May, married Jim Harter, brother of Dick. They lived together on a military base when Jim was stationed in the states during the Vietnam War. Later Jim was sent overseas in Air Traffic Control. They now reside in Indianapolis with daughter Sheri and son Brent.

GRACE (HOSE) GILLESPIE, born 14 September 1925, the daughter of Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. She spent her first eight years in a one room country school called, Hablawetz, south of her home. She graduated from Butler High School in 1943. She then worked in the office at the Higley Printing Company in Butler. Grace is talented in crafts and decorating cakes.

Grace married George "Jud" Gillespie from Kendallville, where she and Jud have lived since their marriage. Prior to their marriage, Jud had served in WW II. He was stationed overseas in the same armored division with Frank Houser, husband of Viola Hose.

They have seven children, who all live in Kendallville, Indiana; Larry served in the Vietnam War. He and his wife, Rose have two children; Teresa and Brian. They also are foster parents; Dennis, also served in the Vietnam War; Marilyn, married Paul Carpenter, they have three sons, Tony, Matthew, and Michael; Barbara, married Jerry Luttman, they have two children; Jenny and Joshua; Dean is a city policeman in Kendallville. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Kerri and Douglas; Keith and Carl, still at home.

RALPH HOSE, born 22 November 1917, son of Walter and Alta (Farner) Hose. He enjoyed sports, especially hunting and fishing. He played basketball in high school. He graduated from Butler High School in 1936. He became a very strong man and would amaze others by pitching whole bales of hay on a wagon with a fork until the load was full. He was a farmer, and a woodcutter until he retired.

Ralph married Alice Strong, who lived a few miles away on her parents' farm. Alice's mother is Lu Reign Strong. Alice works in a factory in Auburn. Ralph and Alice live on their farm and they have three children; Joan, married Lanny Huss, who served in the Vietnam War, while her husband was in the service, she continued her college courses and received her license to teach high school. The Huss' resided on a few acres with a lake and wooded area near her parents' farm. Joan and Lanny have four children; Davon, Lee, Donna and Ann. Lanny worked at the Harvester plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana and when it closed down, Lanny with his family, moved to Indianapolis where he continues to work in a Harvester factory; Wendell, graduated from Eastside High School and attended the Church of Christ College to study for a christian ministry. He received a master of Divinity degree from Lincoln College. He is now a campus minister in Evansville College. He and his wife, Lynette, who is a nurse, are the parents of one son, David; Galen, graduated from Eastside High School and resides in Auburn. He farmed for a few years in partnership with his father, then later became a car salesman. He married Angie Keller, who is a school teacher and they have two daughters, Sarah and Leah.

James Herzer Family

JAMES CLARK HERZER, JR., born 23 January 1921 in Garrett, son of James Clark, Sr. and Bessie (Haver) Herzer. James, Sr., born 15 May 1883 in Defiance County,Ohio and died in Garrett, October of 1930. He was a trainman and conductor for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Bessie Haver, born 12 December 1888 in South Richland Township, Defiance County, Ohio and died October of 1936 in Garrett. His paternal grandparents were Baldwin Herzer, born 22 January 1846 in Neiderman, Germany, died 10 October 1904 in Paulding, Ohio, and Sarah Amanda Clark, born in 1845, in Holmes County, Ohio, died 17 November 1921 in Defiance County, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were Levi "Lee" and Alice "Ice" Haver, who were married 1 May 1878. James, Jr., married Barbara Ann Bosse, 6 July 1957 in Auburn.

Jim graduated from Garrett High School in 1939 and attended Purdue University. Barbara graduated from Goshen High School in 1949, Ball State Teachers College in 1953 and St. Francis College in 1969.

Jim was in the United States Army during World War II serving in the European Theatre after D-Day, 6 June 1944. Upon returning to Garrett, he signed on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a dining car steward. In 1950, he became a partner in the TeePee Sandwich Shop, Auburn. From 1958, until 1960, Jim was an institutional salesman for Food Marketing Company of Fort Wayne. In 1960, he became employed as a salesman and division manager of Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company of Auburn. In July of 1966, Jim trained as an insurance agent and returning to Garrett, opened his own agency. From 1968 through 1979, Jim was on the Board of Directors of the Garrett Telephone Company and served as president of the Board in 1979. Jim decided to try his hand at local government, and in 1978, he was the successful candidate for County Commissioner, west district. In 1982 he was re-elected as commissioner.

The Herzers are members of the Garrett United Methodist Church where Jim has held many leadership positions. As a certified lay speaker for the North Indiana Conference, Jim has helped fill many area churches' pulpits. He has also done this as a gideon speaker. Jim is a past president of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce. As an active Mason, Jim has served as Worshipful Master of both Garrett City Lodge # 537 and DeKalb Lodge #214; High Priest of Garrett Chapter #129; Illustrious Master of DeKalb Council #57; Commander of Apollo Commandery #19; Meritorious Service Award recipient of the Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite; Mispah Temple Shrine; York Rite College of Indiana; Royal Order of Scotland; Holy Order of the High Preisthood; and the Indiana Priory #8, K.Y.C.H.

In 1984, Jim and several of his Garrett classmates formed the Garrett Schools Alumni Association. This group has planned and supervised two Alumni weekends in July of 1984 and 1985, and are in the midst of planning 1986's get together.

Mr. Herzer has two sisters, Waneta J. Hawver, born 6 March 1906, died 17 February 1971; Manzella I. Yarde, born 6 April 1908 and a brother, Dillion B., born 4 June 1910 and died 24 April 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Herzer have three sons; Don Matthew, born 23 February 1960. Matt graduated from Garrett High School in 1978 and attended Ball State University. Presently he is serving the United States Army near Nurnberg, Germany; William Andrew, born 23 June 1961, graduated from Garrett High School is 1980 and graduated from the University of North Carolina-Asheville in 1984 where he played Basketball for four years. He presently resides near Greeneville, South Carolina where he is currently working on a masters degree in education; James Timothy, born 15 May 1963, graduated from Garrett High School in 1981 and from the University of South Carolina in August 1985. While in college, Tim was a varsity cheerleader and a member of the SAE fraternity. Tim is now residing in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is employed as a salesman in the Business Forms Division of Burroughs Company. The Herzers have resided in Garrett for the past twenty years.

BARBARA ANN BOSSE, born 16 April 1931 in Orrville, Ohio, daughter of George William and Aleen (Frey) Bosse. Her father, born 10 October 1908, died 9 June 1974 in Goshen, Indiana; her mother, born 6 April 1910 in Orrville, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Louis D., born 10 September 1888 in Napanee, Indiana, died 30 September 1983 in Goshen and Ina May Roth, born 3 August 1888 in Middlebury, Indiana and died 3 July 1979 in Goshen. Her maternal grandparents are William Lester Frey, born 19 January 1878 in Holmes County, Ohio and died November of 1966 in Dalton, Ohio and Ada M. (Levers) Frey, born 20 April 1885 in Wooster, Ohio and died 31 March 1962, in Orrville, Ohio.

Barbara has five sisters; Joanne Richardson, born 9 June 1933; Patricia Huffman, born 15 April 1936, Sue French, born 27 March 1941, Jean, born 22 July 1948 and Linda Stoll, born 20 October 1949.

Barbara married James C. Herzer 6 July 1957 in the United Methodist Church, Auburn, Indiana.

Barbara came to Auburn as a physical education teacher for all twelve grades in the city schools. She held this position until May 1959 when she retired, returning to teaching again in 1966 and continues to this date.

Other activities and associations are DeKalb Educator's Association, I.S.T.A., NEA and Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She participated in coaching athletic teams. Presently she is President of the Garrett Public Library Trustee.

JOHN HOFFELDER, born in 1843 in south Bavaria, Germany, son of Francis Charles Hoffelder and wife. He was reared in his native land and received a good, practical education in the school of the locality, remaining home until 1870. In the meantime, he had followed the vocation of a farmer and also learned the trade of a weaver, raising flax and hemp in summer and spinning and weaving it into cloth in the winter.

In the summer of 1870, Mr. Hoffelder came to America and reached Castle Garden in New York harbor on 7 August 1870. In November of that year he moved to Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, coming directly to the German settlement.

Mr. Hoffelder married Frances Miller 27 January 1873, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Francis Antone and Magdalene (Schmidt) Miller. Her parents were natives of Germany who came to America and settled in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoffelder were born nine children: Francis Charles, 1874; Catharina, 1875; John, 1978; Maria Magdalina, 1880; Frances, 1882; Maria Anna, 1884; Peter, 1887; Agnes, 1890; and Catharina, 1892.

Mrs. Hoffelder, died 29 January 1895, after twenty-two years of married life.

In October of 1878, John Hoffelder purchased one hundred twenty acres east of the present St. Michael's Church. He erected a comfortable and attractive residence, a commodious and well-arranged barn, while the big yard surrounding their home was set out with beautiful shade trees and shrubbery which added greatly to the attractiveness and value of the place. In the spring of 1912, John Hoffelder planted six thousand nursery forest trees of various kinds. The following summer was extremely dry and many of these trees were lost. However, three thousand four hundred more were planted in the spring of 1914, altogether covering about six acres of land.

Politically, Mr. Hoffelder was a life-long Democrat, and in 1888 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners. He was re-elected to this office, thus serving six years. While serving his two terms, he and his fellow commissioners were responsible for revolutionzing the methods of doing business. They insisted on expert advice and exact and complete specifications, competition on bids and inspection of the work being done, which would be approved before being paid for. All these things tended to not only secure a better quality of work, but also saved the county many thousands of dollars. For this work alone Mr. Hoffelder deserved the everlasting regard and commendation of his fellow citizens. Three new iron bridges were erected during this time.

John Hoffelder died at the age of 86 in 1929. He was a man of unquestionable integrity and unblemished honor and he did nothing which would lower himself in his own esteem or that of others.

JOHN A. HOFFELDER, born 4 January 1878, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, son of John and Frances (Miller) Hoffelder. His paternal grandfather was Francis Charles Hoffelder, wife's name unknown. His maternal grandparents were Francis Antone and Magdalene (Schmidt) Miller.

Catherine Brug, born 30 March 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Fred and Amalia (Deis) Brug. Grandparents names unknown. Parents of both John and Catherine were natives of Germany having lived in Bundenthal and remained friends after coming to America.

John and Catherine were married 27 November 1913 in Cleveland, Ohio at St. Michael's Church. They started housekeeping on a farm a mile southeast of Ashley and lived there for all except eleven years, 1946-1957. They both worked at home before marriage. Catherine went to Catholic schools and later became a clerk in a department store in Cleveland and was a full time homemaker after marriage. John attended country school in Smithfield Township. He was a life time farmer, done lots and lots of ditching by hand and spent a short time working on a farm in Wisconsin. Politically he was a Democrat and served several years as precinct committeeman at different times. They were members of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Smithfield Township and John sang in the choir for many years.

John and Catherine were the parents of the following children: Beatrice Martha, born 18 July 1915, death 3 October 1916; Marcella (Hoffelder) Compton, born 21 February 1917; Catherine (Hoffelder) Sebert, born 5 September 1918; Carl Frank, born 6 June 1920 and Rosemary (Hoffelder) Ellert, born 7 December 1923, death 10 October 1955.

Carl Hoffelder Family

CARL FRANK HOFFELDER, born 6 June

1920 in Smithfield Township near Ashley, Indiana, son of John A. and Catherine Brug Hoffelder. His paternal grandparents were John and Frances (Miller) Hoffelder of Smithfield Township. His maternal grandparents were Fred and Amalia (Deis) Brug of Cleveland, Ohio.

Phyllis Marie Kempf, born 10 April 1924 near Pleasant Lake, Indiana, daughter of Otis D. and Marie (Miller) Kempf and moved near Ashley in the spring of 1939. Her paternal grandparents were William and Lois (Huffman) Kempf. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph K. and Jennie (Cox) Miller, all of Smithfield Township.

Carl and Phyllis were married 18 May 1946 at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, Indiana and are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Smithfield Township. We both attended Ashley School. Carl is a lifetime farmer, having taken over his father's farm and lived all his life in the house where he was born. He also has been a part-time factory guard since 1965 at Dana and Auburn Gear both in Auburn. The young people of St. Michael's had a dramatic club in the 1930's and early 40's and Carl was in several of their plays. Phyllis took care of two little girls, cooked and did housework for fifty cents a day during the summer of 1940 and worked at the Ashley canning factory during the bean season in 1942 for thirty-five cents an hour. After graduating from high school she took a nine month secretarial course at Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, worked three years for Production Credit Association in Auburn and has been a full time homemaker since marriage.

Carl and Phyllis are the parents of six children: Thomas Hoffelder, an aeronautical engineer for Pratt & Whitney and lives in Jupiter, Florida; Margaret (Hoffelder) English, a teller at Summit Bank branch and lives in Fort Wayne; John Francis Hoffelder, a factory worker at Auburn Gear and lives in Fort Wayne; Patricia (Hoffelder) Fallis, a math teacher at Cascade High School and lives at Cloverdale, Indiana; Daniel Hoffelder, a chemical engineer for Cooper Industrial Products and lives in Auburn; and Michael Hoffelder, and electrical engineering student at Tri-State University and lives near Auburn. Our children are all married and we have thirteen grandchildren. We have big family get-together dinners for the holidays.

Carl had four sisters: Beatrice, 1915-1916; Marcella (Hoffelder) Compton; Catherine (Hoffelder) Sebert and Rosemary (Hoffelder) Ellert, 1923-1955. Phyllis had two sisters, Virginia (Kempf) Garberick and Dortha (Kempf) Reinhart and a brother Rex, 1921-1936.

WILLIAM KEMPF was born 27 March 1866 in Williams County, Ohio, son of Casper and Catherine (Vogtman) Kempf and came to Smithfield Township, DeKalb County in 1870. His paternal grandparents were Andrew and Catherine (Kimball) Kempf and maternal grandparents were Henry and Catherine (Aubel) Vogtman, all natives of Germany.

William and Lois Kempf

Lois Huffman was born 14 February 1864 in Wells County, Indiana, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Osburn) Huffman. She moved near Pleasant Lake, Indiana with her parents when she was three years old.

William and Lois were married 27 November 1890 and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a large family party at their home.

They both attended country schools near their homes. Lois took a summer course in Angola and taught school a short time. William was a lifetime farmer. They started housekeeping on a rented farm near his parents and then moved near Pleasant Lake where they rented at four different farms. In 1908 they moved back near Ashley and lived with his parents. Besides farming, he did a lot of butchering for other people.

William was a man of good structure and always remarked of his size 13 shoes he wore, "I have a good foundation."

Lois was an industrious lady with a humorous wit. They were both from large families.

They were the parents of three children: Otis, born 7 November 1891; Wallace, born 25 August 1893, died 8 March 1961, worked in the auto industry and lived in Toledo, Ohio most of his life; and Alma, born 20 February 1898, died 24 February 1971, was married to Weir Shumaker and they operated a bakery in Fort Wayne for many years.

OTIS DANIEL KEMPF was born 7 November

1891, near Ashley, Indiana, son of William and Lois (Huffman) Kempf. His paternal grandparents were Casper and Catherine (Vogtman) Kempf and his maternal grandparents were Daniel and Margaret (Osburn) Huffman.

Marie Miller was born 27 November 1893, near Ashley, Indiana, the daughter of Joseph K. and Jennie (Cox) Miller. Her paternal grandparents were John D. and Mary (Kanage) Miller and maternal grandparents were Benjamin Otis and Martha Rachel (Clark) Cox.

Otis and Marie were married 7 June 1919 at Auburn, Indiana by the minister of the Christian Church. Marie attended Ashley school, then worked at home and also did housework for others. She did lots of fancy work, tatting, embroidery and crochet. Otis went to country school near Pleasant Lake and graduated from Ashley High School in 1911. He worked at farming all his life, first at home and then as a farm-hand for others. He went to the army for WW I on 5 October 1917; first stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky; then sent to Camp Shelby in Mississippi and then to New York City where he left by ship on 18 October 1918. It took eleven days to get to Liverpool, England; spent three days there and then on to France. They marched every day, carrying their heavy packs, advancing to the front. He was ready for the front line when the Armistice was signed but kept on with maneuvers because they were not sure is was for real. That winter was spent in a little town in France and preparations were started in February to come back, sailing from Bordeaux. It took twelve days to get to New York City, then went to Camp Sherman, Ohio where he was discharged. He got home 5 June and was married 7 June. They lived with her parents and farmed several years, then was on two different rented farms near Pleasant Lake, coming back to her parents' farm in the spring of 1939 and farmed there until retirement. He liked horses, raising Percherons and trailing them for farm work. He was a Democrat, a charter member of Farm Bureau, an ASCS committeeman for several years, an American Legion and VFW member for many years and Ashley K of P Lodge in his younger years.

Otis and Marie were the parents of four children: Virginia (Kempf) Garberick, born 7 May 1920; Rex, born 1 November 1921, death 8 April 1936; Phyllis (Kempf) Hoffelder, born 10 April 1924; Dortha (Kempf) Reinhart, born 2 April 1926.

Marie's death came on 23 October 1960. Otis then married Ellen Urban on 9 December 1962 and lived in Ashley until they went to Betz Nursing Home at Auburn in the summer of 1984. Ellen died 2 April 1985 and Otis still resides there.

Virginia Garberick Family

VIRGINIA MAE (KEMPF) GARBERICK, born 7 May 1920, in Ashley to Otis and Marie (Miller) Kempf.

Virginia graduated from Pleasant Lake High School, in 1938 and International Business College, 1939. She was employed at Steuben County State Bank, 1939-1945.

She married Robert G. Garberick, 20 May 1945. He was born 11 May 1908, Galion, Ohio, to John and Laura Garberick. He died 20 March 1976.

To this union were born three children: Nancy, Bobbi and Ronald.

Virginia retired from Michigan National Bank, Battle Creek, 1984.

JOSEPH K. MILLER was born 11 February 1865 in Smithfield Township (now near Ashley) son of John D. and Mary (Kanage) Miller. John D. Miller, 1829-1909, was a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and moved to Stark County, Ohio when he was twenty-one years old. Mary Kanage, 1832-1900, was a native of Stark County, Ohio. They were married in 1852 and came to a farm in Smithfield Township in 1857.

Jennie Cox was born 10 February 1872 in Smithfield Township, the daughter of Benjamin Otis and Martha Rachel (Clark) Cox. Mr. Cox was born at Akron, Ohio and Martha was born at Huntington, England but lived by Louisville, Kentucky when they met during the Civil War. They were married 1863 and moved to a farm in Smithfield Township, being neighbors of the Miller's, then moved near Coldwater, Michigan about ten years later.

Joseph and Jennie were married on 10 February 1891 and lived on his father's farm. They were the parents of two daughters: Pearl, born 29 November 1891 and Marie, born 27 November 1893. Pearl married Vern L. Sparks of 10 February 1912 and they lived with the Miller's, Vern doing most of the farming. Jennie's sister, Nellie, who was married to George Miller, no relation, died in 1914, leaving a family of six young children. So Jennie took her twins, Martha and Bennie, who were born in 1910 to live with them. In 1918 Joe bought a farm just south of where he lived and moved there taking Bennie with them and Martha stayed with Sparks' on the home place. Marie married Otis Kempf in 1919 and they lived with her parents for several years doing the farming.

Besides farming, Joe bought livestock and made train trips to Buffalo to sell them. He also made maple syrup, being one of the first to use an evaporator and took pride in the quality of his product. He was a good business man and when talking about what he thought of things going on in the world, he often said "I'll tell the world." Joe walked by the Cox's home on his way to school and he liked to tell about stopping in to see their baby when he was in the first grade and that baby later became his wife. Jennie always found something to do; whether working outdoors, doing housework or crocheting rag rugs.

With their daughter living on their two farms, they moved to Hudson in 1939. Pearl died ?? March 1942; Joe died 19 April 1944; Jennie died 8 July 1955; and Marie died 23 October 1960.

HENRY AND CATHERINE (AUBLE) VOGTMAN, lived at Hilger-Hansen, a small town near Kasel, Germany. Their occupation was farming.

The father was by trade a clock and watchsmith. Their religion at first was of the Catholic faith, then turning to the Reformed Church, they reared their children in the Reformed Church.

Eight children were born to them; Casper, Gertrude, Catherine, Andrew, John, Anna, Rosanna and Henry. Casper, Gertrude, John, and Rosanna all married and had families, always lived in the vicinity of Kasel, Germany. Catherine married Casper Kempf, they came to America and settled on a farm south of Hudson, Indiana, they had several children.

Anna married Cyrus Ludwig, they came to America, in 1857, settled on a farm two miles north of Auburn, Indiana. They had seven children.

Henry came to America before marrying, he was twice married, having children by his first marriage, he lived at Waterloo, Indiana. At one time was Town Marshal of Waterloo.

Andrew Vogtman Family

ANDREW VOGTMAN, born at the family home near Kasel, Germany. Andrew learned the blacksmith trade at an early age. He came to America in 1849 at the age of sixteen years, and worked for a Mr. Seigel, some where in Ohio, as a blacksmith. He left Mr. Seigel and worked for other blacksmiths in Ohio, each time coming westward. He settled for a while in Holmes County, Ohio. While there, he met Rosina Catherine Meyer, born 4 March 1840, Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of Andrew and Elisabeth (Moore) Meyer. They were married 18 May 1857 in Holmes County, Ohio.

Andrew and Rosina migrated farther west and came to DeKalb County, Indiana, settling on a farm north of Auburn, Indiana. Andrew was a farmer by trade.

To this union were born seven children; Sophie, born 1857, Auburn, Indiana. She married Levi Hewitt, 3 October 1878. To them were born two children; Archie and Laura, she married John Stroyer. They always lived near New Sedan, Indiana. Levi was a farmer. He died in 1919 and Sophie died in 1923. Both are buried in the Sedan Cemetery, Sedan, Indiana; Caroline and Henry were born in Auburn, Indiana. They both died young and are buried in Auburn, Indiana at the Evergreen Cemetery; Mary Ann, born 1865, near New Sedan, Indiana. She married Henry Kistler and died in 1899, leaving no children. Mary Ann and Henry Kistler are buried at Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Indiana; Henrietta Amanda Ann, born 22 December 1867, New Sedan, Indiana. She married Edwin Ling, 2 May 1890. Edwin, born 9 November 1861, son of John J. and Susan (Gonser) Ling. His occupation was farming. Ten children were born to Edwin and Henrietta; Otho, John, Ida Josephine, Bessie Faye, who died at one year, Mary Pauline, Harold Andrew, Waldo and Wanda, twins, Burdette and Trevor. Henrietta Ling, died 21 April 1926 and Edwin, died 20 February 1939, at the home of his son, John, who lived at Northville, Michigan, they are both buried at Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; James, born 21 April 1871, he married to Effie Childs, 25 October 1910, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Three children were born to them; Anna Rosanna, born 23 February 1912. She married Theodore Harmes. Anna died in 1982; Willis, born 14 May 1914; Evelyn, who married Willard McClish. James died 25 June 1924, he is buried at Fairfield Cemetery; Josephine, born 30 April 1877, Corunna, Indiana. She married Franklin Henney, 18 April 1903. To them were born two daughters; Mrs. Irene Fifer and Mrs. Wilma Sisson. Josephine, died 5 July 1938 and Franklin, died 1954, they are both buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

Andrew and Rosina purchased a farm near New Sedan, Indiana as it began to prosper as the New York Central was being built west. They sold this farm and purchased a forty acre farm near Corunna, Indiana. In 1880, Andrew and Rosina sold this farm and purchased a sixty-six acre farm in Fairfield Township, on the Steuben and DeKalb County line. Andrew farmed and did blacksmithing until his health failed. In 1890, Andrew and Rosina took in an orphan boy, Shirley Fifer, age six years to raise as their own. Rosina's health began to fail, at the age of fifty-three. She had her first stroke and continued to have light strokes until 1910. She became completely helpless and bedfast, she died 14 October 1910.

Andrew continued to live on the home place, James and his wife, Effie lived with him. The last of November, Andrew became quite ill with a lung condition. He died 8 December 1912. Andrew and Rosina are buried at Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

THEODORE K. HARMES, son of George E. Harmes and Mary Bessie Stonebraker. George E. Harmes was born 25 April 1866 and died 20 November 1941. Mary Bessie Stonebraker was born 10 February 1876 and died 5 May 1955.

George and Mary Bessie were married in DeKalb County on 10 October 1893, and they were the parents of four children: Cliffton Ernest, Harriet Hazel, Henry Thomas and Theodore Kenneth. George E. was the son of Henry Harmes. Mary Bessie was the daughter of John M. Stonebraker.

Theodore and Anna Harmes

Theodore K. Harmes was born in DeKalb County, Indiana on 14 July 1907 and died 20 May 1986. In his younger days he played Professional Basketball for the Lincoln Life Basketball Team out of Fort Wayne, but had to give it up because his father needed help of the farm. He remained a farmer for the remainder of his life, living on the old homestead.

On 5 October 1927 in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, he married Anna Roseanna Vogtman. Anna was born 23 February 1912 and died 24 June 1982. She was the daughter of James S. Vogtman and Effie Maud Childs. James Vogtman was born 27 April 1871 and died 25 June 1924. Effie was born 3 February 1882 and died 17 June 1957. James and Effie were married on 25 October 1910 in DeKalb County, Indiana. They had three children; Anna, Willis and Evelyn.

Theodore and Anna Harmes had five children; Donald Max married Vivian S. Smith; Richard Lee married Juanita Sayles; Phyllis Ann married Ernest Ladd; Thomas Carrol married Marilyn Dungen and Majorie Janet married John Sullivan.

Anna was a homemaker and never worked outside of the home, although at home she did raise chickens and sell eggs. She was also a member of the ENL Club.

ROSANN SWIHART, born Pleasant Lake, Indiana, 17 February 1928, daughter of Avinal Bertrude and Mary Pauline (Ling) Swihart. Paternal grandparents were Thomas A. and Katherine Mary (Stetler) Swihart, maternal grandparents were Edwin and Henrietta Amanda Ann (Vogtman) Ling. Maternal great grandparents were Andrew and Rosina Catherine (Meyer) Vogtman, maternal great great grandparents were Henry and Catherine (Auble) Vogtman.

Rosann married Richard W. Friend, 22 December 1947, son of John H. and Lottie

(Boren) Friend, residents of Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. In 1939, the Friends moved to Hamilton, Indiana. Richard, born 5 January 1926.

To this union were born four children; Linda Kathleen, married Richard Bireley; Stephen Allen, James Richard and Thomas Dean. They now reside in Hamilton, Indiana.

REUBEN R. SMITH, was the son of James L. Smith and Amanda Shirk. Reuben was born 11 March 1869 and died 6 June 1941. On 25 December 1889, he married Annie Irene Sherman. She was the daughter of Christopher Andrew Sherman and Hannah Elizabeth Hinman. Annie Irene Sherman was born 30 September 1867 and died 14 January 1954. Reuben and Annie had four sons; Harry Daryl, born 19 October 1900, married Ruth Leona Edwards on 23 June 1925; Orley Ormonde, born 21 August 1902, married Helen May Laisure of 25 September 1922; Lynford Keith, born 25 August 1907, married Ruth Marie Hennessey on 17 September 1927; and Kenneth Courtney, born 3 May 1909 married Ormi Awilsa Elsner on 11 August 1934, second wife, Letha Grogg.

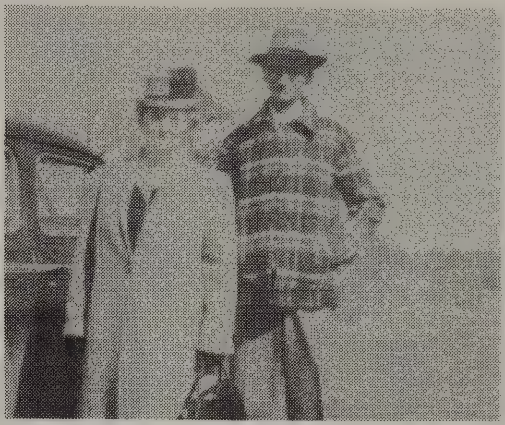
Reuben and his wife were both born and raised in DeKalb County, Indiana. Reuben was a farmer and also raised honey bees.

HARRY DARYL SMITH, was the oldest son of Reuben R. Smith and Annie Irene Sherman. He was born on 19 October 1900 and died 8 April 1979. He married Ruth Leona Edwards on 23 June 1925. Ruth was the daughter of Samuel Grant Edwards and Estella Mae Dillion. Ruth was born 12 July 1906 in Henry County, Ohio, and died 15 June 1979.

Harry and Ruth had four children; Genevieve Lucille, born 8 April 1927 married Donald Leroy High on 11 September 1948. They had two daughters; Donna and Karen; James Leo, born 5 August 1928 died 10 September 1928; Vivian Shirley, born 6 April 1930 married Donald Max Harmes on 19 October 1948. They had seven children; George, Judy, Wendy, Marilyn, Donald, Rex, Gloria and Timothy; and Virginia Carole, born 1 July 1931 married Cleo Lemoin Marks on 28 December 1963. They had four children; Monica, Michelle, Mathew and Michael.

At the age of twenty-one, Harry Daryl Smith moved from DeKalb County to Cleveland, Ohio and went to work for Fischer Body where he worked for twenty-five years. While working at Fischer Body, he was paying for a farm he purchased in DeKalb County, Indiana. In 1946, he retired form Fischer Body and moved his family back to DeKalb County and took up farming which he did for the rest of his life.

While he was in Ohio, he met his wife and that is where his children were born.



Myron and Myrtle Markley

MYRON TUTTLE MARKLEY, born 27 February 1876 near Waterloo, Indiana, the son of Franklin Charles, born 16 January 1849 and Nancy Ann (Tuttle) Markley, born 5 July 1850. He died 31 May 1922 and she died 28 November 1937. Both were buried at Pleasant Lake.

Myrtle Agnes, (Crossley-Bower), born 27 March 1882 at Elkhart, Indiana, step-daughter of Dallas, born 1864 near Corunna and Samatha Jane (Crossley) Bower, born 14 February 1865 at Corunna. He died in 1933 and she died 25 September 1943. Both are buried at Fairfield Center.

Myron attended local schools. In 1898, he was called to Camp Fernandine, Tampa Florida where recruits were trained to serve in the Spanish American conflict. The dispute was settled with out battle and the boys were returned to their home.

Myron and Myrtle Agnes were married 4 October 1899 at her parents' home. They were the parents of three children; Mildred Inez (Markley) Haycox, Indianapolis; Esther Olivia (Markley) Trubey, Waterloo and John Alden, Louisville, Kentucky. The family moved to Angola where Myron attended Tri-State College. As soon as he had the proper credentials, they moved to Helmer where he taught school, grades fourth through eighth. Mr. and Mrs. Markley became active members of the old Methodist Church of Helmer which is still being used. In 1910, they moved to Corunna where Myron taught school. In 1916, he taught at the East Richland School and in 1918, he was appointed rural mail carried at Corunna. Myron also did carpenter work for many years. In 1939, the Markleys purchased a part of the old Houlton

Homestead where the house stood and moved into the house in 1944. The house was remodeled and improvements were made. Myron retired in February 1945 and in 1957, they sold the property. They built a new house in Waterloo where they lived during the summer and spending the winters in Orlando, Florida. Myron died April 1960 and Myrtle died January 1970, both are buried at Fairfield Center.

Kenneth Trubey Family

ESTHER OLIVIA (MARKLEY) TRUBEY, born 13 April 1907 at Helmer, Indiana, the daughter of Myron Tuttle, born 27 February 1876 near Waterloo and Myrtle Agnes (Bower) Markley, born 27 March 1882 at Elkhart, Indiana. He died April 1960 and she died 14 January 1970. Both are buried at Fairfield Center.

Paternal grandparents were Franklin Charles, born 16 January 1849 and Nancy Ann (Tuttle) Markley, born 5 July 1850. He died 31 May 1922 and she died 28 November 1937. Both are buried at Pleasant Lake.

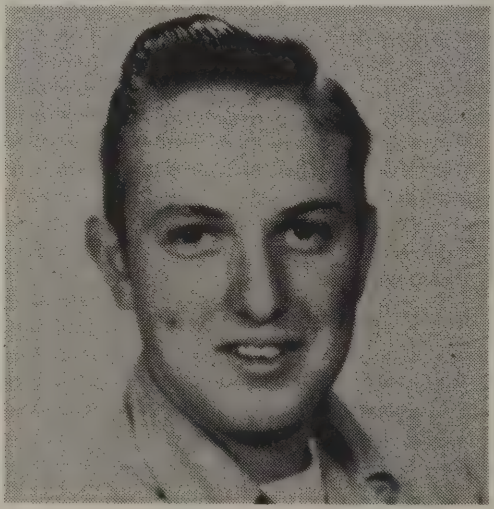
Maternal (step) grandfather, Dallas, born 1864 near Corunna and Samantha Jane (Crossley) Bower, born 14 February 1865 at Corunna. He died 1933 and she died 25 September 1943. Both are buried at Fairfield Center.

Kenneth DeVere Trubey, born 27 October 1910 near Ontario, LaGrange County, Indiana, the son of William Albert, born 20 May 1888 near LaGrange County and Bessie Bell (Sisson) Trubey, born 20 October 1887 near Plato, LaGrange County. He died 29 September 1941 and she died 11 July 1950. Both are buried at English Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Kenneth and Esther Olivia were married 29 September 1932 near Corunna. They had five children; Lowell K., a transporter of grain from Williams County, Ohio to the Maumee River; Paul M., West Yellowstone, Montana; Max W., a real estate dealer and DeKalb Memorial Hospital employee; Mark L., a construction employee, Houston, Texas and Iris E. (Trubey) Thorp, housewife, mother and office employee, Pioneer, Ohio.

The Trubeys lived in LaGrange County coming back to DeKalb County in 1935. In 1938 they moved to the G.M. Porter farm. Later they bought the Crow farm and a portion of the old Houlton homestead. Many improvements were made.

Mr. Trubey died 3 March 1984 and is buried at Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.



Paul M. Trubey

IRIS ELAINE (TRUBEY) THORP, born 15 July 1942, at Butler, Indiana, daughter of Kenneth Devere and Esther Olivia (Markley) Trubey. They lived on a farm near Butler, Indiana. He died 3 March 1984 and is buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Iris attended Franklin Township Schools, Butler High School and Indiana University. She was employed by Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, Indiana for ten years, residing in Auburn.

Iris is a member of United Brethren Church. She devotes much of her time to all musical entertainment, she plays organ, piano and accordion.

She has four brothers; Lowell Kenneth, Byran, Ohio; Paul Myron, West Yellowstone, Montana; Max William, Waterloo, Indiana and Mark Lee, Houston, Texas.

Iris married Norman Dean Thorp 15 January 1976, in William County, Ohio, taking residence in Pioneer, Ohio. She became housewife and secretary for Thorp Realty Company. Norman and Iris have two children; Norman Kenneth, born 12 February 1982 and Tracie Charmaine, born 10 November 1983.

Norman Dean Thorp, born 5 September 1945, at Hillsdale County, Michigan, they lived on a farm west of Pioneer, Ohio. His parents are Norman G., born 19 February 1920, at Bridgewater Township, William County, Ohio and Margaret Grace (Miller) Thorp, born 28 September 1922, at Bridgewater Township. They were married 12 April 1941. Norman G. Thorp is a Real Estate Broker, Developer, and a farmer. Margaret has a love for antiques as is her hobby. Norman Dean's maternal grandparents are William Rollie Miller born June 1883 at Bridgewater Township and Mary Jane (Wheeler) Miller born April 1886, at Waldron, Michigan, Wright Township, Hillsdale County. They were married 22 February 1908. They lived on a farm in Bridgewater Township and Rollie worked on the Wabash Railroad in Montpelier, Ohio. Mamie was what everyone knew her by. He died November 1854 and she died 7 May 1969. They are buried at Floral Grove, Pioneer, Ohio.

Norman Dean's maternal great grandparents were George Miller, born May 1847, in Lucas County, Ohio before it became Fulton County, in 1850 and Caroline (Miller), no relation, born July 1850. He died in 1918, she died 1921 and they are buried at Floral Grove.

Norman's paternal grandparents are Ollie Ruth (Hart) Thorp, born 29 May 1894 and Guy C. Thorp, born 1 January 1893. Guy and Ollie were married 5 July 1918, Hillsdale County, Michigan. Guy was drafted in the Army as acting noncommission officer. He served at Camp Greenleaf, Tennessee and Fort Defethrop, Georgia. Guy died 26 September 194—, Ollie died 10 October 1980. They are buried at Floral Grove. They lived on a farm and Guy worked on the Wabash Railroad, Montpelier, Ohio.

Norman's paternal great grandparents were Varian A. Thorp, born 27 April 1860, Fulton County, Ohio and Addie (Knapp) Thorp, born 30 January 1862, Fulton County, Ohio. They were married 20 November 1881. He died 27 April 1932, she died 5 March 1932. Varian was a lightening rod installer.

Iris has two sons from a previous marriage; Sidney Lynn Roberts, born 7 April 1958, at Auburn, Indiana. He graduated from Auburn City School and DeKalb High School. Sidney earned an Associate degree in Theology at Christian Training Center in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His occupation is a minister at Calvary Temple Church and maintenance electrician; Samuel Linden Roberts, born 13 December 1959 at Fort Rucker Army Base, Dotton, Alabama. He graduated from DeKalb County Schools. Sam completed a home study course at I.C.S. studying automotive mechanic. Sam's occupation is automobile and diesel mechanic and industrial electrician.

John Markley Family

JOHN ALDEN MARKLEY, born 2 October 1925 at Corunna, Indiana, the son of Myron Tuttle, born 27 February 1876 near Waterloo and Myrtle Agnes (Bower) Markley, born 27 March 1882 at Elkhart, Indiana. He died April 1960 and she died January 1970. Both are buried at Fairfield Center. His paternal grandparents were Franklin Charles, born 16 January 1849 and Nancy Ann (Tuttle) Markley, born 5 July 1850 probably in Stark County, Ohio. He died 31 May 1922 and she died 28 November 1937, both are buried at Pleasant Lake.

Maternal grandparents were (step) grandfather Dallas, born 1864 and Samantha Jane (Crossley) Bower, born 14 February 1865 in DeKalb County. He died 1933 and she died 25 September 1943, both are buried at Fairfield Center. All except John, resided their entire lives in DeKalb County.

John attended school in Corunna and Waterloo. He attended Indiana University, graduating with a Bachelor of Economics degree, he attended the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating with a Master's degree in Business Administration.

In October 1943 to December 1945, John served in the United States Army Infantry in Europe. In 1951, he was Director of Operation for the Kroger Company, Ft. Wayne and Cincinnati. For many years he was active in a Barber Shop Quartet and Chorus. In 1978 to 1979, John was Director of Operations for the Atlantic Pacific Company, Montvale, New Jersey. In 1979 to the present, John is Director of Operations International for Kentucky Fried Chicken. Responsibilities include South Pacific, South East Asia and Latin America.

In December 1948, John married Dorothy Ann Trout, born 1 March 1928. Her parents are Ernest James Trout, born 17 June 1897 and Dorothy (James-Mountjoy) Trout, born 11 July 1897, all of Plymouth, England. John and Dorothy have three children; Sally Ann (Markley) Covyeau, born 23 March 1951 at Cincinnati, Ohio, now of Chicago. She is currently employed as a manager in the Corporate Division of Hospital Systems for the Baxter Travenal Company, Chicago; Dorothy is currently a Developmental Director of Hospice in Louisville, Kentucky. Andrew James, born 2 October 1953 at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a musician, currently making an album in Los Angeles, California; Gaye Elizabeth, born 3 March 1958 at Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a Personnel Staff Assistant for MCI, Atlanta, Georgia.

KENNETH GEORGE SMITH, born 14 February 1916, married Angeline Edna Refner, 18 November 1939 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Angeline, born 16 June 1919. Two sons were born to them; Richard Lee, born 19 September 1940 and Roger Keith, born 17 February 1946. Kenny and Angeline have five grandchildren, three girl and two boys. Their sons grew up on a farm southeast of Auburn and attended Auburn and DeKalb High School except their oldest son, Richard. Richard went to school his first year at Shugars School on County Road 52 near Cedar Creek at three corners of County Road 27. The teacher was believed to have been Mrs. Rainier.

Kenneth farmed quite a lot of ground. His father lived with them and had a team of horses, along with a John Deere tractor. Kenneth and his father would husk corn by hand with the team and wagon in the fields. Kenneth worked at Rieke Metal Plant and in his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Richard Lee, oldest son of Kenneth and Angeline Smith, married Diane LaRowe, 11 September 1965. They have two daughters, Renee Marie, born 1 May 1971 and Rita Lyn, born 27 January 1974. Diane works at the school cafeteria and Richard served in the Air National Guard and worked at Baer Field. He now works at Rieke Metal as head of machine builders.

Roger Keith, married Cherly Knapp and they have three children; Mark Joseph, born 3 November 1970, Marcee Marie, born 28 December 1976 and Keith Andrew, born 16 May 1978. They are divorced. Roger works at B.F. Goodrich since his return from Vietnam. He served in Vietnam for thirteen months and was awarded Army Commendation Medal in support of the United States objectives in Vietnam, 9 March to 10 November 1967. Roger was discharged from the Army, 29 November 1967. He is volunteer fireman for the Jackson Township Fire Department.

Richard and Roger and their children are active in 4-H and sports. Richard and his wife, Diane, have been adult horse and pony 4-H leaders in DeKalb County for three years.

Kenneth retired from Rieke Metal in 1978 after forty years of service, but continued to farm southeast of Auburn. Kenneth died 23 March 1984 and Angeline still lives in Auburn, Indiana. Angeline takes care of fruit trees, her garden and some chickens. She attends Meese Chapel Church, south of Auburn.

DR. J.A. SANDERS graduated from Garrett High School in 1907. He attended Indiana University at Bloomington, receiving his A.B. degree in 1911 and an M.A. degree in 1912. There he met and married Mary Bright. The wedding took place on the fourth of July, 1911. Their first child, Barbara, born 4 September 1912. the small family moved to Nashville, Tennessee where he taught Bio-physical chemistry at Vanderbilt University while attending his final two years of medical school. Virginia was born there in 1914 and Jack in 1917. "Doc" served as Captain in the Medical Corps in WW I.

The family moved to Garrett in 1919 where he practiced medicine in an uptown building known as the Garrett Clinic. In 1923 the family moved to 803 North Main Street, Auburn. After opening an office in a small brick schoolhouse at the four corners just west of Auburn, he soon started his practice in the downstairs portion of a residence at 1007 South Main Street. He later bought this building and converted it to the Sanders General Hospital. It remained such until the opening of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital, when Dr. Sanders went into Semi-retirement.

Mary Sanders was a Christian Scientist by faith. She was very active in the Church, the Garden Club and the Sewing Club. Mary and Doc played bridge and canasta together. The good doctor was a well-respected trap shooter, having participated in the Grand National Championships in Vandalia, Ohio. They moved to North Baxter Street where they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They each passed away at the age of 82.

Three children graduated from Auburn High School in the classes of 1930, Barbara, 1932, Virginia, and 1934, Jack. In further education their almae mater include Western College, Indiana University and the Naval Academy.

Barbara married H. G. "Jerry" Oren in 1934. He operated a small loan company in Auburn, worked for Delta Electric in Marion Beach and Arthur in Indianapolis, and the DeVilbiss Company in Toledo before he became a partner in his own enterprise, the Oren-Van Aman Company of Auburn and Fort Wayne. This company was later sold to the Rieke Corporation where Jerry served on their Board of Directors.

He was elected Mayor of Auburn for three consecutive terms, is a Past President of the Auburn Lions Club, and is active in the Shrine and the Auburn Country Club, now Greenhurst. Barb and Jerry are members of the Methodist Church. Their daughter Ginger, resides with her husband, Otto Becker, and their three children in Hinsdale, Illinois, Barbara was exceptionally busy with donated time, effort and ambition. She is currently active in American Red Cross, United Fund of DeKalb County, and the Church. She also received the Jaycee Community Service Award. She worked at the Sanders Hospital for many years.

Virginia married Jack Croxton from Angola. He is a brother of Marian, Mrs. Kenneth, Schaab of Auburn. He was in the insurance business before retiring and moving to Florida. They live in Sun City Center, near Tampa. Their two children are Dr. Jack Sanders Croxton of Fredonia, New York, and Mrs. Barbie Conlon of Atlanta.

Jack and Helen Blevins were married in 1954. He worked for short periods at the Messenger Corporation and at the Wiley Export Corporation before buying into the Auburn Recreation Center. He was the Pro at the Auburn Country Club both before and after WW II as well. He served aboard the USS Maryland in the South Pacific and as a naval aviator in the Philippine Islands. He was decorated on seven occasions during the war, and remained in the Naval Reserve until age 60.

During his thirty years as bowling proprietor, Jack was also the Charter President of the Auburn Jaycees, the Charter President of DeKalb County United Fund, the Charter President of the Cedar Creek Shrine Club, President of the Lions Club, and was elected mayor of Auburn for two consecutive terms. He is an ardent golfer and enjoys spectator sports. His favorite teams are I.U., Barons, Cubs, Bears and the Navy. Currently he is a Board Member of People's Federal Savings and Loan Association. Helen has been very active in St. Marks Lutheran Church work where she and Jack belong, Humane Shelter, Lady Democrats and several bridge and tennis groups.

Helen and Jack have three children. Herb and Jeri Hillabrand live in Wheaton, Illinois, Dr. Scott and Teri Swim reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Jeff and Carla Sanders make their home in Indianapolis.

John E. Buchanan Family

JOHN EDGAR BUCHANAN, son of Albert and Hannah E. (Potts) Buchanan, born 25 March 1868. His boyhood days were spent on the family farm where he was born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

At the age of 16, after receiving the common school education, he entered Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. His parents moved to Hillsdale to be with him while he attended the college. He remained there, however, only two years; his education was interrupted because of poor health. He and his parents returned to their farm home, and he taught for several years. He was principal of Waterloo High School for one year during this time.

On 21 June 1890, he was married to Nellie Breckbill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Breckbill of Waterloo.

In the fall of 1890, Mr. Buchanan took up residence in Auburn and entered the law firm of J.E. Rose and Son. He remained with them in the study of law until he was admitted to the bar on 2 December 1892. On 31 January 1892, Verne Elmer Buchanan was born to Nellie and John.

Again, Mr. Buchanan was plagued with ill health and was unable to practice law. He taught school at this time for about two years in Altona and Garrett, filling the position of superintendent of schools in Garrett.

In 1895, John purchased the Albion New Era newspaper. The business prospered, but when. in 1903, the Auburn Dispatch and Evening Dispatch were placed on the market at a receiver's sale, he purchased the newspapers and moved his family to Auburn again.

Shortly after the DeKalb County Court House fire 13 February 1913, which also destroyed the Daily Currier offices, Mr. Buchanan formed the Auburn Printing Company. This concern consequently published the Evening Star, a daily newspaper, and the semi-weeklies, the Auburn Dispatch and the Auburn Courier.

Nellie Breckbill Buchanan was active during her husband's lifetime in the publishing business and continued to be so some time after her husband's death.

John Edgar Buchanan died 27 July 1913 at the age of 45. Nellie Buchanan remarried several years after Mr. Buchanan's demise and moved to Elkhart, Indiana.

Verne and Ida Buchanan

VERNE ELMER BUCHANAN, son of John Edgar and Nellie Buchanan, born in Auburn on 31 January 1892.

He graduated from Auburn High School and attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Following his father's death in 1913, Verne left the University and returned to Auburn to manage the Auburn Printing Company. In 1917 he married Ida Mary Hachet. Ida, daughter of Pierre and Isabelle Hachet, had moved to Garrett from Fostoria, Ohio, following the death of her mother. She lived in Garrett with her sister, Margaret Hamilton, wife of Blaine Hamilton, publisher of the Garrett Clipper.

Following their marriage in 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan lived on West 7th Street until 1942 when they moved to Midway Drive, Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. Buchanan was deeply involved with the affairs of the Auburn community. He was a member of the Moose, Elk and Masonic lodges and was, at the time of his death the only remaining charter member of the Auburn Rotary Club.

He was a member of the Rod and Gun Club and a charter member of the Greenhurst Country Club. He was also a charter member and served on the board of directors for the YMCA for 35 years; he was a member of the board of directors of the Auburn State Bank and served as chairman for some years.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of the Hoosier State Press Association, the Inland Press Association and was a life member of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to publishing the Evening Star, the Courier and the Dispatch, the Auburn Printing Company published catalogues, booklets and pamphlets which were distributed nationally and internationally. Mr. George Hachet, brother of Ida Buchanan, managed the printing division of the company.

The Auburn Printing Company was sold to the Nixon Newspaper Associates of Wabash, Indiana on 30 November 1968.

Verne Buchanan died on 4 November 1969.

IDA HACHET BUCHANAN, born on 6 February 1888 to Pierre and Isabelle Hachet. Pierre had come to the United States at the request of the Fostoria Glass works of Fostoria, Ohio.

Following Ida's marriage to Verne Buchanan, she became treasurer of the Auburn Printing Company, a position which she held until the company was sold. She also covered, for the newspaper, weddings, social events and meetings of interest to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan's son, Robert Edgar, born 17 March 1919, and their daughter, Judith Ann, born 22 October 1923. While the children were in school, Mrs. Buchanan was very active in the PTA and other school affairs.

Mrs. Buchanan was a member of the Eastern Star, and honorary member of the Women of the Moose; she was assistant to the Red Cross Nurse. During the Second World War she was in charge of many War Bond and Red Cross drives. She was chairman of the Cancer, Heart Fund and Tuberculosis Drives.

She was an avid gardner and was active in the local garden club for many years. She also, in later years, sponsored whole heartedly the formation of the Senior Citizen's Center.

Ida Mary Buchanan died 4 August 1980.

Robert Buchanan, recently retired from J. Walter Thompson, lived with his wife, Lee, in Darien, Connecticut. They are the parents of twin daughters, Heather and Holly.

Judith Austin lives in Anderson, Indiana with her husband, Charles. They are the parents of six children, Michaela, Melinda, Michael, Mark, Megan and Charles.

JUDITH ANN BUCHANAN, born to Verne and Ida Buchanan, 22 October 1923 at the family home of West Seventh Street in Auburn.

Judy completed her schooling in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School in 1941. She then entered Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, where she pledged and initiated into the social sorority Pi Beta Phi. She met her future husband, George V. McMahan from Anderson, Indiana, at Northwestern and they were married 25 February 1945. Judy graduated from Northwestern in 1946 with a degree in English Literature, Ensign McMahan served aboard a PT boat during the second World War, and, upon completion of his duty, the couple moved to Anderson, Indiana. They had four children, Michaela, Melinda, Michael and Mark. Mr. McMahan died in 1956.

Judy is currently living with her husband, Dr. Charles Austin, in Anderson. They have two children, Megan and Charles.

Mrs. Austin was active during her children's school years in Girl and Boy Scouting and the PTO. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women, Tri Kappa, Beaux Arts Club, and the Madison County Medical Society. She was a member and served on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters and the Pink Ladies Auxiliary of Community Hospital. She is also a director of Hoyt Wright Company.

Judy is a member of Edgerle Reading Club, Current Events Club and the Anderson Fine Arts Center. She has attended Anderson College as a part time student, is an aspiring artist, working in oil and water color and has had poetry published in various poetry revues.

Mrs. Austin's children are all grown now. Michaela (McMahan) Richardson lives in Anderson and is a teacher. Melinda (McMahan) Thompson lives in Evergreen County and is a realtor. Michael McMahan, a nuclear engineer, lives in Huntstown, Alabama, and his brother, Mark McMahan is president of Hoyt Wright Company in Anderson. Megan (Austin) Bredice is living in Thousand Oaks, California, and is employed as a landscape architect. Charles Austin works for the city of Anderson as a project engineer.

ROBERT E. BUCHANAN, born in Auburn on St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 1919. He spent his childhood in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School. He attended Northwestern University, where he was editor of the Daily Northwestern, a member of the Student Governing Board, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Betta Chi and Beta Theta Pi, and wrote sketches and lyrics for the school musical variety show. He graduated with a masters degree from Nudill School of Journalism, he continues doctoral studies at the University of Jeliuois and taught journalism classes there.

In WW II, he enlisted as a private in tbe Army, and received his second lieutenant's commission in the U.S. Air Force and after two and a half years of duty in the South Pacific, was discharged as a captain.

After a short time, he worked with his father on the Auburn Evening Star and then returned to Northwestern, where he taught courses in radio.

In 1949, he joined the Young and Rubicam advertising agency, in Chicago as a television producer and supervisor, soon moving to the agency's New York headquarters. There he was associate producer of several hour television dramatic programs and executive producer of the two daytime serials.

In 1956, he moved to J. Walter Thompson, as radio-television supervisor for the Fond, RCA, Kodak and Oker agency clients. In succeeding years, he was named vice-president, manager of the radio-television department, senior vice-president in charge of the media department, and executive vice-president, U.S. Media Director and member of the board. He also served as international Media Coordinator.

Before his retirement in 1985, after thirty years with J. Walter Thompson, he served as chairman of the Media Policy Committee of the Association of American Advertising agencies and vice-president of the Media Directors Council. He is a member of the International Radio and Televison Society, Broadcast Pioneers, and is listed in Who's Who in America.

He is now engaged, with his wife, who was a former Stewardess of National Airlines, in management of Kiser Travel Agency, in Darien, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan have two daughters: Heather and Holly, recently graduated from Northwestern University and the University of Richmond and now living in Chicago and Richmond, Virginia.

Ben Short Store

BEN H. SHORT, born 10 January 1913 at Steelville, Montana, the son of Ed and Mamie (Kreamelmeyer) Short. His paternal grandparents were Sherman and Sara (Martin) Short. His maternal grandparents were Fred and Henrietta (Schweider) Kreamelmeyer. His maternal great grandparents were Fred and Dora (Ailslager) Kreamelmeyer - both born in Hanover, Germany.

Jessie Mae McKinley was born 13 September 1914 at Garrett, Indiana the fifth child of Roy A. and Maggie (Caid) McKinley. Her paternal grandparents were William and Susana (Hippenhammer) McKinley. Her maternal grandparents were George and Mary (Speisel) Caid.

Ben and Jessie Mae "Sally" were married on 21 August 1937 in the Garrett Presbyterian Church. Ben and Sally were both graduated from high school in 1932, Ben from Auburn and Sally from Garrett.

Ben's first employment was at the age of 14, when he helped his father load castings from the Auburn Foundry at night and then deliver them early the next morning to the S.F. Bowser and Wayne Pump Co. in Fort Wayne and back to Auburn in time for school at eight. After graduating from high school, Ben operated a Texaco filling station at the corner of Jackson and Ensley. He was then employed by his father in the Short & Son Trucking Co. In 1935 the company was sold to Norwalk Truck Lines and in 1947 a new truck terminal was built of South Union Street. That terminal is now the House of Spirits store. Ben was terminal manager in Auburn for 14 years and then 4 years in McComb, Ohio. He was then transferred to the claims department in Norwalk, Ohio. He retired in 1968.

Jessie Mae was a telephone operator for the Garrett Telephone Co. She retired in 1978 from the Garrett Clinic where she was a receptionist.

Ben Short has a sister, Barbara who lives in Auburn. A sister Velma is deceased. Jessie Mae has a brother Earl, three sisters, Mary, Martha and Betty. A brother George and two sisters, Cletus and Margaret are deceased.

The Shorts are parents of three children. Sally Ann graduated from Auburn High School in 1956. She is married to Robert Harper and has four daughters, Kelly, Tracy, Lisa and Holly. The Harpers have two grandchildren - Kathleen and Joey. Sally is a receptionist at the Garrett Clinic. Ned Caid Short graduated from Auburn High School in 1960, served 3 years in Army Security in Germany, then graduated from Lorain Community College of Lorain, Ohio. Ned is now Vice President of Cartwright Transfer Co., an affiliate of North American Van Line. He has one daughter, McKinley, and two step-daughters, Debra and Brenda, and two step-grandchildren, Darcel and Darby. Mack David Short graduated from McComb, Ohio, where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated from Tri State College of Angola and is now a CADDS coordinator for Navistar, formerly International Harvester, in Fort Wayne. Mack has one son, Simon, a fifth grader.

The Shorts are members of the United Methodist Church, Auburn Automotive Heritage, and the Loyal Order of Moose. Ben is an honorary past Governor and was a member of the degree staff for 18 years and has been granted the Fellowship Degree. Jessie Mae is an Academy of Friendship member.

DELBERT O. MYERS, born 24 March 1930, in Onalaska, Washington, raised in Oregon, son of Albert and Gertrude (Shepard) Myers.

Naomi Ruth Sebert, born 2 March 1926, Corunna, Indiana, daughter of Peter and Bertha (Manrow) Sebert. Paternal grandparents are J. Albert and Suzie (Miser) Sebert, maternal grandparents are Lester LeRoy and Flossie (Means) Manrow.

Delbert and Naomi married 3 July 1954. They are the parents of five children; Don E., born 21 June 1955, married Connie S, Sigler, 19 August 1978. They have one child, Christie Marie, born 22 May 1985; Pamela Ann, born 23 April 1957, married T. Wilson, divorced 1975, they have one child, Robert "Rob" Lee Wilson, born 26 April 1978. Pamela married Paul Farrell, 15 March 1986; Richard LeRoy, born 10 December 1958, married Suzanne (Mansfield) Rowe, 12 April 1984. Suzanne has one daughter, Tara Rowe. They live near Newville, Indiana; Robert E., born 17 March 1961, died 30 May 1961, aged two and a half months; Kathy Jean, born 30 July 1963.

Delbert and Naomi have lived in their present home twenty-six years. All their children live and work in the Auburn Area. Delbert has been employed with Supreme Transit Mix, Inc. for nineteen years. Naomi is employed by DeKalb Central School district.

FRED J. NEBELUNG, born in Bryan, Ohio, 17 September 1867, the son the Charles and Frances (Pfeffer) Nebelung. His father was a native of Saxony, Germany.

Mr. Nebelung received his elementary and High School education at Bryan. After graduation, he clerked in a clothing store. Later, he entered business for himself as a tailor and dealer in men's clothing. In 1898, he disposed of his business in Bryan and came to Auburn where he purchased the old Racket store, a novelty shop, located where the Florreich Jewerly is at the present. Later that year, he moved his business to the north-west corner of Main and Ninth

Streets until he retired in 1943, a merchant of over fifty years.

From the time he started in Auburn, he gradually changed his stock to dry goods, shoes and ladies ready-to-wear clothing, in addition to which he carried a line of groceries. Later, he devoted all his time to the shoe business.

Today, this business continues under the same name of Nebelung Shoe Store, now owned by Hugh Western.

In 1885, Mr. Nebelung married Mrs. Frederica Hardling of St. Mary's, Ohio, a widow with a daughter, Nellie Hardling, who was well known in Auburn.

He was a member of the Christian Science Church; Commercial Club, later changed to the Chamber of Commerce; Masonic Lodge No. 214 F. and A.M. in Auburn.

For his last seven years, he was blind and died 12 March 1951, at his home, 108 East Fourth Street.

Hugh Western Family

HUGH JAMES WESTERN, born the son of Ethel N. and Harry Western in Auburn, 2 July 1932. He was the fourth child of the couple, the youngest being Lillian who died in infancy, Polly Steele of Tucson, Arizona and Nancy Derrow of Auburn. Upon graduation from Auburn High School, Hugh entered the Armed Services, 8 December 1952. He served in the Anti-aircraft division of the Army as Corporal at Andrews Air Force Base. Upon the death of his father, Hugh entered into partnership with the late Franklin Bartels in the Nebelung Shoe Corporation; at the same time completing requirements for a business degree at Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana. Hugh has served as a member of the JayCee organization in Auburn and is Grand Master of the Auburn Masonic Lodge. He is a member of the Auburn Retail Association and most recently promoted the Athletic Corner in the Westedge Mall as well as retaining the Nebelung Shoe Store in downtown Auburn. He married Julia Ferguson on 14 June 1959, and they are the parents of two sons, Jeffery Hugh and Jeremy Scott, both of Auburn.

Julia Kay (Ferguson) Western, born 21 August 1938 in Auburn, the only child of Florence Ferne and Ford Maxwell Ferguson. After graduation from Auburn High School in 1956, Julia attended Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana on a music scholarship. She taught music privately for over 25 years, giving instruction on the piano, organ, guitar, and the reed instruments. She was a member of the Indiana University Symphonic Wind Ensemble and has served as as adjudicator for the N.I.S.B.O.V.A. solo and ensemble contests. Listed as an official judge of the Miss America Preliminary Pageants, she has also aired a Music Noteables radio program over W.I.F.F. station in Auburn. She has served as Music director of the Miss Northeast Pageant, and at the present time is the principal organist and pianist at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, music honorary, Alpha Omicron Pi, social sorority, and the Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa Sorority.

The Westerns are members of the Presbyterian Church in Auburn, where Hugh has served on the Board of Elders and as Clerk of the Session.

Jeffery Western, born 26 November 1965, in Auburn, Indiana. He was a member of the DeKalb Tennis Team while in high school, capturing the sectional title in his Junior years of high school. He was also a saxophonist in the junior high school band. A four-year honor student now pursuing a business degree at Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He assists his father at Nebelung Shoe Store and the Athletic Corner in Auburn. Jeffery also enjoys playing the piano and spending time at the family cottage at Crooked Lake, Angola, Indiana.

Jeremy Scott Western, born 19 December 1970, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is currently a sophomore at DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana. Serving as the drummer for the DeKalb Show Choir and jazz band, he is also a member of the DeKalb Marching Baron Brigade, symphonic Band and the pep band. He was one of the fortunate members of the DeKalb Baron Brigade to attend the state finals in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1985. He enjoys swimming and skiing at Crooked Lake.

FORD MAXWELL FERGUSON, born 6 February 1904 at North Baltimore, Ohio, son of Joseph W. Ferguson and Cora Isabelle Kosht.

Florence Ferne Ferguson was born 18 June 1906 at Hicksville, Ohio, daughter of John E.

Ford Ferguson Family

Hook and Julia Etta Simmers.

Ford and Ferne were married 2 April 1927, at the home of his parents. The Reverend Joseph W. Ferguson performed the ceremony.

Ford was employed by the Auburn Automobile Company for many years, and then became a partner with Forrest Gerig in the Furniture business on North Main Street in Auburn. Later he became manager of the Moose Lodge in Auburn, and in later years he worked and retired from the Messenger Corporation in Auburn.

Ferne graduated from the Hicksville, Ohio high school in 1924. She was a member of Hart's Girl Band as a saxophonist and traveled the East Coast and as far South as Norfolk, Virginia, during her sophomore year in high school. She graduated from International Business College in 1926, and was employed by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Fort Wayne, before moving to Auburn. She was appointed Deputy Auditor of DeKalb County and served nine years. Later was employed as a bookkeeper for Oren-VanAman Company, Auburn Hardware, Inc. and DeKalb Farm Bureau. After eighteen and one-half years she retired from Messenger Corporation. She took another job as secretary to the Auburn Street Department, for eight years. She is a College of Regent Member of the Moose, a former member of The Auburn Business & Professional Women, Secretary of the DeKalb County Democratic Central Committee, and vice-precinct committeeman. She is now serving as a member of the Northeast Area III Council on Aging.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are the parents of one daughter, Julia Kay Western, and two grandchildren, Jeffrey Hugh and Jeremy Scott Western. Julia is a music teacher, and a piano and organist for the Presbyterian Church of Auburn.

REVEREND JOSEPH FERGUSON, born 1 September 1871, in Jackson Township, in DeKalb County, son of the late James and Margaret Ferguson. He died 26 November 1963.

Rev. Joseph Ferguson

Cora Isabelle Kosht, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Kosht, born 14 June 1871, and died 17 February 1927. At the age of 19, Rev. Ferguson and a schoolmate, Cora Kosht, were married. He started his career as a minister of the Angola United Brethern Church circuit at the age of 20 years. In his three years of service to that circuit, in which his four congregations met in school buses in Steuben County, he made his rounds with a horse and buggy. He then received a call to several churches in Ohio, spending 17 years in service there before returning to the evangelistic field.

He was one of four children; Tom Ferguson, Terry Ferguson and Mary Jane (Kosht) Fleming, all of whom were DeKalb County residents. His youngest son, Justus A. Ferguson, born 17 September 1891 in Auburn. Another son was born at North Baltimore, Ohio 6 February 1904. Ford Maxwell Ferguson attended schools in Indiana and Ohio and married Florence Ferne Ferguson in Hicksville, Ohio 2 April 1927. They became the parents of Mrs. Julia Western and the grandparents of Jeffery Hugh Western and Jeremy Scott Western. Reverend Ferguson preached as an evangelist in 12 states for 11 years before returning to the United Brethren. Church in Hicksville where he served for three years. He then became semi-active in the church for three years because of the illness of his wife.

He was also a former DeKalb County Deputy Sheriff and served as a minister for 71 years, serving Ashley, Indiana Church of Christ for 17 years before his retirement. He was later married to Dehila Hasick from West Virginia, and she too is deceased. Reverend Ferguson, through his long years in the ministry, estimated he had officiated at 3,400 funeral services during his career.

Cora Isabelle Kosht was the youngest of a family of fifteen, three of those being Francis Kosht, Emma (Kosht) Ebersole, and Sarah (Kosht) Cobler. She was a member of the United Brethern in Christ for forty years, manifesting her interest in the church community with years of loving service.

LEONARD V. MILLER, born 28 July 1921, DeKalb County, Indiana to Nicholas L. and Julia (Buchs) Miller. His paternal grandparents were Frank A. and Theresa (Zircher) Miller, maternal grandparents were Anton and Theresa (West) Buchs.

Leonard married Esther I. Deetz, 24 August 1944, in Auburn, Indiana. Esther, born 8 January 1922, to Elmer J. and Hilda I. (Metcalf) Deetz. Her paternal grandparents are Oscar and Mertie Deetz, maternal grandparents were J.W. and Minnie (Duelser) Metcalf.

Leonard attended Ashley School and Esther attended the Waterloo School where they met. Leonard worked forty-six years for Rieke Corporation before retiring 28 July 1986. Esther spent those years as a homemaker and mother to their two children; Eileen (Miller) LaRue has two children, Timothy A. and Jeanine N.; Valerie J. (Miller) Grambling has two children, Joel P. and Chad A.

The Millers live south of Auburn. They are members of the Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn, Indiana.

Lee and Leone Wise

LEE R. WISE, born 19 June 1883, at Spencerville, Indiana, the son of William Frank and Betsy (Burley) Wise. His paternal grandparents were George and Harriett (Snyder) Wise. His maternal grandparents were Harper and Louisa (White) Burley.

Leone Hinman, born 24 November 1883 in DeKalb County, the daughter of William H. Hinman and Zella (Smalley) Hinman. Her paternal grandparents were Morgan and Mary Jane (Yard) Hinman. Her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Loretta (Farrington) Smalley of Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Lee and Leone were married 10 June 1906, at Waterloo, Indiana. They made their home on South Indiana Avenue in Auburn. Lee and his father, Frank, built the house shortly before Lee's marriage. After the Wises moved to the country, it became Cougill's Greenhouse. Mr. Wise worked at the Auburn Automobile Factory until in February 1919, when they moved to the farm in Smithfield Township, owned by William Hinman.

Mr. Wise raised livestock (sheep and cattle), also grains (wheat, oats and corn). He farmed with horses for several years before buying a tractor, so there was hay to make. The Wises also raised chickens and turkeys.

In the early 1960's, they sold their farm to neighbors, Roy and Pauline King and moved to the property they owned in Waterloo.

The Wises celebrated 50 years of marriage at their country home in 1956 and their 60th anniversary at their home in Waterloo in 1966.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wise were active in church and civic affairs. Lee was an elder in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ for several years. He was also trustee and assessor in Smithfield Township, later working as a crop insurance adjuster for DeKalb County.

Mr. Wise had an older brother, Orval, who managed the Lumber Yard in Auburn, later moving his family to Elkhart where he also managed a Lumber Yard. Mrs. Wise was an only child.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise were parents of three daughters. Vivian Lucile died in infancy. Thelma (Wise) Schannen was a teacher in the Ashley Grade School and also taught two years at the Pleasant Lake School. Lois (Wise) Eddy also taught school and lived in Hamilton. At the time of their 60th wedding anniversary, they had 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wise, died 25 May 1967 and Mr. Wise died 29 January 1969 and Lois Wise Eddy died 4 December 1975.

HARRIET (WASSON) OBERLIN, born 20 April 1908, on a farm in Spencer Township, daughter of Wallace M., born 1875, died 1941, and Eva (Steele) Wasson. Eva, born 1883, died 1957. Harriet's birthplace was located west of the original homestead settled by Samuel W. Wasson, in 1837. Paternal grandparents were

Louis, born 1845, died 1912, and Elizabeth (Ballentine) Wasson, born 1851, died 1931.

Harriet has three sisters, one dying as an infant, and five brothers. All of these children attended elementary and high schools in the public schools of DeKalb County. Pauline and Harriet completed their education through college and became teachers, each one of them taught initially here in DeKalb County, before moving to other states and countries. Harriet compiled forty-one years as an educator, nineteen as a classroom teacher and twenty-one as an administrator. Harriet's years as an administrator had taken her to Japan for six years, England for one year, Europe four years and to Alaska for one year, at the Alaska Methodist University for the first year of her retirement.

On Christmas Day, 1933, Miles and Harriett (Wasson) Oberlin became the parents of a baby daughter named, Barbara Jo. Barbara Jo grew to adulthood here in Indiana, but chose to continue her education at the University of Colorado. Barbara met and married Dan Gossert, a fellow student. Barbara Jo died in 1966, Colorado. There were no children born to this union.

WALLACE M. WASSON, born 1875, died 1941, son of Louis, born 1845, died 1912, and Elizabeth (Ballentine) Wasson. Louis and Elizabeth lived their entire married life on the old home place northwest of Spencerville, to this union were born six children. Paternal grandparents were Samuel, born 1809, died 1892, and Elizabeth (Means) Wasson, born 1819, died 1892.

Wallace married Eva Steele, born 1883, died 1957. To this union were born nine children; Pauline Lillian, born 1903, married Donald Greene, resides in Reading, Pennsylvania; Martin Lewis, born 1906, died 1970; Harriet Beatrice, born 1908, married Miles Oberlin; Kenneth Derwood, born 1910, died 1964; Frances Ann, born 1913, died 1914; Dorotha Madonna, born 1951, married George Baron, resides in the summers at Lake Lavine, Michigan, winter months in Sebring, Florida; Russell Wallace, born 1917, died 1978; D.O. Glenn, born 1919, married Arlene, they reside in Butler, Indiana; Richard Elwood, born 1922, married Maxine, reside in St. Louis, Missouri, he recently retired from his position as President of Bitucate Products Company, home offices in St. Louis, Missouri.

GUY WATSON ORWIG, born 19 September 1883, in Henry County, Ohio, to William and Eleanor (McKibben) Orwig. He and his mother and a brother, Foster, came to DeKalb County in 1913 and purchased the Anthony O. Zonker property, in Fairfield Township, where he pursued farming for many years. His ancestors came from Germany and settled a town in Pennsylvania called Orwigsburg, some coming to Ohio in later years. He married Wanda (Blech) Landis in 1919, and remained on the farm until 1942, when they purchased the George Kirlin property and moved to Gonser Street in Ashley.

Guy was employed by the State of Indiana to buy right-of-way for the Waterloo and Hamilton Road and State Road 4. He also served on the DeKalb Liquor Board.

Both were active in the Corunna Church of Christ and many county organizations such as the Christian Temperance Union, Farm Bureau, and Mrs. Orwig in the Fairfield Township Home Bureau Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Orwig are the parents of six children: Victor B. Orwig, who with his wife, June Weirich Orwig, had purchased the home farm and passed away in March, 1986; Eleanor Conrad, Ashley, Indiana; Ruth Richter, Ashley, Indiana; Troas Edwards, Mercer Island, Washington; and Wayne C. Orwig, Columbus, Ohio. Robert E. Orwig, deceased in infancy.

Mr. Orwig, died 21 May 1976. Mrs. Orwig had two daughters by an earlier marriage: Leora (Landis) Perkins, Garrett, Indiana and Eileen (Landis) Simons, Ashley, Indiana. Mrs. Orwig continues to live in Ashley, Indiana. Her parents, Edward and Mathilda (Pankop) Blech, came to America in 1890 by sail steerage from Posen, Germany, and settled in Noble County near other relatives, then moved to Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, south of Helmer, Indiana. They are buried in the Lakeside Cemetery at Kendallville, Indiana.

WAYNE LOCKHART CONRAD, born 11 October 1920, in DeKalb County, Indiana, son of James and Mary Dorothy (Lockhart) Conrad. His paternal grandparents were John Conrad and Emma (Elloit) Conrad. His maternal grandparents were Robert O. and Mamie (Hartman) Lockhart.

Eleanor Orwig, born 1 November 1922, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Guy Watson and Wanda (Blech) Orwig. Her paternal were William and Eleanor (McKibben) Orwig, of Henry County, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Edward and Mathilda (Pankop) Blech, of rural Helmer, Indiana.

Wayne and Eleanor were married on 6 November 1941, at her parents home in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. Both having been involved in community affairs and Barkers Chapel United Church.

Mr. Conrad has two brothers: John Conrad of Waterloo, Indiana; James R. Conrad of rural Auburn, Indiana and one sister, Mary Ann Ferebee of Orlando, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are the parents of three children: Joyce Marie Conrad of rural Ashley, Indiana, who works at Cooper Industrial in Auburn, Indiana; Jeffery Wayne Conrad of Auburn, Indiana, who was married 18 July 1981, to Elizabeth Ann Buttermore of Auburn. He teaches agricultural education in the Lakeland School System, LaGrange, Indiana, and his wife teaches art in the DeKalb Central School System. Joel Eugene Conrad of Valparaiso, Indiana, was married 21 September 1985, to Lynda Sue Frederick from Angola, Indiana. Joel teaches agricultural education in the Kouts, Indiana Township School System and his wife is a nurse.

Wayne and Eleanor Conrad graduated from Ashley High School and have farmed and produced certified seeds in Smithfield Township all during their married life.

JAMES CONRAD, born 17 September 1892, in DeKalb County, Indiana, son of John and Emma (Elloit) Conrad. His paternal grandparents were John and Tracy Conrad, who came to Indiana from Ohio. His maternal grandparents were Nathan and Jane (Ling) Elloit, who came to DeKalb County, Indiana from Coshocton County, Ohio, and followed a farming occupation.

Mary Dorothy Lockhart, born 22 August 1898, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Robert W. and Mary Catherine (Hartman) Lockhart. Her paternal grandparents were William C. and Mary E. (Hickox) Lockhart of DeKalb County, Indiana, whose ancestors came from Tyrone, Ireland and were weavers by trade. Her maternal grandparents were Joel E. and Sarah (Gushwa) Hartman whose parents were from Pennsylvania and Ohio. Joel E. Hartman came to DeKalb County in 1847, and died there in 1873.

James and Dorothy were married on 3 June 1917, at Quincy, Michigan. They engaged in threshing, shredding corn, and harvesting around the area where they lived north of Waterloo, as well as their own farming ventures. They were active in community affairs, Barkers Chapel Church and the Old Time Threshers Organization. Mrs. Conrad enjoys many handcrafts and antiques as well.

Mr. Conrad had one sister, Blen (Conrad) Vosberg, of DeKalb County, Indiana, who married Fred Vosberg of near Hillsdale, Michigan, and two brothers, one who died in infancy and Johnny, who died at age 22.

Mrs. Conrad had three brothers and two sisters: Carl Lockhart of Pleasant Lake, Indiana; Ralph Lockhart of rural Ashley, Indiana; Robert Lockhart of Defiance, Ohio; (all deceased) a sister Wilma Lockhart, died as a small child; and Edna (Lockhart) Quaintance of Auburn, Indiana, at this writing lives with her daughter at Sowles Bay, Lake James, Angola Indiana.

Mr. Conrad died in April, 1974 and Mrs. Conrad lives in the same neighborhood where they farmed for many years, north of Waterloo, in Smithfield Township.

GEORGE ANSTETT moved his family from Peru, Indiana, to Auburn about 1851, and it had been handed down in the family that from their front porch they could see every house in town. By 1854, they were living in Fairfield Township, and at that time became charter members of St. John's Reformed Church, just outside the north end of what is now known as Hudson. George Anstett came from a long line of tailors in France, a trade which he continued in America.

George's marriage document is in Ingviller, France, and states that he was born 31 October 1800, at Ingviller, the son of the late George Anstett and his wife, Elizabeth Weiss. The bride is Susanne Stauffer, born 27 June 1801, in Urbais/Urbeis, the daughter of the late Joseph Stauffer and his wife, Susanne Habertisch. The date of marriage was 3 October 1826. They arrived in America with their two young children, Charles and Sarah, about 1833, and they rest of their children were born in Pennsylvania. Old letters and obituaries give the residences as Reading and Lancaster.

Charles Anstett (1827-1884) married Saloma Sally Noll, and raised his family in Salem Township, Steuben County, Indiana. Sarah Anstett, born 1830, married Frederick Lewis Falka (1809-1870) and her father, George Anstett, deeded them 20 acres in Auburn in 1854. Of their several children, apparently only Philip born 1856, who married Lizzie Dull of Waterloo, and Charles Peter Falka, born 1869, and who married Ona Metcalf, kept their DeKalb County connection. Charles Peter Falka, better known as Peter Falka, was in big demand in Auburn for paint and varnish jobs. He and his wife had two children, Weir and Martha, but neither ever married. Martha had a popcorn stand on the downtown streets of Auburn for many years, and was still there until she moved the stand to West 9th Street.

George W. Anstett (1833-1877), married Mary Jane (1844-1913), daughter of Wm. H. and Ursula Jane (Haskins) Wilsey, and most of their several children settled in Steuben County, Indiana.

John Anstett (1835-1908), married Joanna Elizabeth Catherine Putt (1844-1922). They were farmers in Smithfield Township in DeKalb County, and raised three children, John George, Sarah Ann and Charles Sherman Anstett.

Susan Anstett (1837-1919), married the widower Chauncey Ringler (1822-1887) in 1855 and they had twelve children, raising to adulthood John, Caroline, Adeline, Mary E., George, Chauncey, Susan and Nellie. They family lived in Fairfield township, DeKalb County.

Elizabeth Anstett, born 1838, married in DeKalb County, John Peter Parr (1826-1902) in 1857, and she died a year or two later, apparently without issue.

Caroline Anstett (1844-1876), married David Irish. After her death, Mr. Irish after marrying Mary Deats in Steuben County, Indiana, took his four little daughters to Becker County, Minnesota.

Harriet Anstett (1846-1940) married Levi Putt (1840-1914), son of George and Sarah Ann (Gettz) Putt, and lived on a farm in Fairfield Township, and had five children, with descendants still living in DeKalb County.

Ringler Farm

SPENCER RINGLER, (1880-1954), was the son of Israel (1849-1896) and Louisa (1859-1942) Ringler, daughter of Adam and Maria (Long) Deetz. Spencer's grandfather, Chauncey Ringler came to Fairfield Township in 1849 and by 1880 had acquired 160 acres and across the road in Salem Township, Steuben County, an additional 20 acres. Chauncey was the son of Henry and Martha (Keller) Ringler of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and both Henry's father, Jacob, and grandfather, John Ringler, served in the Revolutionary War from York County Pennsylvania. John's father, Matthias Ringer (not then Ringler), appears on Bonfield (now Bad Rappenau) church records, as the son of Wolfgang Ringer, a citizen of Rappenau, and that he married on 27 June 1717, Maria Magdalena, daughter of Heinrich Nischicker, and widow of John Jacob Schneid (er), and they emigrated in 1717. On 20 November 1717/18, Matthias was warranted 500 acres of land on the west side of the Schuykill River. They were active members of the New Hanover Lutheran Church, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and are buried in the church yard. Matthias died 8 March 1749, age 56, and Magdalena on 6 April 1764, age 74.

Spencer's paternal grandparents, Chauncey (1822-1887) and Elizabeth (Almendinger) (1822-1854) Ringer were married 1845 in Holmes County, Ohio and were the parents of four children. In 1885, Chauncey married second Susanna Anstett (1832-1919), and they were the parents of twelve children. When Chauncey died, his son Israel took over the farm and raised their children -Spencer and Etta. Spencer married Dessa (1885-1968), daughter of George and Etta (Gonser) Clink, and they remodeled and made additions to the original Ringler house, making it one of the most modern homes in rural DeKalb County. They installed their own electric plant, hot water heating system, and a bathroom about 1915, luxuries only common to city folk. By hard work and good management, the land became more productive; the fence rows and back 40 acres bordering Story Lake were aggressively attacked with hoes to keep them thistle and burdock free. On the big barn was painted Never Idle Farm.

Spencer, better known as Spen, and his wife are buried in the Fairfield Cem[illegible] as were his parents before them. His Ringler grandparents are buried in the County Line Cemetery which is a couple miles east of the homestead. Spen and Dessie had no children, but always took a lively interest in Bertha and Floyd, the children of his sister Etta's marriage to Minor Perkins. Mr. Perkins helped establish a bank in Stroh, Indiana, and their descendants are active in the banking business to this day.

The compiler is a great granddaughter of Chauncey and Susanna (Anstett) Ringler, through their son, Chauncey Jr. (1871-1940) and his wife, Flora Parr (1878-1961), and then through their daughter Berniece Ringler who married Charles Rowe of Hudson, Indiana. The latter couple had four children, namely Wava, Charletta, Ruth and Larry. The compiler, Wava, married Richard A. White, and in the 1940's they lived on the Ringler homestead making her the last Ringler descendant to occupy the old family place.

WAVA J. ROWE, born 14 August 1923 in Hudson, Indiana to Charles E. and Berniece (Ringler) Rowe. Wava was married to Richard A.

White on 1 June 1941. He was employed by her mother's cousin, Spencer Ringler, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. Richard was born 24 February 1918, in Flint, Indiana, the son of Roscoe and Blanche (Wigent) White. When Spencer retired about 1945, Wava and Richard lived for a time on the Ringler farm. It was here that their home was blessed with two sons, Jack Ferrier Foster, and Max Douglas, born 1945, adopted. Jack is single and lived in Coldwater, Michigan. Max married Diana Majewski and they live in West Palm Beach, Florida. They have three sons, Jacob, Shawn and Joshua.

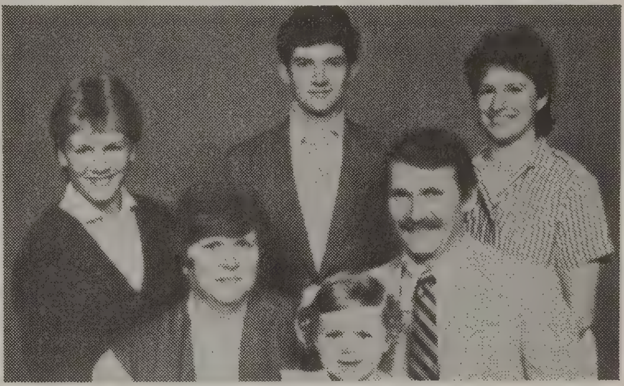
The Rowes who came to Fairfield Township in the early days, were children and grandchildren of George Row (1774-1848) who died in Holmes County, Ohio. Shortly before he died, his oldest son, John, who was married to Elizabeth Raush died, and it appears that this John, earlier the same year 1848, had been granted land in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. The eldest son, Christian, was a grantee in 1852, and in turn granted to his mother Elizabeth in 1853. She brought the rest of the family to Fairfield Township, where she died in 1882, and is buried in Fairfield Cemetery.

Jacob Row (1802-1873), son of the Holmes County, Ohio pioneer, George Row, was granted land in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana on 21 November 1848, by Peter Row — presumably the Peter Row that was his brother and the husband of Mary Deetz. This Jacob Row had married Magdalene Guttery/Guthrey on 26 December 1830, in Holmes County, Ohio, and most of their large family of children were born in Ohio. Jacob is buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

Another son of the Holmes County pioneer who came to Fairfield Township was Samuel Row and his wife Elizabeth Olinger. They were married in Holmes County in 1833, and in the 1840 census were living in Coshocton County, Ohio, and in the 1850 census in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. They also had a large family of children.

While George S. Row (1800-1865), son of the Holmes County, pioneer, George Row, stayed in Holmes County, two of his sons came to northeastern Indiana: John Frederick Row (1826-1887), married in Holmes County his first wife, Mary Margaret Roush in 1847. After her death married Mary Bickle in 1869, in DeKalb County, Indiana. They lived for a short while in Fairfield Township, after she died in 1874, apparently it was about this time that John Frederick moved to Garrett, where he lived out the rest of his days with his third wife, Mrs. Eleanor (Butler) High. John Frederick (usually known as Fred) had a large family of children by his first two wives.

John Frederick's brother, John Adam Row (1839-1917), was never known to live in DeKalb County, Indiana, but spent the last 17 years of his life across the county line in Hudson, Salem Township, Steuben County, Indiana. However, they frequently visited the Fairfield Township kin. John Adam had married Mary Lidy in 1859, Holmes County, Ohio. Both he and John Frederick lived several years in Monroeville, Indiana, and it was there they enrolled in the Civil War. John Adam had only one son who had children to carry on the Row name. He was George Wesley Rowe (1874-1923), who married Nancy Alberta Lowe of St. Joseph Township, Allen County, Indiana and they moved to Hudson, Indiana about 1905. Their children were Glenna, John, Charles, Georgia, Hazel and Dorothy.



Michael Ricks Family

MICHAEL RICKS has resided in DeKalb County since the summer of 1981. Michael married Susan (Glasford) Lavergetti.

Susan, born in New York State, is a registered nurse who earned her degree in Syracuse, New York and completed a Bachelor's degree in Indiana.

Michael was raised in Lafayette, Indiana and attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He has a Masters degree in Science Education and works as a Trainer for the federal training and employment program. They are the parents of four children: Heather, Mike's daughter by a prior marriage; Tom and Renee, adopted children of Susan and Thomas Lavergetti; Megan, daughter of Susan and Mike Ricks. Heather was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Tom is a student at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated from DeKalb High School in June, 1986. Renee attends DeKalb High School in the Junior Class and an avid member of the Baron Brigade. Heather participated in band and Girl Scouting as a Seventh

Grader at DeKalb Middle School. Susan's mother - Irene Glasford - is not pictured here, but is very much a member of the family. She resides at 1207 Highland. Mrs. Glasford retired from the U.S. Postal Service after over thirty years as a postmistress is northern New York State.

Area farmers who helped John Pepple

JAMES A. PEPPLE, the only son of John W. and Hazel (Mortoff) Pepple, was born in DeKalb County, 4 July 1933. He began farming at the age of fourteen after the death of his father in 1947.

The 1885 DeKalb county history tells of his grandfather, George A. Pepple, moving to DeKalb County with his parents in 1854 at the age of fourteen. He began what was a successful farming career at the age of twenty-two.

James has lived at the now Centennial Farm his entire life and like his grandfather, he is a successful farmer. He raises grain and Polled Hereford cattle.

He serves as a member of the DeKalb County Plan Commission and is on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He is a board member of DeKalb Farmers Mutual Insurance. He drives a school bus for DeKalb Central School District and is a member of the Maple Grove Church. He went to Elementary School and High School in Waterloo, Indiana.

In 1951, he married Marcella C. Giradot, daughter of Harry and Cordella (Nessel) Giradot. To them were born four children: Lynn, born 12 October 1951; Kathleen, born 8 July 1953; Rex, born 10 May 1955 and John, born 9 July 1957. After the death of his wife, he married Fannie (Cox) Donaldson in 1975. She has two sons: Douglas and Ned.

James' father, John, went to school at the Tamarack School north of Auburn and later attended Auburn High School. John married Hazel (Mortoff) Leas of Ashley. Hazel lost her first husband, Freeman Leas to the flu epidemic of 1918. To them was born a son, Carrol F. Leas.

James remembers his father farming with a team of horses, sometimes from dawn till dusk. They butchered and canned their own meat. There was a huckster wagon driven by Herb Fee that would come around twice a week. He would take eggs for trade and there was always treats for the children.

These area farmers met at the home of John Pepple and harvested his wheat crop. Mr. Pepple was ill and unable to work.

REX ELTON PEPPLE, born in DeKalb County, 10 May 1955, son of James A. and Marcella C. Pepple. Rex has two brothers and one sister, Lynn, John and Kathleen. His paternal grandparents are John and Hazel Pepple. His maternal grandparents are Harry and Cordella Giradot.

Rex helped his dad on the farm as much and as often as he could. His first job off the farm was for a local drugstore. After he graduated from DeKalb High School, he worked for a gas station while attending college. He also worked for Flint and Walling in Kendallville and Warner Gear in Auburn. He has worked for DeKalb Central School District for seven years as Maintenance of Building Repairs. He did not move from his dad's home until he was 25 years old. When he bought a house east of Waterloo.

Rex married Tracy Elaine Whittington, 21 September 1985, at the Auburn Methodist Church. Tracy is the daughter of Dennis P. and Sheryl A. Whittington. Tracy, born 9 April 1964, in Auburn, Indiana. She has one sister, Kristen. Tracy's paternal grandparents are Paul and Carol Whittington. Her maternal grandparents are Richard and Mary Brown.

Tracy graduated from DeKalb High School and works at Reeves Brothers south of Auburn, Indiana. She is a Sales Service Secretary.

They have one son, Craig Richard, born 16 October 1986.

GALEN E. PEPPLE, born in Auburn, Indiana, 7 February 1946, son of Glen E. and Marie B. (Grogg) Pepple. His parents lived at Churubusco until 1951, at which time they moved to Avilla, Indiana. In 1958, the family moved to a farm near Corunna, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Elmer and Nellie (Bosler) Pepple. His maternal grandparents were Loyal and Ruby (Surfus) Grogg.

Sharon J. Brown, born in Garrett, Indiana, 7 May 1949, daughter of Clarence E. and Glenna (Snyder) Brown. Her parents resided in Auburn, at the time of her birth. She has resided in DeKalb County all of her life. Her paternal grandparents were Ellsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. Her maternal grandparents were Glenn and Mae (Brown) Snyder.

Galen and Sharon were married 12 August 1967, at the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethern, Corunna, Indiana. They are both members of the church. Galen graduated from Waterloo High School in 1964, and International Business College in 1966, with an associate degree in Business Administration. Sharon graduated from Waterloo High School in 1967.

Galen has worked for Professional Search, since 1971. He purchased his share of the business in 1985.

After working for 13 years at County Line Cheese, Sharon is now employed part-time at Card, Gifts, Etc. by Keltsch in the Auburn Plaza.

Galen has one brother, Gerald and three sisters. Deloris Biddle, Helen Buckmaster and Leona Kratzman. Sharon has one brother, Michael Brown and one sister, Cinda Messman. One brother and one sister died in infancy.

Galen and Sharon have three children: Galen Bradely, born 11 September 1974; Glen Andrew, born 26 August 1974; Rhonda Kay, born 26 August 1980.

GEORGE W. MANSFIELD, born 11 February 1921, to George A. and Helen (Abel) Mansfield, at his paternal grandparents home, south of Jackson Center, Indiana. His paternal grandfather was a blacksmith and did the horseshoeing and blacksmith work for the neighborhood. His grandmother raised onions of their 20 acre farm. His maternal grandfather George H. Abel, was founder and caretaker of Roselawn Cemetery. His maternal grandmother was Alda Viola Shafer of near Spencerville.

George's father was engaged in farming from 1916 to 1922, in the Butler, Indiana area. They family moved to Auburn and resided at 718 North Cedar Street. His father ran a John Deere implement store on south Main Street, just south of where the Moose Lodge is now.

George's recollection of his early days in Auburn go back to 1925. He remembers John Muhn watering the dusty, dirt streets of Auburn with a horse drawn tanker, and all of the kids following barefooted, not only did they get wet but also feet and legs got muddy. The interurban tracks went down the middle of Cedar Street. There was a dump, where a present Little League ballpark is, behind the house and it had old abandoned cars that we used to play in, sure had a lot of fun. Used to bathe in Cedar Creek, could not swim then, only dog paddle. The Murray family lived on Main Street, and the lot went clear to Cedar Street and they had a beautiful yard with a pond. The pond contained fish in summer and in the winter the kids who had ice skates skated on it. Remember when the Moose Lodge had a picnic at the Silvermoon Dance Hall north of Auburn. Remember the silent pictures at the Court Theater, the woman playing the piano before the show and during the picture to highlight certain things? Also, remember the twinkling stars in the ceiling? My sisters told me about this before we got there and that is the first thing that I did was look up. The Klu Klux Klan held their meetings above the implement store.

The Mansfield family moved to Garrett, in the fall of 1928, and lived at 517 E. King Street. George attended St. Joseph's School graduating in 1939. As there were no factory jobs available, he worked on farms until the fall of 1940, when he went to Toledo, Ohio and obtained a job as Multilith operator printing the luncheon and dinner menus, complete change of daily entrees daily. In 1941, he went to work for the B & O Railroad at Willard, Ohio as secretary to Dr. Glenn Edwards, the Medical Examiner. He then got his first train ride, this job required about 3500 miles of train travel a month. In the fall of 1942, he started to work for E.H. Barnhart the Division of Engineer at Garrett, Indiana. George left the railroad in the fall of 1943, and went to work for Studebaker aviation in Fort Wayne. After the war he worked for IHC and Capehart Farnsworth in Fort Wayne, and as things slowed down after the war he then went to work pumping gas for Keith Kratzer, and bartending for John's Tavern.

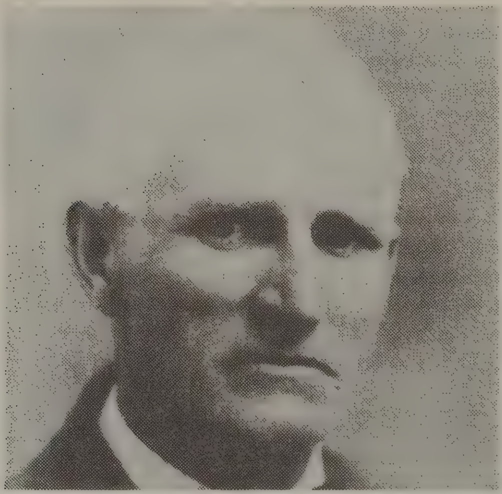
In 1947, George and Rosie E. Thompson of Butler, were married and they were the parents of seven children: Jerry E., George J., William, James, Joseph, Diane and Denise. Rosie's parents were George N. and Frances (Hilbert) Thompson.

George started to work to Dana Corporation, Auburn, (Auburn Clutch) in 1951. George started to work in the receiving Department for $40 per week and during his tenure held various positions with Dana. George retired in 1979, and held the position of Facility Engineer.

Rosie died in October of 1981.

PERRY A. FOOTE, born 18 November 1872 in Scipio Township, Allen County, Indiana. The oldest of six children. His parents were Abraham and Cynthia (Gump) Foote. At the age of 2 years, he moved with his parents to a farm in Richland Township, southeast of Corunna, Indiana. They moved by oxen.

The rest of his life was spent in Richland Township. He taught school for 23 years, beginning in 1890, when only 17 years of age.



Perry Foote

At that time a normal training of 6 weeks was required to teach, he took his at Angola. He taught the children of many of his former pupils.

In 1898 he married Edythe Olinger. They had 3 daughters: Mrs. Wilbur (Ruth) Dilgard, Mrs. Ward (LaRea) Swarts and Mrs. Dale (Maxine) Walter. Perry also served as Richland Township trustee for 8 years and as County Road Superintendent for 3 years in the 1920's.

In 1912 he bought his parents farm, where he was raised southeast of Corunna. His father built the brick house from the brick yard 1 mile south of Corunna. He always lived on a farm, using horses, never a tractor. He had a maple sugar camp that he really enjoyed each spring. He was very much interested in community affairs, and active in his church, at that time called the #16 Lutheran Church.

His father was a Civil War Veteran, with Co. D. 44th Indiana Infantry. Also, his wife, Edythe, was the daughter of Cyrus Olinger, a Civil War Veteran with Co. A. 100th Indiana Infantry. He marched with Sherman to the Sea.

Edythe's parents were Cyrus and Martha (Bowers) Olinger Cyrus was the son of George and Barbara (Lautzenheiser) Olinger. Early settlers in DeKalb County.

WILBUR M. AND RUTH (FOOTE) DILGARD were married 18 April 1921. They lived with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dilgard and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Foote until 1923. They moved to Garrett, Indiana and Wilbur started working for the B & O Railroad. He worked there for 38 years.

In 1925, they moved back to a farm owned by his parents. Where Donald and Eloise Dove now live on CR 11-A. From there in 1927 they moved to a farm of their own on the Ashley Road just at the edge of Auburn.

Wilbur Dilgard Family

They raised their three children there. They attended the public schools. Max E. of Phoneix, Arizona married Margaret Morr 2 September 1942; Eloise married Donald Dove of South of Auburn 2 October 1946; Robert L. married Betty Husselman 31 January 1947. Both boys were WW II veterans. They both followed the carpenter trade. Their father, Wilbur, was handy at remodeling houses, in Auburn, Garrett and Butler.

After farming for 22 years north of Auburn and still working on the railroad, except two years of the great depression, he worked at the Airport north of Auburn for $1.00 per day. In 1953, they moved to Auburn.

After retiring in 1961, he and his wife, Ruth, traveled a lot to see the U.S.A. from coast to coast. He passed away in 1978.

Robert and Betty Dilgard

ROBERT L. DILGARD, born 9 April 1926 in rural Auburn, son of Wilbur and Ruth (Foote) Dilgard. Robert was a veteran of WW II, serving as an airforce bombodier.

Betty Husselman, born 19 April 1925 also in rural Auburn, daughter of Earl and Delia (Miller) Husselman.

They were married 31 January 1947 in the Auburn Church of Christ. They lived their entire married life on a 150 acre farm 2 miles west of Auburn in a house built by George Olinger in 1865.

Syrus Olinger, son of George, helped to build the house after he came home from the civil war. The small brick building in the back yard, still standing, was used by great great grandmother Barbara Ann (Lautzenhiser) Olinger for baking and later for smoking meat.

Robert Dilgard is a great great grandson of George Olinger.

While the Dilgards spent the first part of their marriage farming, they both worked at the Auburn Rubber Company in the toy department, and after the Rubber Company left town, they worked at Cooper Tire for 5 years. After leaving Coopers, Robert went into full time construction where he built houses, garages, doing remodeling, plumbing and electrical work.

After semi-retirement, he purchased the house at 909 South Van Buren Street, one of the oldest houses in Auburn and in very bad condition. He completely restored it into its original Federal Style. The house was built between 1840 and 1850.

Robert died 5 September 1986, buried at Woodland Cemetery. Betty continues to live on the farm. Mr. Dilgard was a member of the Garrett Christian Church.

Richard Penland Family

RICHARD D. PENLAND, was raised on a farm near Pleasant Lake, Steuben County, Indiana. He is the son of Roscoe and Erma (Rohm) Penland, who reside in Pleasant Lake and are retired farmers. Erma's ancestors appears in the earlier history books. Richard had the Penland family traced back eight generations where William and his three brothers came to America from Scotland. William was married in 1762 and moved to Preble County, Ohio.

Richard married Ann Ellert, 18 October 1952. He was the first man to get married in a military uniform in the St. Michael's Catholic Church near Waterloo. After the Korean War and military service completed, Richard and Ann moved to Auburn.

Ann is the daughter of Raymond and Esther (Hoffelter) Ellert. Paternal grandparents were Andrew and Mary (Hess) Ellert. Maternal grandparents were Frank and Louise (Dapp) Hoffelter. Ann was raised on a farm near Waterloo.

Richard is a Postal Employee and has worked at the Auburn Post Office for thirty years. Ann is a waitress at the Greenhurst Country Club and has been employed there from seventeen years. They have lived on a farm for twenty-eight years and farmed one hundred twenty acres.

They are the parents of five sons: Michael R., born 5 October 1953; Dennis L. born 16 December 1954; married Deborah Baker, they have four children, Al, Bruce Wilson, Stacy and Jessica; Jeffery F., born 26 July 1958, married Jeanne Feller. They have two daughters, Jami and Kristy; Eric W., born 10 October 1959; Barry J., born 28 March 1966, married Mishelia Jennings. They all reside in the Auburn area.

EULALIA BEATRICE (WEMHOFF) LOTT, daughter of George Everard and Osa Myrtle (France) Wemhoff, was born on 27 May 1901, in Decatur, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Bernard F. and Mary Ann (McLean) Wemhoff and her maternal grandparents were William Henry Harrison and Phebe Almira (Mathewson) France. Eulalia married Chester Charles Lott on 11 January 1919 in Decatur, Indiana. Chester, son of Samuel Frederick and Ida Mae (Wagner) Lott, was born on 30 January 1897 at Kempton, Illinois and died 9 March 1966 in Hicksville Community Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio. He is buried in the Riverview Cemetery at Newville, Indiana. Chester's paternal grandparents were John Harvey and Mary (Rumney) Lott and his maternal grandparents were Justus and Augusta (Krueger) Wagner.

Chester and Eulalia lived in the Decatur and Fort Wayne area until February of 1939. In that year they moved to DeKalb County, Indiana and settled on a farm in Stafford Township. Eulalia still resides on this farm, having lived there for nearly 50 years.

Chester graduated from Decatur High School and Eulalia attended Decatur Catholic School until about 1915.

Chester was a life long farmer except for several years when he worked on the railroad and a factory. Eulalia retired from Warner-Gear, at Auburn, Indiana in January of 1966, having worked there for over 22 years.

Chester and Eulalia have two children: Marjorie Rose, born 12 December 1925, wife of Delbert Washler and Charles Edward, born 19 June 1927.

Eulalia attends the Newville Church of Christ at Newville, Indiana.

CAROLYNE EDWINA (SHOWALTER) FRISBIE, daughter of James Wesley and Laura Ann (Watkins) Showalter, was born on 5 November 1895, north of Butler in Wilmington Township, on her parents farm. Her paternal grandparents were Noah and Elizabeth (Moore) Showalter and her maternal grandparents were James and Leah (Weitzel) Watkins. She married Dr. Earl Everett Frisbie, on 30 June 1920, at the home of her parents. Dr. Frisbie, son of Wallace and Sarah Ann Frisbie, was born on 5 September 1889, in Bridgewater Township, Williams County, Ohio and died on 16 May 1953 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana. He is buried in the Butler Cemetery at Butler, Indiana.

Carolyne graduated from Butler High School in 1915 and attended the European School of Music in Fort Wayne, Indiana for 6 years. Carolyne started giving piano lessons at the age of 14, her first student being Doris Shoemaker. She has shared her love of music with the Butler community for 77 years and presently has 18 piano students.

Carolyne is a member of the United Methodist Church in Butler and the Eastern Star.

Dr. Frisbie, a well known chiropractor and optometrist for nearly 40 years in Butler, graduated from Palmer School of Chiropractic at Davenport, Iowa. He started his practice upstairs in the Mutzfelt Building on South Broadway in 1913. His practice was soon interrupted by WW I where he served in the medical corps. Upon his return from WW I he resumed his practice in Butler. Due to a shortage of office space he conducted his practice at the home of Charles F. Phillips, owner of Phillips Drug Store, for a short time. He moved his practice to an office in the back of the 5 and 10 Cent Store, where he remained until about 1926. At that time, he built an office at 108 East Oak Street, where he remained until his death.

Dr. Frisbie was a member of the Methodist Church in Butler, the American Legion, the Optometrical Association of Indiana, the North-eastern Optometrical Society of Indiana, the Indiana Chiropractors Association, Forest Lodge F. & A.M. of Butler, and two Fort Wayne camera clubs. Dr. Frisbie was an amateur motion picture photographer and shared his many trips with clubs and organizations in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

FRANKLIN SCHOLES, son of Nelson and Mary (Swaidner) Scholes, married Susanna Deitrick. We are continuing from the earlier history book of DeKalb County. The following children were born to Franklin and Susanna (Deitrick) Scholes: Maude (Scholes) Dehner (1883-1939), attended Valparaiso University and became a teacher. She married Henry Dehner and they had four children; Mary Helen, Henry Jr., Susan and Jean. They moved to Allen and Adams Counties.

Jay Scholes (1888-1906) was born in St. Joe, Indiana. An accident on the railroad took his life at the age of seventeen; Mary (Scholes) Erickson (1891-1979), taught school. She married Archie Erickson and lived in Garrett for many years. Two sons were born to them in Garrett; William F., graduated from Purdue University with an Architectural Engineering Degree. He and his wife, Charlotte lived in Gary, Fort Wayne and South Bend where they were employed. She is a school teacher. They have two daughters. William died in 1984. Mary and Archie Erickson moved to West Virginia in the late 1930's. Their second child, Bruce, lives in California.

Clark F. Scholes (1894-1970) was born in St. Joe. He was a road and bridge engineer. At the time of his enlistment in the Army during WW II, he was a Surveyor of DeKalb County. He served with the Army Corps of Engineers. He married Kathleen Lanum and they worked and lived in Ohio and Indiana. When he retired he was City Planning Engineer of Fort Wayne, and died in 1970.

Imo (Scholes) Epler, born in 1899 and is the only one of Frank and Susan's children still alive in 1986, in a nursing home near her daughter, Troas, in Norfolk, Virginia. She married Emmett Epler and lived in St. Joe, Indiana for a number of years and later retired to Florida. Their four children were: Troas, Glenn, Jack and Dorothy, who died a child, while they lived in St. Joe Dorthea (Scholes) Kessler (1902-1962), was born and schooled in St. Joe, Indiana. She was a telephone operator until her marriage to Herman Kessler in Chicago in 1928. She returned to St. Joe to help care for her invalid father in 1931. They lost their first child at birth, a son Jere Wayne was born 4 August 1938. They moved to Auburn and started a business making and selling floral baskets.

Jere graduated from Auburn High School and went to Tri-State College. He married Margaret Jennings and continued studying at Michigan

State and went to work for Collins Radio at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He earned his Masters at Iowa State and Collins moved him to Texas where he still works, now, at Rockwell Institute, Margaret has become a well known artist in the Southwest and has written a book expected to be published this fall. They have two sons, Wade and Paul.

NELLIE (SCHOLES) ULM, (1885-1957), attended Valparaiso University. She married J. Robert Ulm of St. Joe in 1908. They had eight children: one daughter and seven sons. Nellie lived in DeKalb County.

Floy Ulm, born 1909, attended Indiana State Teachers College in Muncie and North Manchester College. She taught two years at Stafford Center Township one-room school and then one year in the Butler Public Schools. In 1930, she married Rev. J. Hubert Smith and moved to Ohio. They are now retired and live in Indianapolis. They are the parents of two sons; Paul is a noted Early American Historian with the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.; and Marion is an executive with the Allison Company in Indianapolis.

Robert Buren Ulm, born 1912 in St. Joe and died in 1978. Robert worked at Higley Printing Company in Butler. He married Alyce Ullete. He was part owner of a Soda Shop and Ice Cream Parlor in Butler and later a partner with his brother, Keith, of the Engineered Materials, Incorporated, Butler. He was a veteran of WW II, serving with the S. B.'s. (Sea Bee's) They had two daughters; Carol and Joan.

Eugene Clare Ulm, born 1914 in Butler. He went to Ball State Teachers College and received a B.A. and a Masters from Indiana University. He married Patricia Reilly from East Chicago and they have one daughter. Clare taught music in the Butler Public Schools from 1946 to 1949. His wife, Patricia, initiated a Kindergarten program for the Butler Schools and was their first Kindergarten teacher. They moved to Elkhart in 1949 and retired from teaching in 1975. Clare is a veteran of WW II having served with the 94th Infantry Division. They now live in Venice, Florida.

Reign Carlton Ulm was born in Butler in 1917. He has a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University. He married Ruth Reasoner of Butler in 1942. They have one son. Ruth was a teacher and Reign was Head of Research Department for the Grover Tank Company in East Chicago for many years. They are now retired and live in Shererville, Indiana.

Francis Clark Ulm, (1919-1976), after graduation, married Marvel Kutzner of Waterloo. Their home was in Waterloo where they operated a bait shop for many years. He was employed at the old Auburn factory and also worked for ITT in Fort Wayne and Huntington. Marvel was a bank teller in Auburn. They had two children: Judy married Ron Baker, formerly of St. Joe and is now a teacher in Wisconsin. Steven and his wife, Janice and their three sons live in Auburn. He teaches in Fort Wayne. Francis was a veteran of WW II, having served in the U.S. Army Infantry. Marvel died in 1968 and Francis died in 1976.

Russell Keith Ulm, born in 1921 in Butler. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Engineering from Tri-State College. He married Treeva Houck in Butler in 1942. He was part owner of Soda Shop and Ice Cream Parlor located in the Husselman building in Butler. He also was a partner with his brother, Robert, of the Engineered Materials, Inc. of Butler. He is presently employed with the Universal Tool and Stamping Company in Butler. He and Treeva have two daughters and two sons. Bruce lives in Butler and is employed by the Universal Tool and Stamping Company. Keith served in the United States Air Force during WW II.

Paul Dwight Ulm, born in 1924 in Butler. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. He married Vera Houck of Butler. They are the parents of one daughter and two sons. Dwight has been employed with Magnavox and ITT Corporations in Fort Wayne and is presently working for Honeywell Corporation of Clearwater, Florida. He served with the United States Navy during WW II.

Grant Leon Ulm, born in 1928, the seventh son born in Butler and has a Degree in Electrical Engineering from Tri-State College. He married Sue Robbins of Butler and they have a daughter and a son. He is employed by the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company. They lived in Butler and Kendallville and he is now the Division Superintendent for Indiana and Michigan in Fort Wayne. Grant served with the United States Navy during WW II.

ERNEST A. KESSLER, son of Christian F. Kessler, came to America with his father from Germany in the mid 1850' and settled in the Chicago area. He had a sawmill at Denver, Indiana, where his son, Herman, was the youngest of eight children. They moved to Auburn and started the Kessler Fancy Grocery on South Jackson Street, which later became Lumms and then Peckharts Grocery.

Ernest was married to Mary Toben. They are the parents of Marie (1883-1982); Edythe (1885-

Ernest Kessler Family

1982); Albert, married Ollie Pence; Clara Dutcher; Frank married Elsie W.; Walter married Estelle Williams, they have two daughters; Alma married Jess Stewart; and Herman married Dorothea Scholes, daughter of Frank and Mary (Swaidner) Scholes.

Herman Christian Kessler, (1901-1982), married Dorothea Scholes in Chicago in 1929, moved to St. Joe to help care for her father.

Jere Wayne Kessler, born to Herman and Dorothea Kessler on 4 August 1938. After her father died, they moved to Auburn where they made floral baskets for twenty years. Dorothea died in 1962 when Jere was a student at Tri-State University. Jere married Margaret Jennings and moved to St. Louis shortly before his mother died.

In December 1963, Herman married Frances Saltsman and traveled over the Country, camping enroute, spent several winters with his sister, Marie, in Florida, and wore a pacemaker the last four years before his death in 1982.

BUFORD CARLISLE AND MARGUERITE ALEANE (DIRR) SMITH, Buford was born February 23, 1914 at 407 South Walsh Street in Garrett and was the third child of Carl Arlington and Dora Ethel (Barrone) Smith. Carl had come from a Tiffin, Ohio farm and he hired out on the B & O Railroad in 1904 in Garrett. Dora Ethel came to Garrett in 1900 from Wisconsin to reside with an aunt and uncle, Violet and Tony Burke, and assist with their Rooming and Boarding House. Other children born to Carl and Ethel were Dorothy, Eunice, Phyllis, Delmer and Cleo.

The town of Garrett, Indiana and its thriving young railroad industry attracted many young men from the farmlands of Ohio, among those men was James John Dirr, who with his wife, Clara (Waterbeck) Dirr and infant daughter, Grace, arrived in 1902 to settle in Garrett. Little did they realize the hardships that railroad employment could bring — with long hours on coal fired engines and separation for many days from the family. To supplement the often low oncome, Clara took in washings and ironings.

Buford and Marquerite Smith

The following 17 years there were five more children added to household who were Amelia, Pauline, Barbara, James and last on 26 November 1919, Marguerite Aleane was born in the family home at 112 South Guilford Street where she resided until her marriage in 1940.

Marguerite grew up in the era of Saturday nite band concerts and when a trip to the ice cream parlor was an eagerly anticipated event. Also, in her recollection were the many hoboes and tramps who were fed at their home — sometimes a plate of food to be eaten on the back porch and occasionally at the kitchen table. The rag-man always has a few pennies in exchange for old newspapers. There was no radio nor television to warn people to beware of strangers. It was a time of trust.

A graduate of Garrett High School and Tri State College, Marguerite later assisted her father at Dirr's Liquor Store. Due to a 1929 factory accident he had lost both hands and the liquor store provided income and independence.

Monday, 4 November 1940, Marguerite and Buford Carlisle Smith were married in the Garrett United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Joe Jordan officiating.

Buford was an outstanding athlete during his four years at Garrett High School, lettering in football, basketball, track and tennis. A year following graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for four years. In September 1939, he started work for the B & O Railroad as a locomotive fireman and retired 6 August 1976 as No. 1 Engineer on the seniority register. During his 37 years as a railroader, he worked on more than 1500 engines, the majority of which were steam.

In the mid 1940's he was player coach with the American Legion basketball team and four years in the same capacity for the Garrett Eagles team. He served on Boy Scout Troop 162 committee and for several years on Mayor Feick's Children Christmas Party. He was Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Enginemen Financial Secretary for 14 years and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He served several terms as Elder, Trustee and Deacon in the Garrett Presbyterian Church where he was baptised June 1914.

Marguerite has served as Elder and Trustee in the Presbyterian Church as well as president in two organizations of the church. She served as vice president and president of PTA and the Ladies Society of Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. She was the woman representative on the Garrett School Reorganization Committee during the 1960 State Mandated Reorganization. In 1964, she had the honor of becoming the first woman elected to the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Board and served as President during her second term. In 1970 she was a candidate for Joint State Legislative Representative as an Independent. When Garrett observed its Centennial in 1975, Marguerite was general chairperson for that successful celebration and later was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award given by the Chamber of Commerce. She presently serves on the Morrill Foundation Board which awards financial loans to worthy students.

Buford and Marguerite have lived their entire lives in Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana and resided 44 years at their present address, 506 South Guilford Street. They are the parents of three children who are Aaron D., graduate of Garrett High School, Indiana University, served in the U.S. Navy as meterologist, is an Eagle Scout, a charter member of the Garrett DeMolay and presently resides in Chicago where he is a gemologist and Counsel for Creative Investment; Stephanie Sue King, graduate of Garrett High School and is a homemaker living in Fort Wayne; Melanie Ann Steiner, graduate of Garrett High School, Indiana University and a homemaker residing in Indianapolis. She is a 1967 Miss Garrett. There are six grandchildren: Kristi, Kari, Kelli and Kevin King and Rachel and Adam Steiner.

FREDERICK ARTHUR THOMAS, was a well known and respected minister of the Gospel in DeKalb County from 1897 until his death 25 February 1932. Frederick Thomas, born 18 April 1860, to Vincent and Cecelia (Oaks) Thomas in Porter County, Indiana, the fifth of nine children. He had a beautiful voice and musical talent, so entered the Northern Indiana School for Music at Valparaiso. At the same time Blanche Gates, who was born 18 June 1862, daughter of Ransom and Abigail (Ellis) Gates, of Steuben County, Indiana, enrolled in the same school. They graduated together with degrees in music, and were married a week later, 8 August 1886.

Frederick Thomas Family

For a period of about three years they conducted concert tours in the West and Midwest. After the birth of their first child, Princess, they turned to other pursuits. Mr. Thomas taught music at Sherwood College in Michigan, served as a singing evangelist, and conducted music schools. Music schools were eagerly sought and attended, and Professor Thomas conducted many of these in neighboring localities. The History of Steuben County says that the first music school to be held in Metz was by Professor Fred A. Thomas.

When he accepted the call for his first ministry — at Hamilton, 8 July 1896 — he was a well prepared man for the position. He was thirty-six years of age at this time. The Thomases' second child, Harry Otis, has been born and their third child, LuReign, was born two years later.

The mode of travel in those early years was by horse and buggy. None of the churches had parsonages so preachers found their own places to live. Also, by dividing their time with two, three, and four churches, it was impossible to live near all of them. This was the situation with the Thomases. During his first fifteen years in the ministry, Mr. Thomas traveled by horse and buggy in every kind of weather — ice, snow, thunderstorms, wind, and intense heat — in order to minister to his congregations, seek the lost, perform weddings, and lay the dead to rest. The dirt roads in those days were rutty and dusty in hot weather, muddy and slippery in wet weather, and often impassible in winter. While Mr. Thomas harnessed the horse(s), Mrs. Thomas would heat the soap stone on top of the kitchen range so that the family could have some heat for their cold feet during the winter journeys. They also had a buffalo robe which afforded shelter from the biting wind and cold.

A notation in his record book shows his thoughts when he began his second ministry, which was with the Butler Church of Christ — Second Charge. First sermon September 12, 1897. Report at Sunday School. Collection $.56. Attendance 62, twelve at Endeavor, nineteen at first prayer meeting. Good. Eight in Sunday School class — four gents, four ladies. He kept a record of calls he made for a while and then ceased to keep a record, probably for lack of time.

The house was left early in the morning so there was no heat in the house when the family returned at about midnight. During the winter a basket of corn cobs and dry wood was left by the stove in the morning so that a quick fire could be started. Mr. Thomas soon had the old Wilson Heater red hot and the children were tucked into their feather beds which felt like ice cubes until warmed up by their chilled bodies. While the children slept, the father and mother fed the tired horses, milked the cows, fed the hogs and tended to other chores before finding rest for their own tired and weary bodies.

His first automobile was a second-hand Overland which was delivered by rail to the Angola depot. It turned out to be a bad bargain. He then bought a used 1912 Cadillac which was a real jewel. It took him over mountain roads as well as the deep ruts in muddy roads. The big wheels with wooden spokes became impossible to fit with tires, so then he bought a Ford.

Blanche Thomas died 25 November 1920, apparently from after effects of the influenza epidemic. This left Mr. Thomas with a broken heart, and the following year he took his Cadillac and went West, retracing some journeys they had made on their concert tours. He also held some revival meetings with Pyrl O. Gates, brother of Blanche. At one of these meetings he met Hattie (Jacobs) Botts Davis, a widow, at Colville, Washington. They were married there 6 March 1922. He preached at Colville until the summer of 1923, when they accepted the call to minister the churches in southern Indiana.

He held several ministries in that area, in DeKalb County, and back to the southern part of the state before returning to DeKalb County to stay, in October of 1930. For many years, Mr. Thomas had been having health problems but tests did not show that it was cancer. He was determined to preach the Gospel for as long as he could.

His last ministries were with the West Milford (Ohio) Church of Christ and the Newville Church, who each offered him $5.00 per week for half time. He began at West Milford 7 July 1931 and Newville 2 August. His 31 January 1932 sermon at Newville brought two to be baptized — Vivian Richmond and Berniece Killian (now Sechler). His last sermon was delivered 14 February 1932, at West Milford. The Lord called him home 25 February. Both Fred and Blanche are buried at Riverside Cemetery at Newville.

Hattie Thomas remained for sometime in the area but later returned to Clarkston, Washington, near her daughter, Josephine Johnson. Hattie died there 9 August 1966.

The children of Frederick and Blanche Thomas were: (1) Princess, born 29 April 1889, who married Homer Casebere, son of Solomon and Florence Casebere, 9 March 1909. Their children were Mable LuReign, Harold Ransom and Rachel Mary; Harry Otis, born 5 June 1894, who married first, Cecil White in Toledo, Ohio and second, Viola (Batin) Lipput, daughter of William and Verna Alice Battin, in Toledo, who had one child Betty Lipput, who was adopted by Harry Otis Thomas; and LuReign, born 2 January 1898, who married first, George Leslie Strong, son of William Leslie and Lydia Ellen Strong, and second, Hugh Scoville Strong after the death of George, Hugh's brother. The children of George and LuReign Strong were Lloyd George, Blanche Ellen, Grant Frederick, Harry Leslie, Alice Joan, June Rose and Coral May.

DANIEL B. STRONG, born 11 September 1792, Northampton, Massachusetts, son of Daniel Dub Strong, 1749-1805, and Tryphosa (Bush) Strong. Daniel Dub, was a drum major in the Revolutionary War. The Strong family were among the earliest settlers of Newville Township.

Daniel B. married Eunice Bundy, born 6 August 1791, daughter of Ephraim and Eunice (Bartlett) Bundy, of Southampton, Massachusetts. There eleven children were: Daniel B., Ephraim Bartlett, Eunice, Tryphosa, Trypphena, Nancy, Laura, Stephen W., Israel, Lucy and Albert.

The date of the government patent for the first 80 acres taken out by Daniel B. Strong in section seven was 14 July 1836. On this farm the first frame house in DeKalb County was built. It was also used as a school house and Eunice Strong, daughter of Daniel B. Strong, was the first school teacher in DeKalb County. Later a three-story 14 room house was built near the first dwelling.

Daniel B. Strong served as commissioner, trustee, supervisor, enumerator and treasurer of the township. He also served on other committees and in meetings of importance in helping to establish the new community. He was listed as a charter member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, which had been established before the church at Newville.

Eunice (Bundy) Strong died 23 January 1847. Daniel then married Sara Totten, he died from the fall from a tree near Newville, 21 September 1847. His son Ephraim carried on the farming duties and bought additional acreage.

EPHRAIM STRONG, born 5 July 1819. He married Marietta Elvira Robison, 28 May 1840, she was born, 26 March 1820, in Trumbull County, Ohio, daughter of Ralph F. and Elizabeth (Pryer) Robison. The Robison family moved to Newville Township in June 1839, and Marietta taught school at Auburn that fall, being the first licensed school teacher in DeKalb County. Her pay was $1.50 per week. She also taught school in Newville Township before and after her marriage. Marietta was listed as one of the charter members of the Newville Church of Christ, and Ephraim became a member soon after the church was established.

Four children were born to Ephraim and Marietta: Henry B., born 28 April 1843 and died 13 July 1930, at Aberdeen, Washington. He married Anna L. Leitch and they had one daughter, Sarah Louisa; William Leslie, born 11 November 1849, died 22 March 1940. He married Lydia Ellen Scoville and they had three children, Hugh, Mary and George Leslie; Ida Gertrude, born 4 September 1852, died 3 May 1875. She married Andrew C. Harrod. No children were born to this marriage; Lisbon Emerson, born 25 February 1857, drowned in the creek near the house, 19 May 1858.

Ephraim Strong was active in the affairs of the community, and letters and diaries indicate that Ephraim and Marietta were very hospitable people, as they were always entertaining and housing people. Ephraim died 11 November 1900 and Marietta died 13 January 1905.

William Leslie married Lydia Ellen Scoville, daughter of William and Mary Scoville, 14 April 1889. She was born 12 December 1859. Lydia Ellen had taught school for many years. Leslie was a farmer and gardner all of his life. He attended the Newville Academy and also served as township trustee. Lydia died 12 April 1935 and Leslie died 22 March 1940.

Brothers Hugh, born 8 August 1890 and George L., born 17 May 1894, farmed with their father on the homestead after the death of Ephraim. Except for the period of 1865 to 1882, when Ephraim and family lived near Edgerton, Ohio, the homestead has been farmed continuously by the Strong Family for 150 years.

GEORGE STRONG, son of William Leslie and Lydia Ellen Strong born 17 May 1894, married LeReign Thomas, born 2 January 1898, daughter of Frederick Arthur and Blanche (Gates) Thomas, 17 May 1918. In December of 1919 Hugh, George and LuReign bought 216 acres bordering the St. Joseph River, in Concord Township. George and LuReign and their first child, Lloyd, moved to that location before year's end.

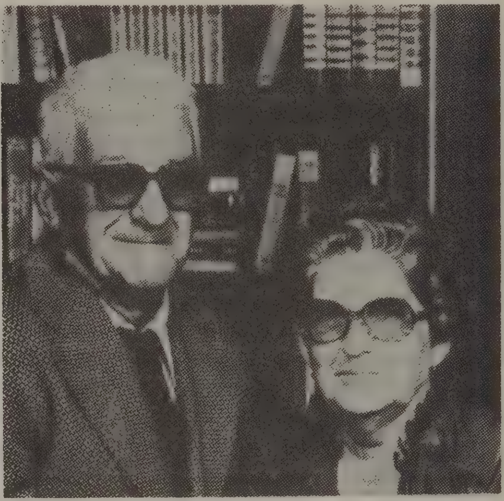
George attended Purdue University where he received a gold medal for his excellence in animal husbandry in 1916. Hugh and George formed a partnership known as the Strong Brothers and were well known in the Tri-State area. They raised hogs, potatoes, melons, strawberries and grain. The Strongs also were V-C Fertilizer dealers for over forty years.

George died 16 February 1937, preceding his father by three years. LuReign married Hugh, bachelor brother of George, four years after George's death, 29 January 1941. Hugh, LuReign and her children continued the farming operations of both farms after George's death. Hugh died 23 February 1968.

The seven children of George and LuReign Strong are: Lloyd George, born 3 May 1919, married Katherine Dickerhoof. Their children were Sharon, Gary and Paul, deceased. He married 2nd Berniece Drake and they had one son, Frank. Lloyd's work ha included bulldozing, ditching, egg production and farming. They presently reside on their farm in Clear Lake Township, Steuben County; Blanche Ellen, born 4 September 1920, married Eugene Newton and they had three daughters, Carol, Doris (deceased) and Jean. After his death, she married Wendell Allen Cook. They had four children, Glen, Thomas, Lavoy and Cherie. They live east of Newville. Blanche retired from Crane Edmund Corporation at Butler and Wendell Allen is employed by Aro Corporation at Bryan, Ohio; Grant Frederick, born 30 January 1923, married Faye Alwood and their two children are Marsha and George. Faye is retired as church secretary from Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, at Wabash. Grant is retired from General Tire Corporation at Wabash and is a registered professional engineer in the mechanical field; Harry Leslie, born 27 May 1925, married Lois Jean Tomlinson and they have four sons. Leslie, Mark, Kent and Keith. They own a farm in Concord Township, across the road from LuReign Strong's farm. They also farm the Strong homestead in Newville Township. Harry was in the logging and timber buying business for over 30 years; Alice Joan, born 27 May 1925, married Ralph Hose and they have 3 children, Joann, Wendell and Galen. They own a farm in Wilmington Township. Alice has worked at the Butler Co., Crane Edmund Corporation and is presently employed by Reeves Brothers Incorporated at Auburn; June Rose, born 18 June 1927, married Arvill Brown. Their three children are Duane, LuReign and Anita. Arvill is a registered professional civil engineer and land surveyor, they have a consulting engineering firm in Kendaville; Coral May, born 12 May 1927, married Raymond Mutzfeld and they had one son, Scott. She married 2nd Ernest Steckley. He is retired from Dana Corporation, Auburn. They reside in Auburn, and Zephyrhills, Florida.

MARY STRONG, born 29 April 1893, daughter of William and Lydia Ellen Strong. She married Harvey K. Schondelmayer, 14 June 1915. He was a minister of the Gospel for 54 years, serving in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. She died 22 January 1964 and he died 23 November 1966. They had three sons: Harvey Reign, born 20 June 1916, married Helen Washler, and they have two daughters, Judith and Janet. Helen is retired from Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne, having served as director of volunteers for six years, and then as secretary and registrar for Parkview School of Nursing. Reign is a retired sales manager and is presently doing some public relations work in Fort Wayne; Robert Hugh, born 1 March 1919, married Marjory Ann Keplar and they had two sons, David and Paul. After Marjory's death, Robert married Gloria Blankenship and they have two children, Timothy and Mary Beth. Gloria is employed in the offices of the public school system and Robert is a minister of the Gospel in Midland, Michigan. Robert, Marjory, David and Paul were missionaries on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines for about three years after WW II; Harold Hunior, born 20 November 1923, married Norma Stainbrook and they had three children, James, Deborah and Mark. He married 2nd, Sara (Moore) Pruitt. She worked for many years for a glass company. Harold works for General Telephone Company and they reside in Dundirk, Indiana.

WALTER A. WOOD, was a resident of DeKalb County, where he has made his home since 1950. He came from Allen County of which he was a resident from 1935.


Walter and Genevia Wood

Walter, born in Noble County, 21 February 1916, son of Clarence and Ida (Owen) Wood. Walter is a great grandchild of Aaron Wood, who came to Noble County, Indiana in 1835. Aaron Wood was a native of the Empire State, born in Jefferson County, New York, 14 March 1814.

Genevia, born 3 April 1916, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Genevia and her sister, Theresa were raised by their grandparents, Grant and Carrie (Kirchner) Crary. Their grandparents raised them with love and tenderness as grandparents do. Grant moved to Auburn in 1924 then later moved to Garrett, in 1932.

Walter A. Wood and Genevia Mae Crary, married 11 May 1933, in Swan, Indiana. To this union were born six children; Joan M., married Martin Fahlsing, to this union, a daughter was born, Kristine Kay, 23 September 1956. She is a graduate of Carroll High School. Kristine married Kevin Lee DePue, 19 August 1983. they reside in Fort Wayne. Kevin and Kristine are expecting their first child in the fall of 1986; Walter E.; Judith K. (Wood) King; Danny D.; Diana J. (Wood) Haugk; and Terry W.

Mr. Wood retired from Wayne Feed Mills in 1973 and Genevia retired from Fabrican in 1970. Walter A. Wood died 20 December 1983, his wife, Genevia. followed him in death on 22 November 1985. Their final resting place is Highland Park Cemetery, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Both are gone leaving their family and friends with a lot of love, memories and a sense of well being.

CARL R. BAUMAN, born 9 June 1920,

Jefferson Township, Noble County, Indiana, son of Walter L. and Beulah M. (Gard) Bauman of Noble County. Paternal grandparents were Christopher and Mary (Herner) Bauman, of Noble County, maternal grandparents were David Gard and Julia (Croy) Gard, Randall, of Noble and Elkhart Counties.

Lorraine C. Hentschel, born 4 January 1927, Brooklyn, New York, daughter of George T. and Lillian Hentschel, of Long Island, New York. Paternal grandparents were George T. and Pauline Hentschel, of Long Island, New York, maternal grandparents were Franz and Magdalena Lacalli, of Long Island, New York.

Carl married Lorraine, 18 August 1946. Carl attended Zion Elementary, Jefferson Township and Kendallville High School, graduated in 1937, also attended International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Lorraine attended Hollis Elementary and Jamaica High School. They met at 42nd Street and Broadway, New York City during WW II. Carl worked at Auburn Foundry, Incorporated for forty-two years, he's retired.

To this union were born four children: Carolyn J. (Bauman) Platt, born 8 November 1947; Janette L., born 1 July 1955; Kenneth A., born 11 November 1960; Laura D., born 10 January 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauman live in Auburn, Indiana and are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Howard and Margaret Mountz

HOWARD WESLEY MOUNTZ, born 11 December 1871 in Steuben Township, Steuben County, Indiana, the son of Peter B. Mountz, 1839-1909, and Margaret Ann (Clement) Mountz, 1844-1931, who had come to Indiana from Columbiana County, Ohio, during the time of the Civil War.

The paternal line of Peter Mountz is as follows - George H. Mountz 1791-1870 and his wife, Catherine (Hager/Hocker); George Mountz 1768-1845 and wife, Christiana Schnock; George Mountz, 1732-1800, the Revolutionary soldier and wife, Maria Elizabeth Schell; and Jacob Mountz, died 1753, the immigrant, and wife, Mary Catherine Lauck.

Margaret A. Clement Mountz was of French and Swiss descent, her father, Jean Francois Clement, 1794-1880, coming from Albertville, France and mother, Mary Ann Yaggi, 1803-1879 from Canton, Berne Switzerland.

Howard Mountz moved to Garret in 1895. He attended Steuben County public schools, Pleasant Lake High School, graduated from Tri-State University, Angola, De Pauw University, L.L.B. 1894 and was admitted to the bar in 1895.

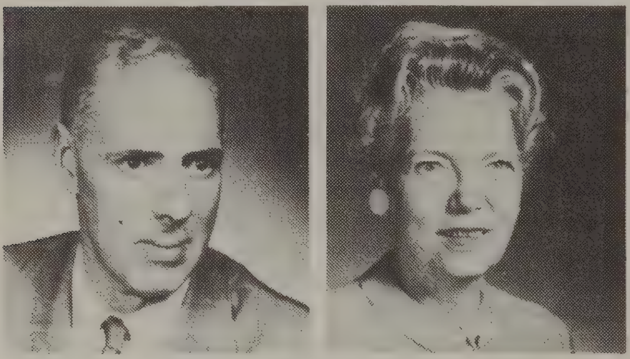
In 1897, he married Mary Savilla Teeters, 1870-1961, the daughter of Washington Teeters and Ethelinda Elizabeth (Cupp) Teeters. The couple had four children: Mary, 1898, who lived but one day; Margaret M., 1900, married George C. Carroll, Garrett; James Teeters Mountz, 1903-1985, married Margaret Glover, West Newton, Massachusetts; and George Edward Mountz, 1906-1951, married Louise Smith, Dayton, Ohio.

Howard Mountz was a Republican, a teacher for three years, a Methodist serving as Sunday School Superintendent. and trustee of the Garrett Methodist Church for many years. He was a lawyer, counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and Pennsylvania Railroad, president and board member of the Garrett State Bank; Garrett city attorney for four years prior to service in the Indiana State Legislature 1905; A Freemason; Knights Templar; charter member of the Garrett Lions Club; Chamber of Commerce; the Bar Association; Phi Kappa Psi; Delta Chi; DeKalb County Draft Board, Registrar, WW I; Speaker for War Savings Stamp Drive, 1918; DeKalb County Fuel Administrator, WW I. He was interested in young people and their sports, and supported generously all school and civic projects that encouraged young people, giving a valuable tract of land to the Boy Scouts.

Like her husband, Mary Mountz was active in church and educational affairs: a founder and board member for many years of the Garrett Carnegie Library; Superintendent of the Methodist Junior League; teacher for the Mary-Martha S.S. Class; active in the Ladies' Aid Society and Foreign Missionary Society, and was awarded the Methodist Pin for exceptional church service.

Mary Mountz was a charter member of the Athena Club, the Delphian Society, a member of the 20th Century Club, and W.C.T.U. and the Eastern Star.

Howard and Mary Mountz gave unstintingly of their services to all good and wholesome activities. They were recognized beyond the local community. Their granddaughter, of Boston, was once asked by a Harvard law student, if she was related to an attorney, Howard Mountz of Indiana whose case they were studying, and she replied, Yes, he is my grandfather. The Howard Mountz family was one that was highly respected in DeKalb County.



George and Louise Mountz

GEORGE EDWARD MOUNTZ, born 30 January 1908, son of Howard Wesley and Mary Savilla (Teeters) Mountz. Paternal grandparents were Peter B. and Margaret Ann (Clement) Mountz of Steuben County. Paternal great-grandparents were George H. and Catherine (Hager/Hocker) Mountz of Columbiana County, Ohio, and Jean Francois and Mary Ann (Yaggi) Clement of Columbiana County, Ohio. Maternal great-grandparents were Jonathan and Elizabeth (Roller) Teeters of Stark County, Ohio and Jacob and Elizabeth (Hoover) Cupp of DeKalb County. Maternal grandparents were Washington and Ethelinda Elizabeth (Cupp) Teeters.

George married Louise (Carson) Smith 4 May 1935 in Dayton, Ohio. Louise, born 20 October 1911, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, daughter of Roy Carson and Charlotte Louise (Scheurs) Smith. Paternal grandparents were Ora William and Rosa Viola (Carson) Smith of Valparaiso, Indiana. Paternal great-grandparents were Joseph Randolph and Calista (Smith) Smith of Porter County, Indiana, and Hugh Gouvenor and Emily Ann (Doty) Carson of Kewanee, Illinois. Maternal grandparents were Henry Philip and Elizabeth (Armknecht) Scheurs of Burlington, Iowa. Maternal great-grandparents were Michael and Magdalena (Kauffmann) Scheurer of Burlington, Iowa and Johann Philip and Maria Friederike (Dieffenbach) Armknecht of Franklin, Iowa.

George was a graduate of De Pauw University and of Harvard Law School. Louise attended the Western College for Women and graduated from the Ohio State University. She received her master's degree from Ball State University. George practiced law with his father from 1931 to 1950 in Garrett. In 1950 a law firm was formed that included Leigh Hunt of Fort Wayne with offices in Fort Wayne and Garrett. George served as DeKalb County Prosecuting Attorney, Garrett City Attorney, DeKalb County Attorney. He was a director of the Garrett State Bank and the D.L. Haffner Stores; was the attorney for the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroads and a number of industries. Active in Boy Scout work, he was a member of the Anthony Wayne Area Council and was Chief of the DeKalb County Boy Scout Court of Honor. He was a member of numerous local, state and national clubs, lodges and organizations. He was a Chairman of the Board of Stewards and a Sunday School Superintendent of the United Methodist Church. During WW II George was a Naval Intelligence officer, Lieutenant Commander. he was chosen a member of the War Crimes Commission and participated in the first war crime trial which was held in Manila, The Philippines.

Also recognized as an athlete, George was captain of the basketball team in high school and college. In high school he won the state high jump competition. In college he was captain of the golf team. Recently he was elected to Garrett High School's Wall of Fame.

Louise retired as the Director of the Media Center at DeKalb Junior High School in 1978 after twenty-five years of service in various school systems. She is the author of Biographies for Junior High Schools and has contributed articles to professional periodicals. A member of numerous organizations she was a Province Officer of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority, a charter member of Beta Beta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, on the Board of Directors of Indiana School Librarians Association, DeKalb County Community Concert Association, DeKalb County chapter of the American Red Cross, DeKalb County Heart Association. She is a member of the United Methodist Church and taught a Sunday School class.

The Mountz's children are Peter Carson Mountz, Garrett, Indiana, and Pamela Teeters (Mountz) McDonald, Houston, Texas. The five grandchildren are Brent Carson McDonald, Braden Willis McDonald, Edward Wheadon Mountz, Mary Elizabeth Hanna Mountz, Howard Wesley Mountz II.

George died unexpectedly of a heart attack 3 October 1951.

PETER CARSON MOUNTZ, born 18 April 1938, son of George Edward and Louise (Smith) Mountz.

On 28 December 1968, he married Mary Pifer, born 15 June 1947. They are the parents of three children: Edward Weadon, born 29 December 1973; Mary Elizabeth Hanna, born 13 August 1980; and Howard Wesley II, born 6 November

Mountz Family

1984.

Mary (Pifer) Mountz, was the daughter of Reverend William Louis and Elizabeth Ann (Wheadon) Pifer. Mary's paternal grandparents were Leslie and Mary (Buck) Pifer, paternal great grandfather was James Pifer. Maternal grandparents were Dr. Ralph Davy and Bertha May (Kelley) Wheadon.

Peter and Mary live in the Mountz Family home, 507 East Houston Street, Garrett, Indiana. They are interested in Historic preservation. The home in which they live is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

JENNER BLAISDELL, born 29 February 1856, at Lake Village, New Hampshire, son of Jacob Blaisdell. Maggie Connett, his wife, born 17 December 1866, in Bluffton, Indiana.

Jenner and Maggie were married 17 March 1888. They moved to Corunna, Indiana where Jenner worked for the Railroad. They were the parents of two children: Archie O., born 31 December 1888 and Tillie M., born 23 December 1891. Six years after their marriage, due to Scarlet Fever, Archie died, 21 March ~~1894~~, aged five years, two months and 21 days and his mother, Maggie (Connett) Blaisdell, died 21 March 1894, aged 27 years, three months, four days. Jenner was left to care for his two year old daughter, Tillie.

Jenner moved to Melburn, Ohio where he met Eleanor (Hammond) Cunningham. On 30 June 1894, they were married at Bryan, Ohio.

Eleanor Hammond, born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 28 March 1861, daughter of James Alexander Spheres and Eleanor (McCurdy) Hammond. At the time of her marriage to Jenner, Eleanor had five children from her marriage in 1881 to Hiram Cunningham. They now had a family of seven children. Jenner and Eleanor were the parents of Clarence, born 31 May 1896 and Goldie E., born 3 April 1898.

Jenner Blaisdell suffered a stroke and died 31 October 1898, at Edgerton, Ohio, aged forty-two years, Eleanor (Hammond) Cunningham, Blaisdell, Mowry, died 10 December 1938, at Edgerton, Ohio.

Adam and Maria Deetz

WILLIAM ALBERT DEETZ, son of Adam H. and Maria (Long) Deetz, Adam H. and Maria were married 5 September 1850. William married Mary Jane Hovarter, daughter of Christopher and Barbara (Fry) Hovarter and was also sister of Albert Hovarter, who was commissioner of DeKalb County at the time the present courthouse was built.

William and Mary were the parents of five children: Emory, who died as a baby; Edna, who married Charles Bower; Gladys, who married Earl McCarty; Dola, who married Lester Lovett; and Lester Albert, who married Thelma Iona Shipe, in August 1918, daughter of Curtis and Belle Shipe. Lester and Thelma had four children: Oval, married Elenora Kiszka; Kenneth; a son who died at birth; and Nelda Mae, who married Ray T. Noe, brother of Alice May (Noe) Deetz. The Noe's have four children. Lester was a hard worker and had many jobs, along with farming. He carried mail as a substitute carried with horses. He hauled coal, car loads, for Salem Center and Hudson Schools. He bought and sold horses and helped at the stockyards in Helmer. He also worked out his taxes on the county roads with team and wagon hauling gravel.

KENNETH WILLIAM DEETZ, married Alice May Noe, daughter of Claude and Luella Noe, of Noble County, 17 January 1942, Kenneth and Alice are the parents of six children: James K. Jim, married Bonita Campbell and they have

Kenneth and Alice Deetz

three children, Rhonda, Ryan and Bradley, they reside in DeKalb County. James has two hundred fifty three acres in Fairfield Township. He purchased the Earl McCarty farm in 1965. In 1975, he then purchased the farm that belonged to his great great grandfather, Chris Hovarter. He farms, raises calves, and sells fertilizer. James and his family are active in Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield. He is on the Fairfield Township Advisory Board; Ronald W., married Louise Benoit, and they have four children, Jeffery, Angela, Brian and Joshua. Ronald lives in California and works as a customer quality programs manager for Signetics Corporation; Jean Alice, married David Saggars and they have two children, Cheri and Joseph. Jean is a teacher's aide for West Noble School Corporation in Noble County; Donald A., married Becky Jo Lewis and they have two children, Scott and Benjamin, they reside in DeKalb County. Donald has eight acres all in trees. He works in Fort Wayne, as a project leader of computer programming at HWI. He and his family are active in Helmer United Methodist Church; John N., married Cynthia Garman, and they have two children, Jennifer and Adam. John lives in Steuben County and works in Electronics at General Electric in Fort Wayne; Judy Kay, married Dennis Hissong and they have two children, Amanda and Sarah. Judy and her family reside in DeKalb County and she works at Kroger's in Auburn, as a cashier.

Kenneth worked in Auburn and Garrett until he was drafted in 1942. He served until the fall of 1945. In the spring of 1946, he started farming his father's farm in Fairfield Township. It is the same farm William purchased. Kenneth purchased it in 1965, it is now farmed by his son, James.

EZEKIAL BOREN, born 1787, in the state of Maryland. Sarah, his wife, born in 1795, in Pennsylvania. They were the earliest of the Borens forefather. They lived in Maryland, then Pennsylvania, Knox County, Ohio, lastly coming to Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in the early 1800's.

Ezekial was a stage coach driver, his route was a four day journey to Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Later on, his occupation was a wheel-right and a farmer.

Ezekial and Sarah had a family of seven children, which in 1922, this is the only thing known of the children: Jacob married and moved to Terre Haute, Indiana where he died; Ephraim was an undertaker, died of tuberculosis; Edward, for a while lived in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana in 1880, he was a farmer and married Elizabeth, they had several children, he was also in the Civil War; Rebecca, married in 1849 to John Draggoo. They moved to Michigan, then to Maryland, where she died; Henry, moved to Missouri, he was a wagon maker, his shop caught fire and he met his death in the flames; John R.; and Morris Hamilton, born in Knox County, Ohio, 12 November 1836. He married Harriet Essig in 1850. His occupation was carpentry and farming. They had nine children. They always lived in DeKalb County. He died 2 May 1900, his wife, Harriet, died 6 June 1897, along with several of their children, all are buried at Bearcreek Cemetery, Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Only thing known of Henry's and Ephraim's children, they were running a hotel in Missouri, near a lake.

Ezekial, died 26 June 1873, aged eighty-six years, five months. Sarah, his wife, died 6 February 1878, aged eighty-three years. They are both buried in Bearcreek Cemetery.

JOHN R. BOREN, son of Ezekial and Sarah (Bearket) Boren, born in the state of Maryland, 11 December 1832. He married Mary Ann Osburn in California, Michigan, November 1858. They had a family of five children: Franklin; Mahlon; Viola, married Bobbie Grogman; Permille, married Elmer Wildeson; and Cora, married John Spear.

Mahlon was born in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 20 July 1864. He married Sarah Ann Keen, 5 October 1884. Sarah Ann Keen, daughter of George and Minerva (Franklin) Keen, early pioneers of Richland Township. Sarah Ann, born 2 March 1862. She was a postmistress at Mt. Hope, Indiana in the late 1800's.

Mahlon's occupation was farming and railroading.

To them was born seven children: Racy

Earlan; Isa Mae, married Charles Fischer; Lottie Minerva, born 26 September 1888, married John Henry Friend, 24 September 1907 and died 14 August 1948 and was buried at the Eddy Cemetery, Franklin Township, John died 18 March 1983 and is buried beside his wife at the Eddy Cemetery; Mary Jane, married Forrest Harding; Amos H.; Cora, married Charles Reeder; and John George.

Mahlon, died at the age of seventy-three, 26 May 1938. Sarah, his wife, died at the age of thirty-six, 25 February 1898. They are buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

RICHARD WILLIAM FRIEND, born 5 January 1926, Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of John Henry and Lottie Minerva (Boren) Friend.

He married Rosann Swihart, 22 December 1947, at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church parsonage, Auburn, Indiana. To them were born four children: Linda Kathleen, born 7 August 1948, married Richard Birley; Stephen Allen, born 1 April 1950; James Richard, born 19 May 1956; and Thomas Dean, born 22 September 1959.

Richard has been employed at Warner Gear, now Auburn Gear, Auburn, Indiana, for thirty-nine years.

Richard, along with his parents, moved to the Hamilton, Indiana, area on a eighty acre farm in 1939. Richard and Rosann now reside at Hamilton, Indiana.

Maternal grandparents were Mahlon and Sarah Ann (Keen) Boren, maternal great grandparents John and Mary Ann (Osburn) Boren and great great maternal grandparents were Ezekial and Sarah (Bearket) Boren.

LARRY JOSEPH SCHLOSSER, born 13 May 1947, in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Paul A., deceased, and Christina (Gfeller) Schlosser, of Waterloo, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were John and Theresa Schlosser. His maternal grandparents were Fred and Anna Gfeller, Sr. All of his grandparents lived in the rural Waterloo area. He has one younger sister, Linda Johnson, of Garrett.

Mr. Schlosser worked summers for Bohn, in Butler and the Indiana State Highway garage, in Waterloo while attending Ball State University, in Muncie, Indiana. He graduated from Ball State University in 1969, and worked for Gladieux Refinery in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1984, he went to work for Petrolane, Incorporated, in Fort Wayne, as sales manager. Larry's favorite past time is taking off for area lakes with his bass boat to go fishing. He also likes to golf and in the winter, go ice fishing. Larry is a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Butler.

Pamela Sue Zentz, born 13 February 1946, in Butler, Indiana, daughter of Clarence and Theresa (Meyer) Zentz, of Butler. Her paternal grandparents were Freeman and Elnora (Smith) Zentz, of Butler. Her maternal grandparents were Leonard and Goldie (Blaisdell) Meyer, of Edgerton, Ohio.

Pamela was a clerk at the Indiana State Highway Commission sub-district in Waterloo from 1966 to 1969. Pamela worked part time at Workers World until 1976. She raised Persian cats until 1980. She enjoys collecting paper-weights, antique machine bottles, reamers (Orange juice squeezers) and old items of interest. She is a member of the National Reamers Collectors Association, Bat Conservation International and the Coca-Cola Collectors Club, International.

Larry and Pamela met while working at the Indiana State Highway Department in 1968 and were married 22 November 1969. They lived in Fort Wayne and moved to Butler in 1972. They are the parents of one son, Jaisen Zentz Schlosser, born 20 October 1979.

Jaisen enjoys collecting teddy bears. At the age of two years he and his mother have collected over one hundred bears. He also collects stamps, and robots, his biggest collection which was started in January 1984. Jaisen visited the Schmidt Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia, at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He was so impressed with their huge collection that he decided, at the age of four, to start his own Coca-Cola collection which he had a room full of bottles, trays and toys. He is a member of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club, International, the Young Astronaut Program and a stockholder in the Coca-Cola Company of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Schlossers enjoy traveling to antique shows. They have lived in Butler since February 1972.

CLARENCE M. ZENTZ, born 16 August 1909, in Butler, Indiana, son of Freeman and Elnora (Smith) Zentz. His maternal grandparents were Charles and Putima (Campbell) Smith. He had one sister, Veda M. (Zentz) Woodward, deceased.

Clarence worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, the New York Central Railroad, as a time-keeper, at the Auburn Auto, doing pin-stripping on Auburn and Cord Cars, Warner Gear, 1949 to 1954 and the Indiana State Highway Commission, retiring in 1974.

Theresa E. Meyer, born 21 May 1916, in

Edgerton, Ohio, daughter of Leonard and Goldie (Blaisdell) Meyer. Leonard, died in the fall of 1936, of smoke inhalation after trying to rescue the company's files in a fire at the Basket Factory. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Hattie (Slater) Meyer, who owned the Busy Corner Grocery in Edgerton, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Jenner and Eleanor (Hammond) Blaisdell. Theresa was the oldest of six children, having two sisters who died in infancy and three brothers: L. Kenneth, Bryan, Ohio; Robert, Edgerton, Ohio; and Darrell, deceased of Butler, Indiana. Theresa worked at a canning factory.

Clarence and Theresa married 26 May 1934, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1984, at Siesta Key, near Sarasota, Florida. They lived in Edgerton, Ohio, and in 1935, they moved to Butler. Clarence and Theresa are the parents of one daughter, Pamela Sue, born 13 February 1946. In 1949, the Zentzs moved to West Oak Street, Butler and in 1951, moved to Auburn. In the fall of 1954, they moved to a farm north of Hudson which due to health reasons, Clarence left his job at Warner Gear and bought a grocery store in Corunna. They moved to Corunna in 1956 and after selling the grocery, they had Zentz's auction in Corunna. Later Clarence and Teresa went to work at a grocery started by Teresa's brother, Robert Meyer. In 1959, the Zentzs moved back to Butler and are still residing there. Teresa was one of the first employees at Workers World in Butler where she still works part time.

Clarence and Teresa enjoy traveling and shopping.

FREEMAN ZENTZ, born 5 October 1875. He had two sisters and two brothers, all deceased.

Elnora A. Smith, born 16 October 1875, in DeKalb County, daughter of Charles and Putima (Campbell) Smith. She had one sister, Anna (Smith) Conkle and one brother, Clarence Smith.

Freeman and Elnora married 24 May 1901, and after their marriage, they resided at the Charles Smith farm, west of Butler. Freeman farmed with his father-in-law. The Smith farmhouse burned down and they moved to West Main Street, Butler. In 1947, Elnora died, and after her death, Freeman moved to West Oak Street. In 1951, he moved to Dallas Street, Auburn and later he moved back to East Green Street, then East Main Street.

Freeman worked at the Butler Company and after leaving the Butler Company, he went to work for the New York Central Railroad until he retired. He was a member of the Moose Lodge. His hobbies were gardening and fishing. Elnora did sewing at peoples homes before her death.

Freeman and Elnora were the parents of two children: Veda M., born 30 October 1902, she married John A. Woodward and Moved to Fort Wayne, she worked at the Grand Leader and W & D's. They had no children, John died in 1962 and she moved to Sarasota, Florida, she died in 1979; and Clarence M., born 16 August 1909.

Robert and Naomi George

ROBERT FRANKLIN GEORGE, born 26 June 1911, Wapkoneta, Ohio, son of Archie and LouRella (VanDusen) George, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Calvin and Amanda (Franklin) George, of Payne, Ohio. Maternal grandparents were Curtis and Jennie (Ratelle) VanDusen, of Auburn, Indiana.

Naomi Margaret Newman, born 21 January 1921, daughter of Charles and Frances (Lasch) Newman, of Garrett, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Herman and Wilhelmina (Windgossen) Newman, of Garrett, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Peter and Margrette (Ries) Deihm, of Avilla, Indiana.

Robert married Naomi Margaret Newman, 9 August 1941, in Garrett, Indiana. To this union were born four children: Martha, born 4 January 1942, of Elkhart, Indiana; Gary, born 30 May 1944, of Garrett Indiana; Nancy (George) Spradlin, of Monroe, New York; and Rita, born 18 August 1948, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Robert attended school at Auburn, Indiana and Naomi attended school in Garrett, Indiana.

Robert was employed at the Auburn Automobile Company as a stock boy, also at the Auburn Rubber Company as a paint dipper of rubber toys and at Borg Warner as a machinist. He retired from Borg Warner in January 1973, after thirty years of service.

Naomi was a homemaker and was active in civic and church affairs. Both Mr. and Mrs.

George are members of the Presbyterian Church.

They have lived in Robert's grandparents home, Curtis VanDusen, for forty years. Robert George died, 6 June 1983.

Charles and Frances Newman

CHARLES RAYMOND NEWMAN, born 16 August 1893, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Herman and Wilhemina (Windgossen) Newman, of Frustadt West Preussem, Germany.

Frances Alice Lasch, born 16 June 1896, daughter of Paul and Christina (Diehm) Lash, of Avilla, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Andrew and Margaret Lasch of Avilla, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Peter and Margrette (Ries) Diehm of Avilla, Indiana.

Charles and Frances met at the theater in Garrett, Indiana. They married 22 December 1914, in Garrett, Indiana, and had been married sixty-eight years. Charles attended Garrett Schools while Frances attended Avilla and Garrett schools.

To this union were born five children: Delmar, born 17 March 1917, of Garrett; Naomi (Newman) George, born 21 January 1921, of Auburn; Walter, born 18 February 1922, of Garrett; Marjory (Newman) Powell, born 1 September 1930, of Bluffton, Indiana; and Eleanor (Newman) Borton, born 17 February 1936, of Edon, Ohio.

Charles was employed by the Gas Company in Garrett and told of walking to Avilla on some days. He could ride the Street car home. He later worked for the B & O (as a carman helper, retiring at 65, in August, 1958. Frances was a homemaker. In 1938, Frances started quilting and it was her love and her past time.

Frances' father, Paul Lasch, built the house soon after they married and Charles is still living in it.

They have always had a garden and been active in the First Church of Christ.

Frances Newman died, 11 December 1983.

ARIE VAN STRATEN, born 4 December 1927, in Amersfoort, Holland, son of Jan and Aartje (Batavier) Van Straten.

Arie worked as a foreman in a plywood factory, Bruynzeel Veneer, in Zaandam, Holland.

Catharina Dekker, born 25 December 1930, in Danumadeel, Holland, daughter of Herman and Hennie (Brouwer) Dekker. Catharina worked as an office manager for Haanschotens Warenhuis, in Barneveld, Holland.

Arie and Catharine married 5 October 1956, in Barneveld, the Netherlands. They immigrated to the United States of America, in February 1957, on the boat The June Flower to New York and arrived by train, New York Central, in Waterloo, Indiana, 5 March 1957. They established residence in Auburn and still live there at the present time.

Arie and Catharine are the are the parents of four children: Aartje Gerdina Helen, born 11 April 1958, she is a medical social worker at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis and attends I-U Lawschool; Catharina Joann Henny, born 23 July 1959, married Grant DeVenney and they reside in Bowlingbrook, Illinois, they are the parents of a son, Adam Brian Calvin, born 21 October 1986. Joann is the manager of a Woolworth store; John Wesley Batavier, born 25 February 1962, married Tammy Ritchie and resides in Auburn, John is working for Guardian Indusrties in maintenance; Eric Andrew Dekkar, born 9 December 1965, he attends Butler University and is in pharmacy school.

Arie and Catharina were self-employed and owned the Auburn Cabinet Shop and the local Montgomery-Ward Store.

At the present time, Catharina is the Accredited Resident Manager of Wesley Park, a seventy-three unit apartment complex for senior citizens in Auburn. Arie is also employed at this complex as a maintenance service man. He is also self employed as a Free-Lance Kitchen Designer and Draftsman.

They originally attended Dutch Reformed and now they attend the United Methodist Church, Auburn. They are active in local organizations and volunteer work.

CHARLES SMITH, born in 1852. His parents died while he was a young boy and he was raised by Squire Wolf, on a farm just north of U.S. 6, east of Waterloo.

Putima Campbell, born in 1853. After their marriage, Charles and Putima lived on a farm north of U.S. 6, west of Butler. In the early 1900's, their farmhouse burned down. At that time, they moved to 411 West Main Street, Butler. After their house burned, Charles still farmed the land and later a new house was built on the farm land, but the Smiths never moved back there.

Charles and Putima were the parents of three children: Elnora, married Freeman Zentz; Anna married John Conkle, they lived on West Main Street, Butler, where John owned a Mobil Gas Station; and Clarence.

Putima died in 1931 and Charles died in 1934.

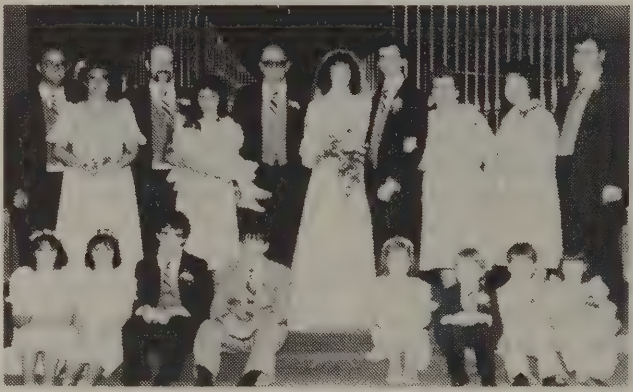
PAUL C. RAVER, SR., born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6 March 1944, son of Lorin C. and Dorothy E. Raver who became the first female county recorder and auditor of Allen County, Indiana. He married Joanne Ala, born 5 December 1942, of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Andrew L. and Mary H. Ala, in 1970 after having met her while serving as an officer in the 1st Batallion, 64th Armor Batallion, 3rd Infantry Division, in Germany, where he was a platoon leader, company commander, batallion adjutant and batallion commander as a first lieutenant, being awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Presidential Meritorious Service Medal and where Joanne Raver was employed as a civilian by the Department of Defense.

Mr. Raver secured his Bachelor of Science Degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1967 and attended Durham University, Durham England, as recipient of the Cornelius Von Tress Scholarship in his junior year. He secured his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Indiana University School of Law in 1972 graduating magna cum laude and elected to the Order of the Coif. Mrs. Raver earned her undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and spent her junior year abroad at University College Dublin in Ireland and earned her post baccalaureat degree in accounting from Indiana University in 1985.

After earning his law degree in 1972, the Ravers moved to Fort Wayne, where Mr. Raver commenced the private practice of law. In 1975, the Ravers moved to DeKalb County purchasing the Junior Lesla and Dorothy Leins farm located northeast of Auburn.

Mrs. Raver is a member of Junior League of Fort Wayne, an accounting instructor at International Business College in Fort Wayne, a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Accountants, and active in the rearing of the Raver children who are Jenifer Elizabeth, born 28 December 1970, Paul Charles, Jr., born 3 December 1971 and Carrie Marie, born 28 April 1973. The Raver children have been active, respectively, in the Fort Wayne Ballet company, Bowles Karate Academy of Fort Wayne and DeKalb Cheerleading.

Mr. Raver has a private general practice of law which has encompassed civil trial practice for insurance carriers and plantiffs, two Fort Wayne hospitals, two Fort Wayne banks, the Allen County Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals and is active in Republican Politics. He is also a member of the Allen County, DeKalb County and Noble County Bar Associations as well as the Indiana State Bar and American Bar Associations. The Ravers attend Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne and are members of various charitable associations and institutions throughout northeastern Indiana as well as the State.


Eugene Woolever Family

EUGENE WARREN WOOLEVER, born 30 July 1926, Auburn, Indiana. He is the son of Leal William, born 17 February 1898, died 19 December 1979 and Nellie Esther (Long) Woolever, born 11 July 1899, died 18 November 1984, who were married 23 December 1919. Eugene's paternal grandparents were William Warren and Myrtle (Kirkpatrick) Woolever. His maternal grandparents were Jackson and Lillian (Grosh) Long. Eugene attended the Waterloo School and graduated from High School in 1944.

Anne Christine Conner, born 23 December 1924, Douglas County, Illinois, daughter of Marvin, born 25 March 1890, died 18 November 1970 and Lula (Halsey) Conner, born 21 December 1896, died 8 December 1967, who were married 2 October 1918. Christine's paternal grandparents were Andrew and Sarah (Sims) Conner. Her maternal grandparents were George and Lizzy (Bryant) Halsey. Christine attended the Stroh grade school and graduated from Salem Center in 1944.

Eugene and Christine married, 6 September 1947 at Stroh, Indiana. They have four children:

Ruth Anne Garrison, born 30 September 1948, of Kendallville; Richard Eugene, born 10 February 1951, of Waterloo; John Myron, born 1 August 1954, of Auburn; and Mary Ellen Stapleton, born 24 November 1956, of Maryland.

Eugene has one sister, Virginia Friend, of Corunna. Christine had two brothers; Howard Conner of Stroh and Elmer Lee Conner of Sturgis, Michigan.

Eugene and Christine have nine grandchildren: David, John, Pamela and Tamela (twins) Garrison; Jennifer, Bartholomew, Kenneth and Louann (twins) Woolever and Amanda Woolever.

Eugene's father came to Indiana from Urbana, Illinois when he was young and lived around Huntertown and then East of Auburn and finally, after he was married, lived on a farm northwest of Auburn where Eugene was born in their home. Christine came to Indiana when she was three years old and lived on a farm near Stroh, Indiana.

Eugene and Christine met of a blind date and after they were married they lived on Eugene's parent's farm. They farmed grain and dairy, having bought the farm, and lived there until 1971. Eugene got a job at Kraft Foods at Kendallville. In March of 1971, they sold their farm and moved near Corunna.

When Eugene quit farm in 1966, he also began serving as pastor to Center Chapel E.U.B. Church near Kendallville which later became United Methodist. Eugene and Christine served there for eleven years. In 1977, they started serving the Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, south of Auburn and are currently serving there as pastor.

Eugene retired from Krafts in 1984 to have more time for the Church. Christine worked for the Waterloo Kiddie Kollege for three years as an aide and cook. Since retirement, they have participated in work camps sponsored by the church to help the American Indian people. They went to Oklahoma in 1985 and to Kansas in 1986.

RICHARD AND EDITH WOOLEVER, exchanged wedding vows at Brookside Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 10 August 1973, having met in Avilla, 24 March 1973 at the home of mutual acquaintances. Richard was employed by Paul Souder Construction Company in Auburn. Edith was teaching at Fort Wayne Christian School. For seven years they resided in a honeymoon cottage beside Dick's parents in Corunna.

Richard, born in Auburn, Indiana 10 February 1951 to Eugene and Christine Woolever. He is the grandson of the later Leal and Nellie (Long) Woolever of Auburn and the late Marvin and Lulu (Halsey) Conner of Stroh. He had a happy childhood growing up on a farm just northwest of Auburn. In 1969, Richard graduated from DeKalb High School and ten years later from Fort Wayne Bible College.

Richard Woolever Family

Edith grew up in the city one mile from Lake Michigan, but has learned to enjoy the rural life of DeKalb County. She was born in Muskegon, Michigan 4 February 1948 to Louama (Curtis) and the late Ernest Toman. When Edith was nine, her father died and when she was eleven Oscar Johnston became her step-father until his death in 1984. He visited DeKalb County often to see the Woolever children. Edith graduated from Muskegon High School in 1966, Bethel College, St. Paul Minneapolis, 1970 and Indiana University Purdue University in Fort Wayne in 1975. Between college and becoming a Hoosier, Edith taught in Siguatepeque, Honduras at a school for missionaries children.

The Woolevers are blessed with four children, all born in Auburn during Dick's four years of college. Jennifer Joy, 5 January 1976; Bartholomew Bart Richard, 17 March 1977; Louann Hope and Kenneth Andrew (Twins) 4 March 1979.

Richard has been employed at Hecks Store in Auburn since its opening as Mr. Wiggs in 1979. In 1985, he was chosen Associate of the Year Nominee out of 7000 employees in the chain. Dick is also minister at Big Run Church, east of Butler and an avid gardener. His hobby is woodworking. Dick's masterpiece is a walnut hutch crafted from a tree which at one time stood on the Woolever Farm.

Edith just completed five years as a teacher at Waterloo Kiddie Kollege. Currently she is teaching first grade at the J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett during the leave of absence of another teacher. Edith enjoys playing the piano and reading.

The Woolever children are students at Waterloo Elementary School and McKenney-

Harrison Elementary School. Two Evening Star Routes and a DeKalb County Advertiser Route are giving them opportunity to provide a needed service to the community, learn valuable lessons, meet people and earn income.

Together the Woolevers enjoy gardening, canning and reading. One family tradition is to pick blueberries at Muskegon each August while visiting family. Another tradition started two generations ago, is a hot chili dinner after the DeKalb County Fair Finale Parade.

Since December 1980 the Richard Woolevers have resided in Waterloo, Indiana.

SIMON S. HENDRICKS, born 6 April 1894 in St. Joe, Indiana. He graduated from Auburn High School. Son of Emmanuel and Sarah (Wineland) Hendricks. Simon was a railway postal mail clerk. He worked in a mail car on the Pennsylvania Railroad traveling between Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Chicago, Illinois. In World War I, he enlisted as a private and served as a medical corpsman in Europe. He remained in the Army Reserved after the war. He was called back to active duty as a 1st Lieutennant during WW II. He spent most of those years at Fort Knox, Kentucky where he was head of the Post Locator which was connected to the Army Post Office. He was released to inactive duty as a Captain in 1946. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Auburn and the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne.

Elizabeth Hendricks, born 9 November 1900, in Waterloo, Indiana. Her parents were Harry and Eda (Farrington) McBride. Harry McBride worked at Rieke Corporation and also was thought to be the first automobile mechanic. Eda McBride's father was Dr. A.S. Farrington, an early Physician and Surgeon in the area. Elizabeth attended school and graduated from Angola High School in 1919 but lived her early life in Waterloo and later in Auburn. She was a member of the Eastern Stars in Auburn and the Auburn Culture Club.

Simon and Elizabeth lived most of their lives in DeKalb County. They were the parents of four children: Robert Nelson Hendricks, living in Fort Wayne; Martha Jane Proksa, living in Auburn; Ellen Suzanne Zeisloft, also living in Auburn; and Carol Jean Carpenter, living in Spencerville, Indiana. There are 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Simon and Elizabeth were very active in the First Christian Church of Auburn where he was an elder and lead in the building of the new church on North Indiana Avenue. They are deceased.

ROBERT LEHR WILDER, born 18 September 1940, at Coburn Corners, St. Joe Indiana. Son of William Lehr and Berneice Irene (Hart) Wilder. His paternal grandparents were William Washington and Dora (Shriver) Wilder. His maternal grandparents were Clyde Eugene and Gladys Gertrude (Baltz) Hart.

Linda Lou Doub, born 21 August 1947, at Souders Hospital in Auburn, Indiana. Daughter of Max Hobart and Garnett Pauline (Koeppe) Doub. Her paternal grandparents were John Doub and Alta (Perry) Doub Platter. Her step-grandfather is Lyle Albert Platter of Newville, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were George Carlton and Lenora Irene (Shearer) Koeppe.

Robert and Linda were married, 3 June 1978, at the Newville Church of Christ.

Mr. Wilder attended Spencerville Elementary School and Riverdale High School graduating in 1958. He attended Indiana University at Bloomington, receiving his B.S. in Education in 1962 and his M.S. in 1966.

Robert taught his first year of school at Butler High School in 1962-63, followed by six years at Eastside Junior-Senior High School, teaching social studies classes. In 1969, he moved to DeKalb High School as Instructional Television and Audio Visual Director where he continues to serve.

Mr. Wilder served as Director of the DeKalb County Young Republicans from 1964 to 1966; as Republican Precinct Committeeman from Spencer Township from 1966 to present; as a delegate to the Republican State Convention every two years from 1966 to the present; as Republican County Chairman from 1974 to 1980; and is currently serving as a County Commissioner from the Southeast Commissioner District having been elected to that position in 1980 and 1984.

Mrs. Wilder attended Spencerville Elementary School and Riverdale and Eastside Junior-Senior High Schools, graduating in 1965. She attended Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln, Illinois, graduating in 1969 with a B.A. Degree in Christian Education, and Indiana University at Terre Haute receiving her B.S. degree in 1972 and her M.S. degree in 1974.

Linda began her teaching career in 1972 at Angola High School and continued her career teaching physical education at Angola Middle School until 1983.

Robert and Linda have both been active members of their Local Affiliates of the National Education Association and the Indiana State Teachers Association. Robert is a member of the Association of Media Educators and the Indiana and DeKalb County Historical Societies. Linda serves on the Board of Directors of the

Community Sheltered Workshop in Angola.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder are active members of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, DeKalb County's Oldest Congregation, having been established in 1837. Both are currently serving as Sunday School teachers and both are former Sunday School Superintendents. Robert serves as an elder and Linda serves as a choir director.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder are parents of two sons: Jonathan Paul age four and Matthew Joel age three. The Wilders live on the family farm and in the house homestead in 1836 and built in 1853 by his great great grandparents, George Homer and Electa (Hadsell) Abel.

WILLIAM LEHR WILDER, born 10 April 1899 at Somerset, Whitely County, Kentucky. The only child of William Washington and Dora (Shriver) Wilder. His paternal grandparents were Jesse Wilder Jr. and Elizabeth (Higgenbotham) Wilder. His maternal grandparents were William Henry and Nancy Jane (Garwood) Shriver of Antwerp, Paulding County, Ohio.

Berneice Irene Hart, born 31 October 1900, in Scipio Township, Allen County, Indiana, where her father, Clyde Eugene Hart was teaching School that year for thirty-five dollars per month. Her mother was Gladys Gertrude (Baltz) Hart. Her paternal grandparents were Washington and Alice L. (Abel) Hart. Her maternal grandparents were William Henry and Melissa M. (Engle) Baltz.

When Lehr was five years old his parents moved from Kentucky where his father had been teaching school to Antwerp, Ohio, which was the home of his mother's family. His youthful years were spent on the family farm on the north edge of Antwerp along the Maumee River. He attended all but one year of school at Antwerp, being active in church activities and the Pig Club which was a forerunner of 4-H. Following graduation from high school he enrolled at Defiance college. His studies were interrupted by WW I when he enlisted in the United States Army. In 1920, Lehr and his parents moved from their farm on the north edge of Antwerp to a farm on the Spencer-Newville Township line in DeKalb County. He completed his four years of college taking classes at Indiana University, Fort Wayne and Graduating from Defiance College. While he completed his education he taught at several one-room schools — Stinger, Forder, and Link schools in Carryall Township, Paulding County, Ohio, and Newville Center and Coletown Schools in Newville Township, DeKalb County.

Lehr was active for a number of years in the American Legion and was responsible for conducting Memorial Day Services at the Alton Cemetery for over fifty years.

Berneice attended the Coburntown School for the first eight grades and graduated from Spencerville High School. She attended Tri-State College and graduated with a two year degree in Education in 1926. She taught at Newville and Spencerville, Indiana and Hicksville, Ohio. After a several year break to raise three children she returned to teach first grade at Spencerville, closing our her twenty-two year teaching career. In 1981, she retired after serving forty years as a teacher and Superintendent of the preschool department at the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Lehr and Berneice were married at her parents home 17 June 1923. During their early years of marriage, both Lehr and Berneice continued their teaching careers while they completed their college degrees and farmed. In 1929, they moved to their home at Coburn Corners. During the decade of the thirties, their activities centered around the family, the church, the farm and raising and selling garden produce for the south side farmers market in Fort Wayne which they had helped organize in 1926.

Three children were born to their marriage: William Bill Clyde born in 1934, a Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Columbia City, Indiana; Mary Corrine (Wilder) Keirn, born in 1936, of Columbia City; and Robert Bob Lehr Wilder, born in 1940 of St. Joe.

Lehr served as Postmaster of the Saint Joe Post Office from 1957 to 1973. After his retirement, Lehr and Berneice spent eleven winters in Avon Park, Florida. They were fortunate to be able to celebrate both their fiftieth and sixtieth wedding anniversaries.

Gardening was both a vocation and avocation for Lehr and Berneice specializing in flowers, sweet corn and grapes.

William Lehr Wilder, died 13 March 1985. Berneice continues to live at the family home in Coburn Corners and spends the winters in Avon Park, Florida. She is active and enjoys many hobbies including crafts and gardening. Berneice is a member of the John Houlton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being a descendant of Christian Hootman, a Hessian Soldier, who was captured at the Battle of Trenton and later joined the American Army to fight under General George Washington.

ORLAND DWIGHT COX, came to Auburn, Indiana in March, 1938, as an employee of Warner-Automotive Parts Division, Borg-Warner Corporation.

Mary and the family came at the same time, taking up residence on Ensley Avenue. Dwight, born 15 January 1900, in Delaware County, Indiana, the eldest of seven children born to Fannie Johnson and William Hillus Cox.

Mary, born in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to Silva Guignet and Frank Gaylord, 10 December 1904. Her grandparents, Charles Guignet and Marie Catherine Nicklas, met on the boat coming to the United States from Belgium. Mary came to Indiana with her grandparents where she later met Dwight Cox, they were married 29 May 1924. After receiving his business college degree, Dwight took employment with Warner-Gear Division and, upon his retirement, had worked 45 years for Borg-Warner Corporation. Their children are: Vivian Jean (Cox) Gronendyke, born 7 July 1925; Alice Jeanette (Cox) Riddle, born 1 November 1926; William Johnson Cox, born 29 September 1929, died 27 September 1985; Fannie Jean (Cox) Pepple, born 8 June 1934; and Nancy Sue (Cox) Sims, born 7 December 1938.

Mary and Dwight are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and spend the winter months in North Fort Myers, Florida.

OAKLEY L. GRONENDYKE, born 3 November 1913 to Cora (Pugsley) and Homer Gronendyke in Delaware County, Indiana.

Vivian Jean Cox, born 7 July 1925 to Orland Dwight and Mary (Gaylord) Cox in Delaware County, Indiana.

Oakley and Jean both came to Auburn as a result of the move of Warner-Automotive Parts Division: Oakley as an employee and Jean coming with her parents, her father also being employed by Warner-Automotive Parts Division.

Oakley graduated from Muncie Central High School and attended Ball State College, after moving to Auburn attended Indiana University at Fort Wayne. He held various positions with Borg-Warner Corporation and was employed by that firm for 49 1/2 years having first started as a messenger boy at $.20 per hour.

Jean is a graduate of Auburn High School and attended Indiana University at Fort Wayne. She worked for Borg-Warner in accounting for 18 years and in 1963 went to work for Rieke Corporation where she remained for 17 years, working also in accounting. They were married 29 September 1945, in the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gronendyke have been active in church and community affairs. Oakley has served as deacon, trustee and elder of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He is a past president of the Auburn Rotary Club and is a member of DeKalb Lodge #214 F & A.M., Scottish Rite and Mizpah Temple. He is presently serving as a church trustee, a member of the Auburn City Plan Commission, and plays clarinet in the Auburn Community Band.

Jean has served as treasurer of the Auburn Presbyterian Church for 26 years and is currently serving on the board of directors of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival as well as Auburn Automotive Heritage. She is a 42 year member of Sigma Beta Sorority having served as its national president 1954 through 1956.

Mr. Gronendyke has one brother, Paul M. Gronendyke of Sharon, Massachusetts. Mrs. Gronendyke has three sisters: Alice Jeanette Riddle of Camarillo, California; Fannie Jean Pepple of Auburn; and Nancy Sue Sims of Auburn; and one brother, William Johnson Cox, deceased.

DAVE KURTZ, came to DeKalb County in 1975, he thought he was a newcomer. He also thought he was here for a short stay. He was wrong on both counts.

In the spring of that year, he met Lizbeth A. "Betsy" Rodecap, an Auburn native who became his wife 18 October 1975. Twelve years later, they still make their home on Indiana Avenue, in the neighborhood where Betsy grew up and just 2 1/2 miles away from where Dave's grandfather attended school.

Betsy's family had lived here for three generations. In the early 1980's Dave was surprised to learn that his own family had roots here too. His great grandfather, Lorenzo Dow Kurtz, lived on two farms in the Sedan area about 1915. Lorenzo Kurtz and his wife, Zoe, were one of four couples who founded the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren near Ashley.

Cecil Kurtz, one of Lorenzo's nine sons and Dave's grandfather, attended classes in a brick schoolhouse at County Road 36 and 27. By 1918, Lorenzo Kurtz's family had moved to Kendallville, where Lorenzo helped build the city's first golf course. Cecil started a florist shop on U.S. Highway 6, where his wife Marie (Sweet), and son, Raymond, Dave's father, worked for over 30 years. Ray is an outstanding golfer, playing with a handicap below 10 at the age of 64.

Dave was born in Kendallville, 7 July 1951. His mother Arlene, the daughter of Clarence and Clara (Klein) Yeagley, has been secretary-bookkeeper for the school superintendent for four decades. Dave was valedictorian of East Noble High School in 1969 and graduated from Michigan State University with high honors in 1973. He was a radio news announcer in

Lansing, Michigan for one year. In 1975, he became managing editor of The Evening Star newspaper in Auburn.

Betsy Rodecap-Kurtz was born 1 March 1952, to George and Patricia Rodecap. She had lived on Auburn's west side nearly all her life on Eleventh Street, in her parents' home at 620 S. Indiana Avenue and in the family's present home.

Her grandparents were Raymond and Ruth (Niles) Rodecap and Raymond and Vivienne (Cooper) Brady.

Betsy is a 1970 graduate of DeKalb High School, where she was active in music and drama. She is an avid singer and has performed with DeKalb County Oratorio Chorus in its annual presentations of Handel's The Messiah. She is a lifetime member of Auburn United Methodist Church, where the family worships.

Since 1975, she had been a teachers aide at the Preschool for the Handicapped Children in Auburn.

Betsy's grandfather, Raymond Rodecap, her father, her uncle Dave and her younger brother Dave all have worked at the Auburn Foundry. Her mother is secretary at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School, where Patricia's sons and grandsons have attended classes.

Dave and Betsy have three sons: David, born 8 January 1971; Andrew, born 24 January 1979; and Daniel born 6 November 1984. Dave has twin sisters, Karen Pyle and Karol Kurtz. Betsy has two brothers, Dave and Joe, and a sister Megan.

EDWARD JOSEPH PROKSA, was transferred to Auburn by Socony Vacuum Oil Company in 1949 from the Chicago area. He was the agent for them, Ultimately Mobil Oil Corporation, in the DeKalb and Steuben County area. He also was a Navy Pilot in the Pacific theater of operations where he flew off aircraft carriers and later was a test pilot in Guam. He served from 1942-1946 during WW II and remained active in the Naval Air Reserve as a Lt. CDR until 1966 when he transferred to the Retired Reserves.

He has three daughters by former marriage: Patricia Sue Schomaker, a social worker living in Grossee Pointe Park, Michigan; Mary Lou Hubert, a beautician living in Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Leslie Ann Proksa, a teacher living in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He married Martha Jane (Hendricks) Cook, 24 February 1962. She has three daughters: Laura Jane DeWitt, a nurse living in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Betty Anne Rugman, an accountant living in Columbia, South Carolina; and Susan Lyn Myers, living in Waterloo, Indiana. They adopted Shawn Marie Morgan, a clerk now living in Arlington, Texas. They now have 12 grandchildren.

Ed, born 29 May 1921 in Chicago and was raised in Riverside, Illinois. He graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School and the Armour Institute of Technology, now Illinois Institute of Technology. His parents, Joseph and Katherine Proska were both born in what is now Czechoslavakia. They met and married in Chicago.

Jane, born 2 August 1926, and raised in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School and the Fort Wayne Art School. Her parents were Simon S. and Elizabeth (McBride) Hendricks, who lived most of their lives in DeKalb County. They are now deceased.

Ed and Jane Proksa are members of the First Christian Church in Auburn. Ed is a former Auburn City Councilman and member of the Board of Works, 8 years, and at present is the President of the DeKalb County Board of Aviation Commissioners. He is a member and past president of the Auburn Rotary Club, the American Legion, Masonic Lodge of Auburn, 32 degree Mason, Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne and the Shrine and the Flying Shriners of Fort Wayne.

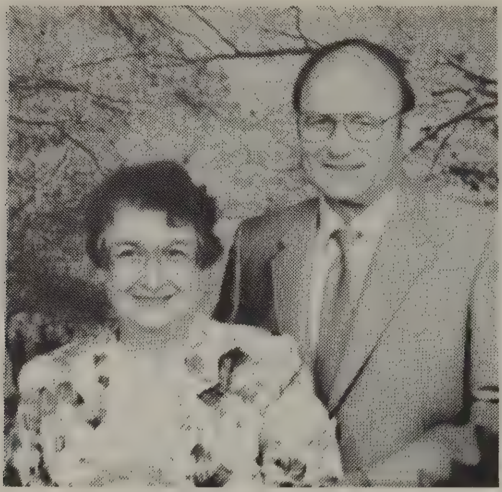
Ed's only brother, George Proska, also a Navy Pilot, was killed at sea, Atlantic Ocean, during WW II in a mid-air collision.

Jane is an elder and church school teacher in her church. She is also a member of the Eastern Stars and serves on the board of the American Cancer Society in Auburn. She has one brother, Robert N. Hendricks of Fort Wayne, Indiana and two sisters, Ellen Suzanne Zeisloft of Auburn and Carol Jane Carpenter of Spencerville, Indiana.

Ed is now retired from Mobil Oil Corporation and keeps busy in community and church activities. Jane keeps busy with her hobbies and church activities. They both enjoy traveling in their motorhome and usually spend their winters in the southern states.

GERALD ALLEN GRILL, born 25 June 1922 in Auburn, Indiana, the son of Carl G. and Cora Alice (Radabaugh) Grill. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Elisa Jane (Nelson) Points Grill. His maternal grandparents were Elsworth E. and Charlotte (McCoy) Radabaugh. He has three brothers, Herschel, Arden and John (deceased) and one sister Charlotte Fee.

Joan Roberts (Forrest) Grill was born 4 October 1925, in Gary, Indiana, the daughter of Elbert Eugene Forrest and Irene Mae Albright. Her paternal grandparents were Lewis Allen and Cora Edith (Brand) Forrest. Her maternal



Gerald and Joan Grill

grandparents were Brown E. Albright and Sarah Sindonia Shaw. She had one sister, Betty Briggs.

Gerald and Joan were married October 12, 1943 in Kendallville, Indiana and have four children: three sons, Steven Forrest Grill; Jonathan Wayne Grill; and Thomas Mark Grill; and one daughter, Rebecca Louise (Grill) Cook. They have eight grandchildren: Amy Melissa Grill; Nathan Wayne Grill; Eric Thomas Grill; Ann Elizabeth Grill; Daniel Joseph Grill; Emily Catherine Grill; Paul Christopher Cook and William Forrest Cook.

Mr. Grill attended Tri-State University and was inducted into the U.S. Army on 23 November 1942 and served three years in the U.S. Army Air Force in WW II. He is now retired from Navistar Company (formerly International Harvester).

Mr. and Mrs. Grill attend Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

RUSSELL WALKER, born 18 August 1904 at Waterloo, Indiana and was a DeKalb Farmer until he retired in 1970. He was the son of Frank & Dora (Gfellers) Walker. His paternal grandparents were Eli and Susan (Wilkenson) Walker and his maternal grandparents were Fred and Mary (Mare) Gfellers.

Helen Miller, born 8 October 1905 at Butler, Indiana. She was the daughter of Manuel and Anna Miller of Hamilton, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Sam & Mary Miller.

Russell and Helen were married at St. Michaels Church, north of Waterloo, 18 May 1925. Russell graduated from International Business College at Fort Wayne and during the pre depression era was employed in a Grocery Store and Manager of a store in Lansing,. Michigan until they returned to DeKalb County and moved onto the Eli Walker farm in 1930. After renting it cash rent for $5.00 an acre, in 1936 they bought it for $75.00 an acre.

Russell and Helen has four sons: Earl, born 28 August 1927, married Janet Wilhelm and have seven children, Denny, Laura, Craig, Frank, Renee, Gail and Brian. Earl works for Butler Manufacturing Company; Marvin, born 17 September 1928, married Phyllis Rembarger and has five children, Rory, Lisa, Tina, Amy and Molly. He is a farmer east of Waterloo; Lynn, born 20 September 1939, drowned in Hamilton Lake, Hamilton, Indiana in 1959; Terry, born 20 April 1943, married Judy Cline and has 2 children, Toby and Eric, he later married Marsha Poling. Helen Walker, passed away 4 October 1973.

Russell had spent many hours listening to his Granddad (Eli) tell many interesting things. Eli was Justice of the Peace in 1870-1880. The trials were held in the barn on his farm to settle Line Fences which were at that time, marked by a stone with an X chiseled on the top. These stones were easily moved. Also, he settled Marital Troubles, Bad Debts and many minor problems. The trial would be on the barn floor and spectators sat in the hay mow. The person who served the subpeona walked, sometimes several miles and was paid $.10. Eli was commissioner of DeKalb County in 1912, when the new courthouse was built.

On 5 October 1974, Russell married Mary Fairbanks in Remer, Minnesota. They spent the winter months in Lake Worth, Florida and the summer months of the Walker Farm north of Waterloo. They have enjoyed traveling and have taken many interesting trips in 25 countries and all 50 states.

Russell had two brothers, Floyd, passed away in 1958, and Carl who lived in Waterloo, Indiana.

CLARENCE ALLEN BOGER, born 1 November 1875 to Daniel D. Boger and Suzannah Alice Betz, in Allen County, near Harlan, Indiana.

Lydia Marie Rudolph, born 30 May 1881, at Auburn Junction, Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Clarence and Lydia were married 25 March 1900. To this union were born six children: John Rudolph, born 8 February 1901; Safara L., born 24 September 1903; Clarren L., born 1 October 1907; Bernice Marie, born 7 July 1910; Harold Allen, born 12 May 1913 and Alice Mae, born 17 September 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Boger lived in Auburn Junction and later moved to their new home at 1003 Ensley Avenue.

Mr. Boger was a clerk at the New York Central Depot on West Seventh Street. He died

28 November 1926, at the age of fifty-one years. He had been ill for two months and from complications he died.

Mrs. Boger and family continued to live at the home with the children's help. One by one they were married. Mrs. Boger became ill in the summer of 1951 and died, 8 August 1951. Mr. and Mrs. Boger are buried in the Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana.

DANIEL WESLEY SQUIER, born 29 June 1832 at Crawford County, Ohio; the son of Nehemiah Squier and Mary Blowers. Daniel's parents moved from Salem Township, Washington County, New York to Crawford County, Ohio in the fall of 1823. During the summer of 1824, Nehemiah Squier and his brother, Calvin, built a saw-mill on the Sandusky River for their brother-in-law, John O. Blowers, at the northwest corner of his farm. Prior to 1830, a grist-mill was added to the establishment. In 1834, John Blowers sold the mill to Nehemiah Squier. Mr. Squier conducted the business for many years. Nehemiah and Mary Squier lived out their lives in Crawford County; he died 24 April 1865, and she died 31 August 1842.

Daniel Squier's paternal grandparents were Daniel Squier and Elizabeth Wood of Windham County, Vermont and Washington County, New York. His maternal grandparents were William Blowers and Rhoda (Harding) Owen of Bennington County, Vermont and Washington County, New York. Both of Daniel's grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War.

Daniel Squier settled in DeKalb County in the early 1850's. His uncle, Calvin Squier, also left Crawford County, Ohio about this same time and settled in Richland Township, DeKalb County, and his brother, Nehemiah Squier, Jr. settled in Auburn.

In DeKalb County, 28 April 1857, Daniel Squier married Anna M. Robbins, who was born in Jefferson County, Ohio 17 July 1836, daughter of Joseph W. Robbins and Martha Miller. Anna's father sold his land in Amsterdam, Jefferson County, Ohio in August 1841 and brought his family to the village of Auburn. In September 1841 Mr. Robbins purchased a lot near Cedar Creek, where Tri State Memorials presently display their grave monuments. Joseph Robbins died shortly thereafter and his wife, Martha, remarried 14 June 1842 in DeKalb County to Hugh Watts. Martha Robbins Watts died in DeKalb County, 6 February 1872. Other children born to Joseph W. and Martha Robbins were: Joseph M., married Elizabeth Knox; James H.; Martha June, married John Antrup; and Elizee A., married George W. Sanders.

Daniel Squier was a blacksmith by trade. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. They settled at Butler Township, Butler Center, DeKalb County, after their marriage.

Their brief marriage of four years was interrupted by the Civil War. On 24 October 1861 Daniel mustered into the 44th Infantry Company K. Anna took boarders into her home to help make a living for her small son and herself, while Daniel was serving the Union. Daniel's great-grandchildren have a collection of twenty letters written to his wife Anna from Evansville, Indiana; Camp Reed, Henderson Kentucky; Paduach Kentucky; Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee; Cornith, Mississippi; and U.S. Army hospitals in Alabama and Tennessee. His letter, of 15 April 1862 is written by a shaky hand. He stated that he had seen the elephant. There was not even a twig but what was hit with a ball. It was a tremendous hard battle. The Battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, began shortly after sun-up on Sunday, 6 April 1862; 2 July 1862 he wrote his last letter from a field hospital in Tuscumbia, Alabama I take the present opportunity to inform you that I have been very sick with Typhoid Fever, but am getting well fast. He was given a Certificate of Disability for Discharge in September 1862, and on 25 November 1862, he died at his home in Butler Township. Anna Squier sold their home after Daniel's death and moved with her son to Auburn. She married a second time to Joseph Truitt, 6 September 1870 in DeKalb County and she died, 15 September 1901 in DeKalb County. Both Daniel and Anna Squier are buried in the Old Cemetery on South Union Street in Auburn.

The only child of Daniel and Anna Squier, Isaac Allison, was born at Butler Township, 11 February 1858.

Isaac Squier Family

ISAAC ALLISON SQUIER, born at Butler Township in DeKalb County, 11 February 1858, the only child of Daniel Wesley Squier and Anna M. Robbins. His paternal grandparents were Nehemiah Squier and Mary Blowers of Crawford County, Ohio and his maternal grandparents were Joseph W. Robbins and Martha (Miller) Watt of Jefferson County, Ohio and DeKalb County, Indiana.

When Isaac was four years old, his father died from complications of diseases contracted while serving in the Civil War. After his father's death, his mother sold their home in Butler Township and they moved to Auburn where they lived with his grandparents, Hugh and Martha (Robbins) Watt. Anna Squier cleaned homes to earn a living for herself and her small son. On 6 September 1870, Anna Squier was married to Joseph Truitt and Isaac now had a step-sister, Effie, and two step-brothers, Robert E. and Solomon. In 1876, after the death of Anna's step-father, Hugh Watt, they moved to his farm south of Auburn in Jackson Township, which Anna had inherited. The farm consisted of 46 acres, including the site where Guardian Industries is presently located. The home was located on the opposite side of the road.

In DeKalb County, 28 January 1879, Isaac Squier was married to Francis M. Frederick, who was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 22 October 1861, daughter of William Frederick and Christina Mountz. Mrs. Squier's paternal grandparents were Joseph B. Frederick and Nancy A. Landis and her maternal grandparents were John Mountz and Rebecca Snyder.

Mr. Squier was employed by the New York Central Railroad Company and was also a farmer until he retired. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Squier resided in Jackson Township and Concord Township. In the early 1900's they lived in Butler Township on the farm that is presently owned by John Martin Smith. In 1979, a granddaughter, Lois (Smith) Dean, stated, "I remember as a small child playing in the huge brick farm house where Grandma and Grandpa Squier lived. A DeKalb County lawyer has since bought and restored the home. Aunt Anna Squier and I often played up in the cupola. From the cupola I would watch for my Daddy to come down the road with his buggy and horse. Another time, either thanksgiving or Christmas, at Grandma and Grandpa's, there was a lot of snow. Uncle George Squier had a bobsled and he took all of us little ones for a ride on it." Mr. and Mrs. Squier also resided in Fairfield Township just north of Corunna.

Francis Squier died, 22 November 1938, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Isaac Squier married a second time to Elizabeth B. Klotz and they resided in Waterloo. Elizabeth died in 1940. In 1944, Mr. Squier moved to Corunna. The last four years of his life he lived in Corunna with his grandson, Howard W. Squier, and his family. Isaac Squier died 10 September 1952, at the age of 94. He is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery with his second wife, Elizabeth.

Children born to Isaac and Francis Squier are: Calvin Wesley, born 18 January 1880, married 1st Melinda Sowers and 2nd Ethel, widow of William Bailey, died 7 February 1966; Emma, born 9 February 1886, married Elmer Smith, died 17 April 1928; George Washington, born 22 February 1890, married 1st Bessie Vera Beber and 2nd Hallie B., died 20 September 1966; Joseph William, born 10 December 1892 and died at 14 years of age of diptheria, 19 August 1907; and Anna Marvel, born 22 August 1895. married Ralph Wise, died 1950.

WILLIAM FREDERICK, born 17 August 1839 at Stark County, Ohio; son of Joseph B. Frederick and Nancy A. Landis, and a grandson of Joseph Frederick and Mary Crubaugh of Columbiana County, Ohio.

The Frederick family originated in Germany and prior to the Revolutionary War, Nicholas Frederick, the great-grandfather of William Frederick, came to America and settled in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania where he married Catherine. Nicholas served in the Cumberland County Militia during the Revolutionary War. In 1806, Nicholas purchased land in Columbiana County, Ohio near Washingtonville where he and his wife lived out their lives. He died prior to 1824 and she died prior to 1826. Both Nicholas and Catherine are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Washingtonville. Their children were: John; David, married Mary Jacobs; Joseph C.; Conrad, married Ann; Mary Ann, married Robert Adam; Polly, married John Starr; Jane, married John Hammel; Susanna, married Abraham Grafton; and Catherine, married Isiah Winters.

Of this family, Joseph Frederick, grandfather of William Frederick, was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania in 1776 and married Mary Crubaugh, 2 November 1797. They first settled in Erie County, Pennsylvania. In 1801, they moved to Columbiana County, Ohio and settled on the Cherry Forks. Joseph was a cooper and did quite a thriving business for his time. He had a good trade among the Indians who came along the Cherry Fork to hunt. Joseph and Mary lived their entire lives on the homestead. He died in 1849 and she around 1851. They had ten children: Elizabeth, married John Miller; John, married Charlotte Altman; David, married Charlotte Battersall; Michael, married Elizabeth

Fox; Joseph B., married Nancy Landis; Catherine, married Joseph Landes/Landis; Jacob, died young; Nicholas William, married Barbara Knuff; Mary, married Henry Myers; and Susanna, married William Elco.

Joseph B. Frederick, born 5 August 1805, at Columbiana County, Ohio and married Nancy A. Landis. They settled in Washington Township, Stark County, Ohio where they lived until 1854, when they moved to Steuben County, Indiana. Nancy died in 1865 and Joseph died in 1880. Both are buried in the County Line Cemetery near Ashley, Indiana. Their children were: William; Samuel, married Susanna Snowberger; George H.; Josephine; Catherine, married Mr. Guthera; Mary, married Mr. Bush; Jacob; and Susan.

In Stark County, Ohio 18 August 1850, William Frederick was married to Christina Mountz, who was born 23 October 1830, at Columbiana County, Ohio, daughter of John Mountz and Rebecca Snyder. William and Christina lived with his parents after their marriage and came to Indiana with his parents. In 1860, William and Christina resided in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Several of their children were born in DeKalb County before they moved to Salem Township, Steuben County.

During the Civil War, Mr. Frederick enlisted at Kendallville, Indiana, 17 February 1864 and served in Company K. 53rd Regiment Indiana Volunteers. Mr. Frederick was a farmer all of his life. The Fredericks have five children: Joseph, born 1853, married Sylvia Willenar; Lewis, born 1855, married Sylvia Ellen Clingerman; Maria, born in DeKalb County, 5 June 1859, married George Kimes; Francis M., born 22 October 1861 in DeKalb County, married Isaac Squier; Nancy, born 1857 in DeKalb County, married Mr. Cool.

William Frederick died November 1907 in Steuben County, Indiana and his wife, Christina, died 28 June 1911, in Steuben County.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SQUIER, born 22 February 1890, at Orange, DeKalb County, Indiana; son of Isaac Allison Squier and Francis M. Frederick. His paternal grandparents were Daniel Wesley Squier and Anna M. Robbins and his maternal grandparents were William Frederick and Christina Mountz.

Bessie Vera Beber, born 27 December 1892, at Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Perry E. Beber and Florence I. Funk. Her paternal grandparents were Nathaniel Beaber and Elizabeth Walter, of Noble County, Indiana and later of DeKalb County.

George and Bessie were united in marriage, 30 January 1910 in DeKalb County. Mr. Squier attended school at Orange in Concord Township and Mrs. Squier attended school in Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Squier lived in Garrett in a home on South Peters Street that he had built. He was a contractor and excellent cabinet maker. Bessie was a homemaker and seamstress. In 1925, Mr. Squier moved his family to Florida as that state was going through a building boom. When the depression hit in 1929, construction stopped overnight. They left everything they had worked so hard to acquire in those few short years and returned to Garrett, Indiana with just a few pieces of clothing for each family member.

The Depression was devastating. There was no work and no money. George and his sons cut wood for a dollar a day. Bessie took in sewing and laundry. She was an excellent seamstress, cutting all her own patterns and creating her own designs. The younger children worked in onion fields, weeding and topping the onions for $.03 per crate.

The Squier family had large gardens in which they raised all the food for their yearly needs. The children all worked in the gardens, getting up at 6:00 a.m. to weed and pick the crops before it would get too hot. Mrs. Squier would can over a thousand quarts of fruits and vegetables each summer. She made jams and jellies from strawberries, blueberries, their relishes, catsup and chili sauces. A hundred bushels of potatoes and fifty bushels of apples were stored in bins in the cellar. Mr. Squier was noted for his dill pickles and sauerkraut. Each year he made 50 gallons of each and these were shared with friends. Mr. Squier raised chickens and animals for their meat and did all his own butchering. The children always enjoyed butchering time because they would have cakes of cracklings for snacks! Bread, rolls, buns, and doughnuts were made three times a week and stored in lard cans with tight lids to keep them fresh.

In later years, George had a trucking company with his sons. They would haul potatoes south and bring coal back up north. Bessie worked at the Auburn Automobile Company sewing upholstering for the cars. The company gave her material that was scraps, from which she made coats for all the children. They always had beautiful coats! She then worked at the Fort Wayne tailoring Company until the time of her death.

Early family transportation was a horse named Maude and a buggy with a surrey on top. When touring cars came in, Maude and the buggy were retired and replaced with a new eight seat Studebaker with jump seats.

Sundays were always special for the Squier family. They were members of the Christian

Church in Garrett. After church they either had relatives for dinner or they would go to one of their homes for a family gathering. During the week they ate from an oil cloth table covering and paper napkins, but on Sunday the table was always set with a nice white linen table cloth and napkins, the best china and silverware.

Family recreation consisted of everyone congregating around the large dining room table to play cards, dominoes or other games. A large dish pan of pop corn and bowls of apples were always enjoyed. Other times the family would all participate in making and pulling taffy. The player piano added entertainment. The children all enjoyed pumping the pedals and watching the music roll go around with the words on the side; everyone sang. The family was close and communication was good; there was no television to distract the conversation.

The family was poor, but rich in many ways. Being poor added to the riches of closeness and helping one another.

Bessie Squier died, 23 September 1950, in Fort Wayne, Indiana from a sudden heart attack while recuperating from surgery. George Squier resided at Newyago, Michigan and married a second time. He died, 20 September 1966, at Anderson, Indiana following a traffic accident.

Eight children were born to George and Bessie Squier: DeWayne, born 21 November 1910, married 1st Cleota Hile and 2nd Emma Gettman, died 23 August 1982; Elmer Allison, born 18 June 1912, married 1st Jane Knippenberg, 2nd Lucille Rehm, 3rd Olive Maxine Rider and is presently living at North Fort Meyer, Florida; Howard Wesley, born 5 March 1914, married Dorothy Faulkner, died 17 April 1982; Louise Florence, born 12 January 1916, married James Houser and is presently living at North Fort Meyer, Florida; Maurice Edward, born 17 February, 1918, died 30 December 1918 during a flu epidemic; Lois Catherine, born 15 November 1919, married 1st LaVon Conner, and 2nd John R. Scogin and is presently living in Omaha, Nebraska; Betty Jean, born 23 March 1922, married Jesse Jefferies and is presently living at Crooked Lake, Indiana; and Mildred Maxine, born 13 April 1924, married 1st Kelly Baron and 2nd John Prohaska and is presently living at Houghton Lake Heights, Michigan.

PERRY E. BEBER, born at Noble County, Indiana, 14 October 1868; son of Nathaniel Beaber/Beaver and Elizabeth Walter of Union County, Pennsylvania, and Noble, Allen and DeKalb Counties, Indiana. He is the grandson of George Beaver and Catherine Larkis of LeHigh, formerly Northhampton and Snyder, formerly Union, Counties, Pennsylvania. The Beaver family immigrant, John Beaver/Beiber, was born in Germany. He brought his family to America in 1744 and settled in Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Perry Beber

Perry Beber's great-grandparents were John Michael Beaver and Susannah Ott of Union County, Pennsylvania and his great-great-grandparents were John Jacob Beaver and Catherine Steinbrenner of LeHigh County, Pennsylvania and John George Ott and M. Catherine of Union County, Pennsylvania. Both of his great-great-grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War. These families were of the Reformed Lutheran denomination.

At St. Joe, Indiana, 11 September 1886, Perry Beber was married to Florence I. Funk who was born, 11 July 1864 near Spencerville, daughter of John Quincy Adams Funk and Hannah Ann Astry of DeKalb County. They immediately went to Garrett, Indiana to take up housekeeping and they spent their entire married life in Garrett.

Mr. Beber was a carpenter, having built several homes in Garrett with his son-in-law, George Squier, an interior decorator by trade until his retirement. Mrs. Beber was a homemaker and a member of Pythian Sisters and the W.B.A. They were members of the Garrett Church of Christ.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beber were of German descent and they maintained their German heritage by continuing to speak the German language. Their grandchildren have stated, whenever Grandma and Grandpa Beber didn't want us to know what they were talking about, they would talk to each other in German. Mrs. Beber died at her home, 23 July 1940 from a blood clot following a fall. Mr. Beber was married a second time and lived in Garrett until 1953, at which time he moved to Auburn to live with his son, Russel and his family. Perry Beber died, 1 September 1958 at the age of 89. Both Perry and Florence Beber are buried at

Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Eight children were born to Perry and Florence Beber: Edna D., born November 1887, married 1st Roy Moody and 2nd Marritt Baker, died 13 April 1952; Cletus G., born 1 January 1890, married Martin Miller, died 9 April 1951; Bessie Vera, born 27 December 1892, married George Washington Squier, died 23 September 1950; Walter E., born 3 November 1894, married Elsie Kruger, died 28 March 1946; Maurice born, June 1897, married Clara Kitty Elsner, died 19 Aug 1971; Clara Florence, born 8 July 1900, married Carl Zulick, died May 1985; Russell, born 17 December 1899, married 1st Mildred MacKamer and 2nd Esther, died 16 April 1963; and Robert, born 28 July, 1905, married 1st Thelma McIntosh and 2nd Kate Riggs, living in Garrett, Indiana.

ELIZABETH WALTER, born 12 June 1824 at Union County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Simon Walter and Katherine Vogt of Union County, Pennsylvania and later Noble County, Indiana. Elizabeth's parents came to Indiana around 1857 and settled a few miles south of Avilla. At one time her father had a wagon shop in Avilla. Elizabeth's paternal grandparents were David Walter and Susanna Eberhart of Snyder, formerly Union County, Pennsylvania. Her maternal grandparents were Michael Vogt and Elizabeth Shively of Union County, Pennsylvania. Both of her grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War. Her paternal great-grandfathers, Jacob Walter and Bernard Eberhart, also served in the Revolutionary War. These families were of the German Reformed and Lutheran denominations.

On 9 December 1845, at Kratzerville, Union County, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Walter was married to Nathaniel Beaber/Beaver, who was born, 14 June 1820 at Union County, Pennsylvania, son of George Beaver and Catherine Larkis.

In 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Beaber moved their family to Indiana, settling in Noble County near Avilla. In 1872, they moved to Allen County, just south of the DeKalb County line.

Mr. Beaber's occupation was that of a farmer and shoemaker, he was also skilled at whittling and basketweaving. In politics, Nathaniel was a Republican. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beaber were active members of the Evangelical Church.

Mr. Beaber died at his home, 27 April 1894, following a long illness. After his death, Mrs. Beaber lived with her children, most of whom lived in DeKalb County. The last two years of her life, she lived with her youngest daughter, Anna Keeran, in Auburn. She died in Auburn, 30 August 1900. Nathaniel and Elizabeth are both buried at Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beaber, twelve of whom reached maturity and married: Catherine Anna, born 1846, married Adam Houser, died 30 January 1904; Amelia Maria, born 5 October 1847, married Ammon Snyder, died 26 October 1930; David, born 1848, married Emily Gisinger; Susan, born 1850, died 1850; Simon, born 8 August 1851, married Ellamana Snyder, died 6 March 1905; George W., born August 1854. died 30 March 1887; Henry Peter, born 20 January 1856, married Mary Ellen Buffington; Elizabeth Jane, born 29 October 1856, married Phares Shambach, died 17 May 1939; Anicetus Anna, born 31 March 1860, married John Keeran; Nathaniel Walter, married 1st Phyllis Pickyun, 2nd Mary Kaney and 3rd Mary Mazur; Michael; Wilson Willie, born 1867, married Amelia Millman; Perry E., born 14 October 1868, married Florence I. Funk, died 1 September 1958; Charley, died young; and Charity, died young.

John Funk Family

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS FUNK, born 24 December 1835 at Berks County, Pennsylvania; son of William Funk and Leah Marks. His parents moved from Pennsylvania to Columbiana County, Ohio in 1836. In the year 1849, William Funk moved his family from Ohio to DeKalb County, Indiana and settled in Wilmington Township near Moore's Station. Mr. Funk owned and farmed 120 acres in Section 29 of Wilmington Township. William Funk died, 20 September 1877 in DeKalb County and is buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. After the death of Mr. Funk, Mrs. Funk lived with her son John and his family. The date of her death is not known. Other children born to Mr. and Mrs.

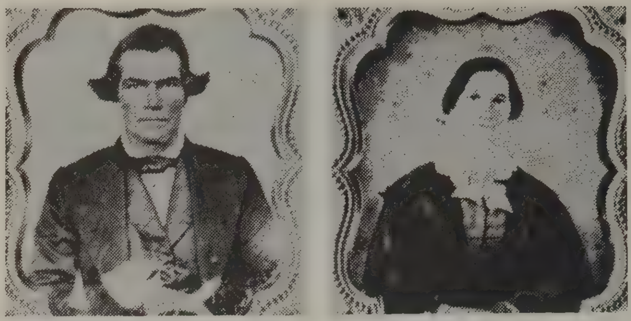
Funk were: Mary C., born 25 August 1837, married Ezra C. Krontz; Benjamin; Emaline, married Mr. Griffin; and Samuel.

In Allen County, Indiana, 17 November 1858, John Funk was united in marriage to Hannah Ann Astry, who was born at Columbiana County, Ohio, 12 June 1840; daughter of Isaac Astry and Sarah Ann Smith. Hannah's paternal grandfather was Frederick Astry and her maternal grandfather was James Smith.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Funk established their home near that of his parents. In 1900, they moved to Concord Township where they lived out the rest of their lives.

From a newspaper clipping which has been preserved, Mr. and Mrs. Funk celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Wednesday, 17 November 1908; a felicitous time was enjoyed by all who were present to take part in the festivities. Mr. & Mrs. Funk have been exemplary citizens, enjoying the fellowship of a large circle of friends. Mr. Funk died, 16 November 1914 at Concord Township. According to his obituary, Mr. Funk was known as a devoted husband, a kind father, an accommodating neighbor and a good citizen. Mrs. Funk died, at a daughter's home in Allen County, Indiana, 14 July 1921. From her obituary she joined the Lutheran church when but a child and has always held to that faith. She knew all about her pioneer life and the hardships of a pioneer. No better neighbor could be found. She was a devoted mother to her family, would sacrifice and deprive herself to assist anyone in need; her enemies were few and her friends were legion. Mr. and Mrs. John Funk are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Children born to them were: Sarah Ann, died as an infant; Oliver L., born 1862, married Hannah Creager; Florence I., born 11 July 1864, married Perry Beber; Ellie, born 6 June 1868, married Eli Bert Mountz; Delmar William, born 25 February 1870, married Matilda McKinnley; Sherman, born 15 February 1872, married Blanch Metcalf; Mary Jane, born 1874, married 1st Bill Hamilton and 2nd Charles Walker; Loretta, born 1877, married Denton Riggs; Cora, born 1881, married Charles R. Jack Johnson. All of Mr. and Mrs. Funk's children, with one exception of the baby that died as an infant, lived in DeKalb County.



Christian Sheets and wife

CHRISTIAN SHEETS, born 14 June 1825 at Wayne County, Congress Township, Ohio; son of Samuel Sheets and Elizabeth Wolf of Columbiana, Wayne and Ashland Counties, Ohio, and the grandson of Christian Sheets and Margaret Wetsell of Frederick County, Maryland, and Columbiana County, Ohio.

At Wayne County, Ohio, 22 August 1846, Christian Sheets married Margaret Carr, who was born, 27 June 1824 at Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of Hugh Carr and Mary Casebeer of Tuscarawas, Wayne and Ashland Counties, Ohio. Her paternal grandfather was John Carr Sr. of Washington County, Pennsylvania and Tus carawas, Wayne and Richland Counties, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were John W. Casebeer and Nancy Best of Washington County, Pennsylvania and Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

In September 1846, Samuel and Elizabeth Sheets sold 71 acres of land in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, where Reeves Brothers, Incorporated is presently located, to their son, Christian and his new bride. About six weeks after their marriage, Christian and Margaret Sheets moved to DeKalb County and erected a log cabin, on their property in Jackson Township, they later built their permanent home near the cabin where they lived together for 36 years. In 1859, Mr. and Mrs. Sheets bought an additional 80 acres of land across the road from their home, from Wesley and Laura Park. Mr. Sheets had one of the model farms in the county and as a citizen he was at all time foremost in the enterprises affecting his neighborhood and the introduction of new inventions and appliances for economy and labor saving upon the farm, as well as of valuable stock raising.

Before coming to DeKalb County, Mr. Sheets had learned the trade of miller and engaged in the operation of a grist mill in his community. In 1864, on the 80 acres he purchased adjoining his farm, he again engaged in the milling business which he continued for about ten years, running the old grist mill in Auburn. A new mill was erected on the site of the old mill and for many years was a well known landmark of the community.

Mr. Sheets was active in politics. He was an early trustee of Jackson Township. In the election of 12 October 1858, he tied for County Commissioner and in the election of 14 October 1874, he was elected County Assessor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheets were members of the M.E. Church and always remained loyal to it. Mr. Sheets' hand and purse were always open for religious and moral purposes, as well as to the poor and needy of his neighborhood.

Mr. Sheets died at his home, 11 September 1882 at the age of 57 after an illness of only one week. Mrs. Sheets died, 25 May 1894 at her home of a stroke, eight days after she fell from a chair while cleaning a window. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sheets are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

Five children were born to Christian and Margaret Sheets: Hulbert Luther, born 26 February 1850, married Rebecca Swihart, moved to California; Sarah Elizabeth, born 10 March 1851, married William Hoffman, resided in DeKalb County and died 20 February 1936; Mary Amanda, born 24 December 1853, married John F. Conner, resided in DeKalb County near Garrett and died 17 March 1884; Martin C., born 29 June 1860, married Annice Russel, lived on the family homestead and died 13 February 1933; and Pleasant Maude, born 1 January 1870, married 1st Mr. Blankenship and 2nd Harry Meeks, resided in Chicago, Illinois, and died 1963/64.

Clarence Conner Family

CLARENCE ALFRED CONNER, born 3 June 1880 in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, southwest of Garrett, Indiana; the son of John Frances Conner and Mary Amanda Sheets. His paternal grandparents were John and Susan Conner of Ellicotte Mills, Anne Aundrel, now Howard County, Maryland and his maternal grandparents were Christian Sheets and Margaret Carr of Wayne County, Ohio and DeKalb County, Indiana.

Emma Garinea Goldsmith was born 8 March 1884 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; the daughter of Joseph Goldsmith and Magdalene Schlatter. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph Goldsmith Sr. and Elizabeth Augsbarger/Augspurger of Germany, Butler County, Ohio and Allen County, Indiana and her maternal grandparents were John Schlatter and Barbara Eyman of Strausburg, France and Allen County, Indiana. These families were united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church.

Clarence and Emma were married on 22 December 1901 in DeKalb County, Indiana. They purchased a 40 acre farm in Jackson Township across the road from Emma's parents and lived there until around 1920 when they sold the farm and moved to Auburn. They lived the remainder of their lives in Auburn.

From the time he was a young boy, after the death of his parents, Clarence lived with several families in DeKalb County and worked as a farm hand. He farmed his own farm after his marriage until moving to Auburn. He worked at Auburn Auto Company for several years. He then worked as a carpenter for Roland Muhn building cabinets and hanging doors for about five years before becoming a self-employed carpenter, specializing in building cabinets. Mr. Conner built the last home he and Mrs. Conner lived in as well as homes for several of his children in Auburn.

Clarence and Emma were active members of the Hopewell United Brethern Church until around 1927 when they became members of the Nazarene Church in Auburn.

Mrs. Conner died in Auburn on 30 March 1954 and Mr. Conner also died in Auburn on 22 January 1970. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

Children born to Clarence and Emma Conner are: Magdalene Lena Gladys, born 25 January 1903, married in 1933 to Paul Houghton, currently living in Auburn; Marie Golden, born 8 January 1905, married in 1942 to Ayler Brown, lived in New Castle, Indiana from the time of her marriage, since her husbands death in 1975, Marie has lived in Auburn with her sister, Lena; Merle Alberton, born 3 November 1910, married Clytie M. Shipe in 1952, died in Auburn, 21 December 1975; Robert LaVon, born 14 September 1915, married in 1937 to Lois C. Squier, currently living in Auburn; Clarence LaVerne, born 2 September 1918, married in 1939 to Ruth M. Martin, died 5 August 1986 in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Maxine L., born 20 June 1920, married Dale Cripe, died 3 October 1984 in Auburn; and Betty Jean, born 22 January 1923, married Hugh Caldwell, currently living at Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

ROBERT LAVON CONNER, born 14 September 1915 at Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; son of Clarence Alfred Conner and Emma Garinea Goldsmith.

Lois Catherine Squier was born 15 November 1919 at Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana; the daughter of George Washington Squier and Bessie Vera Beber.

Robert and Lois were married on 2 May 1937 at Noble County, Indiana. Mr. Conner graduated from Auburn High School. Mrs. Conner graduated from Garrett High School and r Ravenscroft Beauty College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After graduation, Mr. Conner worked as an apprentice for a small machine shop in Auburn until the shop went out of business and for J.C. Penney Company. He then worked for Tokheim Pump in Fort Wayne, Indiana for about a year to get enough money saved to go into business for himself. He has been a self-employed salesman until his retirement in 1980.

Lois was a full-time homemaker and mother while her children were young. In the early 1950's, after her graduation from beauty college, Lois became the owner and operator of the Circle Salon in Angola, Indiana, and in 1955 she opened the Circle Salon in Auburn.

In 1939, Robert and his father built a home in Auburn where Robert and his family lived until 1947. At that time, Robert and his father tore down a cottage on Lake James, Indiana owned by Robert and Lois and built a year round home on the site, where Robert and his family lived until 1954. They returned to Auburn in 1954. Robert and Lois were divorced in 1955.

Robert is presently living in Auburn. In 1960, Lois moved to Omaha, Nebraska. She married John R. Scogin on 1 July 1961 at Omaha and is presently living in Omaha.

Children born to Robert and Lois are: Sheron Dawn, born 11 October 1940 and Robert Alison, born 20 August 1942.

Robert A. graduated from Auburn High School and attended Omaha University 1960-61. He graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 23 June 1963 and from the Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana in 1967. Dr. Conner then went into the United States Army as a Captain and served his internship at Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii. Dr. Conner and his family lived three years in Germany while he was in the service and in 1971 he left the service as a Major. He then served his residency in Radiology at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, California. In 1974, Dr. Conner accepted a position with Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana and he and his family returned to Indiana. Dr. Conner is presently chairman of the Radiology Department at Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne.

Dr. Conner married Judith Emerick of Fort Wayne, Indiana on 15 November 1960. They were divorced in 1975. He married Sharon Sercev on 9 May 1978 at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Children born to Dr. Conner and Judith Emerick are: Elizabeth Catherine and Christopher Michael. Dr. Conner also has an adopted daughter, Tracey and a step-daughter, Ja-An.

John F. Conner and wife

JOHN FRANCES CONNER, born 5 September 1845 near Ellicott City, Anne Arundel County, now Howard County, Maryland, son of John and Susan Conner. The family lived at Ellicott Mills. His father was a wheelwright and died before 1860. Other children born to John and Susan Conner were: Elizabeth, born 1835; Susan, born 1837; James, born 1841; Sarah, born 1843; Mary, born 1844; Margaret, born 1849; and George, born 1853.

Mary Amanda Sheets, born 24 December 1853 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; daughter of Christian Sheets and Margaret Carr.

John Conner came to DeKalb County between 1870 and 1875 with the Baltimore and Ohio Railway company. He worked as one of the main contractors building the wooden trussel bridges.

John and Amanda were united in marriage, 30 May 1875 in DeKalb County. In 1877, they purchased 40 acres of land southwest of Garrett. Mr. Conner farmed this land in addition to working for the railroad.

Amanda died of consumption at her home, 17 March 1884, and John died at his home, also of consumption, 4 August 1887. Their early deaths left their two young sons orphans at the ages of seven and eleven. Mr. and Mrs. Conner are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

Children born to John and Amanda Conner were: Christian James, born 23 June 1876, at Albion, Noble County, Indiana, married Jeannine Workman and died 17 August 1925 in DeKalb County. They had no children; Clarence Alfred, born 3 June 1880 in DeKalb County, married Emma Garinea Goldsmith and died 22 January

1970 in DeKalb County.

Joesph Goldsmith Family

JOSEPH GOLDSMITH, born in Trenton, Butler County, Ohio, 17 April 1842; son of Joseph Goldsmith, Sr. and Elizabeth Augsbarger/Augspurger. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith were born in Germany. In 1862, Mr. Goldsmith brought his family to Indiana, settling in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County. Mrs. Goldsmith died in 1864 and Mr. Goldsmith lived until 1881. Both are buried in the Schlatter Cemetery, located on the Schlatter Road in Allen County. Other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith were: Katie, born 1844, married Henry Otto; Nicholas, born 17 August 1846, married Emma Belle Houk; Barbara, born 1848, married John Koble; and Magdalene, born 1850.

In Allen County, Indiana, 28 May 1868, Joseph Goldsmith was united in marriage to Magdalena Schlatter, who was born at Strausburg, France, 29 June 1845; daughter of John Schlatter and Barbara Eyman. John Schlatter brought his family to America in 1853; their ship landed at the harbor in New York in April of that year. Three of John's brothers; Christian, Benedict and Sebastian, also brought their families to America about this same time and settled at Cedar Creek Township, Allen County. John Schlatter died in 1854. Although there is a marker for him in the Schlatter Cemetery, family legend says that he is buried on his brother Christian's farm. Mrs. Schlatter died in 1864 and is buried in the Schlatter Cemetery. Other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schlatter were: Mary Ann, born 1832, married John Richard; John, born 10 September 1838, married Barbara Gerig; Christian D., born 19 April 1841, married Mary Lugbill; and Benedict J., born 29 August 1847, married Mary Jane Heymen.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith remained in Allen County for a short time. In 1869, Mr. Goldsmith purchased 80 acres in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Mr. Goldsmith farmed the land and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on this farm. They were united with the Defenseless Mennonite Church and remained faithful and consistent members until their deaths. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith five of which died at birth: Mary Ann, born 6 February 1869, married George Lochner; Lydia E., born 18 December 1871, married Benjamin Peter Gerig; Ida B., born 14 January 1871, died young; Catherine Katie J., born 8 April 1874, never married; Soloman Joseph, born 13 May 1881, married Rillia VanZile; Emma Garinea, born 8 March 1884, married Clarence Alfred Conner; Rosa N., born 5 December 1886, died young; and Bertha Jane, born 19 December 1888, married Clarence A. Sponhower. Besides raising their own family, Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith received into their home Grant Shreaves, Peter Ankney, Christian Eicher and Enoch Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith maintained their German heritage by teaching all of their children to speak fluent German as well as the English language. A great-granddaughter, Sheron Conner Littlejohn, remembers sitting on her grandmother's, Emma Goldsmith Conner's, lap, rocking in the family rocker and asking her grandmother to talk to me in German.

Mr. Goldsmith died, 22 April 1917 and Mrs. Goldsmith died, 12 April 1922. Both are buried in the Leo Cemetery, Leo, Indiana.

FORREST SAMUEL LITTLEJOHN, born 4 March 1914, Paulding County, Ohio; son of Charles Henry and Lana Alice (Nogle) Littlejohn. His paternal grandparents were William J. and Catherine L. (Smith) Littlejohn.

Marguerite Gladys Haney, born 14 August 1913, at Paulding County, Ohio; daughter of LeRoy Haney and Mary Elizabeth Ganger. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob Haney and Mary Jane Cozat of Paulding County, Ohio, and her maternal grandparents were David Robert Ganger and Sarah Jane Rockhole of Dark County and Paulding County, Ohio.

Forrest and Marguerite were married 4 March 1937 in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Latty High School, Forrest sought employment as a farmer. He started working as a farm hand for a brother-in-law and helping neighbors. He eventually was able to purchase some farm implements and a team of horses to start out on his own. In 1941, he rented a 160 acre farm west of Paulding. Forrest rented additional acreage and by 1946 he was farming in excess of 400 acres. In addition to crop farming, Mr.

Littlejohn became interested in raising registered Columbia sheep. He had what many sheepmen considered the finest flock east of the Mississippi River. He raised and showed many state and national champion sheep. In 1949, Forrest purchased 59 acres of land in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, and moved his family to Indiana. Mr. Littlejohn found winter employment at Dana Corporation in Auburn and farmed during the growing season, with the help of his two sons. He reduced his farming operation and worked full-time for Dana Corporation, from where he retired in 1978 with more than 20 years of service.

Mrs. Littlejohn was a homemaker and an active member of the Church of the Nazarene in Butler. In later years, she was a member of the United Methodist Church in Butler.

Mr. Littlejohn had three sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Littlejohn had three sisters and five brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn are the parents of five children: James Forrest, born 18 July 1940 at Blue Creek, Paulding County, Ohio; twins, Lois Ann Joyce and Judith Ellen, born 2 January 1942, Paulding County, Ohio. Joyce is married to James Gene Porter and lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Judy is married to Arlen Losh and lives in Pioneer, Ohio; Samuel LeRoy, born 10 May 1949, Paulding County, Ohio. He is married to Marilyn Kraft and they live near Avilla, Indiana; Jonetta Elaine, born 27 February 1957. She is married to Stephen Houser and they live in Peru, Indiana.

James Littlejohn Family

JAMES FORREST LITTLEJOHN, born 18 July 1940 at Blue Creek Township, Paulding County, Ohio; son of Forrest Samuel Littlejohn and Marguerite Gladys Haney. In 1941 he moved with his family to DeKalb County, Indiana.

Sheron Sherry Dawn Conner, born 11 October 1940 at Auburn, Indiana; daughter of Robert LaVon Conner and Lois Catherine Squier.

Jim and Sherry were married 2 September 1961 at the First Methodist Church in Auburn. Mr. Littlejohn graduated from Butler High School and attended Indiana University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He later transferred to Purdue University in Fort Wayne to study Industrial Engineering. He has also completed all the management courses provided by Dana University and is a registered certified supervisor. Sherry graduated from Auburn High School and attended Indiana University in Fort Wayne.

In 1958, Jim began working at Dana Corporation in Auburn in addition to working the family farm operation. He has worked as a machine operator, foreman, process engineer, section supervisor and special project member throughout his employment with Dana Corporation. He is also a member of Dana Corporation Quarter-Century Club. Having a life long desire to be an auctioneer, Jim attended the Fairmont Academy of Auctioneering and became a licensed auctioneer in 1977. He established the Littlejohn Auction Service, which he and his son, Greg, operate. They have been conducting auctions throughout northeast Indiana for the past ten years.

Sherry worked for the DeKalb County Credit Bureau for a short time. In the Fall of 1958 she began working at Dana Corporation in Auburn as Clerk-typist and secretary until her marriage. Until 1974, she was a full-time homemaker and mother. When their youngest child started kindergarten, Sherry became the teacher-director of the Auburn United Methodist Nursery School, having one assistant and 24 students. The program has currently expanded to the point where she has three other teachers and five aides working with her with an enrollment of 124 children in six classes. On weekends, she assists the Littlejohn Auction Service as cashier.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn have been active in church and civic affairs. Jim has served as chairperson of the Trustees and the Administrative Board of the Auburn United Methodist Church. He is presently serving as Lay Leader for the Church. He has been President of the Auburn Swim Club; over a period of ten years, he served as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Committee Chairperson with the Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the Order of the Arrow; and coached both little league baseball and basketball. In 1980, Mr. Littlejohn was elected to the DeKalb Central United School Board. He served two years as President of the School Board and was re-elected to a second term in

1984. Mrs. Littlejohn taught Sunday School in the children's department for 10 years. She has served as Children's Coordinator, Education Chairperson, and is currently Treasurer of the Special Gifts and Memorials Committee. Over a period of eight years, she served as a den leader for the Cub Scouts and a Brownie Troop leader for the Girl Scouts of America; served as Chairperson for the American Heart Association Swim for Heart for four years, during which time the Auburn Swim Club raised over $10,000 for the American Heart Association. Sherry is a member of the Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa; John Houlton Chapter NSDAR, currently serving as Registrar; Association of Preschool Teachers of Fort Wayne; Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children of Northeast Indiana, currently serving as a Board Member; and the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn are the parents of three children: James Michael, born 31 May 1962; Gregory James, born 12 October 1964; and Jama Dawn, born 7 December 1969.

Greg graduated from DeKalb High School in 1983 and received an Associate Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology in 1985 at ITT Technical Institute in Fort Wayne. In 1983, he became a licensed auctioneer and works with his father for the Littlejohn Auction Service as a sales manager and an auctioneer. Greg is also owner/operator of Littlejohn Tent Rental Service. Since graduation from high school, he has worked for Lyall Electric as a supervisor and is presently employed by Magnavox Government & Industrial Electronics Company, in Auburn, Indiana as a troubleshooter-supervisor. Greg is a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church.

Jama is presently a junior at DeKalb High School where she is active as a Brigadier with the Baron Brigade Marching Band, Swing Choir, and Jazz Choir. She is a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church where she is active in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Lovelight Puppet Troupe. In 1984, Jama was crowned Indiana MISS T.E.E.N. and is currently Miss Auburn 1986. She works part-time for Carbaugh Jewelers of Auburn and Littlejohn Auction Service.

JAMES MICHAEL LITTLEJOHN, born 31 May, 1962 at Auburn, Indiana; son of James F. Littlejohn and Sheron D. Conner. His paternal grandparents are Forrest Littlejohn and Marguerite Gladys Haney (deceased). His maternal grandparents are Robert LaVon Conner and Lois Catherine Squier.

Debra Sue Chevillet was born 9 September 1956, at South Bend, Indiana; the daughter of Don Chevillet and Sue Swartz. Her paternal grandparents were Harold Chevillet and Verna Walls of South Bend. Her maternal grandparents were Albert Swartz and Linnie Spitler of South Bend, Indiana.

Mike and Debra were married on 27 April 1985 at the First Methodist Church in Auburn, Indiana. Mr. Littlejohn graduated from DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana and attended Indiana University, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Littlejohn graduated from Northrop High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Ravenscroft Beauty College in 1976.

Mike was active in the Boy Scouts of America, receiving the rank of Eagle Scout in 1979. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Mike is employed by Carbaugh Jewelers in Auburn, Indiana and is also a self employed musician. Debra is employed at Stoney Creek Stylists in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn are active members of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn resided in Fort Wayne, Indiana until July, 1986, at which time they purchased a home on North Van Buren Street and moved to Auburn, Indiana. They are expecting their first child in June, 1987.

Donald and Beverly Macrae

DONALD SWAN MACRAE, born 11 August 1920, at Province, Rhode Island, son of Alexander and Helen June (McCormick) Macrae. His paternal grandparents were Ferquhar, from Scotland and Esther (Swan) Macrae, from Nova Scotia. His maternal grandparents were William Adam and Mary Lovette (Romus) McCormick.

Beverly Irene Shutt, born 27 April 1931, at

Garrett, Indiana, the daughter of Edward Michael and Charlotte Alice (Woodcock) Shutt. Her paternal grandparents were Scudder Edwin and Mary Agnes (Schoudel) Shutt of Keyser Township, Garrett, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Arthur Henry and Sarah Anne (Morgan - Foster) Woodcock of Chicago, Illinois and Garrett, Indiana.

Donald and Beverly were married on 1 October 1961, at Camden, Maine. Mr. Macrae graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in Province, Rhode Island and Mrs. Macrae graduated from Garrett High School.

Donald, in his youth, helped his father's greenhouse business. The 1938 hurricane destroyed the family florist business. At this time, he became employed at the Builders Iron Foundry in Providence, in the machine shop. In 1943-1946, Donald served in the United States Army. His duty as a jeep driver was in the European and Pacific theatre of WW II as a Corporal. After the military life, he returned home to his job in the machine shop. In 1947, Donald and his mother moved to Lincolnville Beach, Maine, to operate a seasonal motel business. He was also a substitute rural mail carrier. In February 1966, the family moved to Indiana. They settled in Fairfield Township, near Ashley. Later in 1980, they moved to Union township, Auburn, Indiana. He is employed by Stanadyne in Garrett as a heavy material handler.

Beverly worked several years in child care. At present, she is employed at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in the Pharmacy Department and also doing volunteer work.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Macrae have been active in church and civic affairs. Mr. Macrae served on the vestry committee of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Belfast, Maine. Mrs. Macrae has taught Sunday School and/or Vacation Bible School for many years. Both are active in Masons and Eastern Star. Mr. Macrae is a charter member of Lincolnville Lions Club. Both are chartered members of Lincolnville Historical Society. Mrs. Macrae was an active member of the Extension Club wherever she lived and a former member of the Grange.

Mr. Macrae is an only child. Mrs. Macrae is the eldest of seven children.

Mr. and Mrs. Macrae are the parents of two daughters; Charlotte June, who is a nurse in Fort Wayne and Ruth Helene, who is deceased and is buried at Lincolnville, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Macrae now live on a mini-farm east of Auburn, Indiana.

RANSOM MONROE, we have known for years that Ransom Monroe's grave was in the Cosper Cemetery but as yet I know little about him. He probably was born in Scotland and came to Indiana during the early 1850's after a stop in Ohio where his oldest child was born. Ransom died at the age of 33 on 4 February 1864.

Catherine Kines and Ransom were married and they had 11 or 13 children. After Ranson's death, she continued to live in Wilmington township with five of the children. Two children, Oliver, born 25 July 1850, in Ohio, and died 18 April 1864. He died from typhoid fever. Sarah, born 8 March 1854, died 10 January 1864, she died from falling in a kettle of boiling water. Both are buried beside their father. So far, nothing else is known about Catherine.

The following are the known children: Emily, born 5 April 1846, in Ohio, she married James Ballentine, 17 January 1866; Lucinda, born 16 August 1847, in Ohio, she married George Howey, 14 May 1865.

Lewis married Sarah Eakright. James, born March 1856 in Indiana and died, 23 July 1920. He married Luella Ella Reaver, 21 December 1884. They had one child, Hattie. After her death, he married Clara. All are buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett. Riley, born 8 March 1858, in Indiana and died, 24 January 1936. He is buried in the Butler Cemetery. They had one son, Lloyd, and possibly a daughter named Myrtle. Elizabeth, born 3 October 1860. Silbina, Jane and Norah, there may be at least one more child born between Riley and Elizabeth. The name is either Vinah or Uriah. Silbina Sabrina, Bina was born 23 March 1863. She married a man by the name of Stroh and they moved west. They had a son, Claire. The last known address for the family was in California.

Jane was born in 1861 and died in either 1947 or 1948. She married Will Brown, born 1856, died 1942. They had a son, John, whose wife was Bertha Bird. John and Bird had two children, Harold D., who married Rebecca Irene Olin, and Frank. John and Bird lived east of Auburn on SR 8. They are buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. Norah married a Ballentine.

LEWIS MANROW, born to Ransom and Catherine (Kines) Monroe. He was born 15 May 1852, in Ohio. The family came to DeKalb County while he was still very small. He died in Corunna, Indiana, 24 January 1929 and is buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Lewis was raised in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County and except for a few years spent in Camden, Michigan he spent his life there and later in Richland Township. He was a farmer and

Lewis and Sarah Manrow

worked for several farmers in this area including Ed Wicks, north of Sedan near the Hesse Castle School.

Sarah Sake Adeline Eakright became the bride of Lewis, 28 September 1873. She was a daughter of Abraham and Susannah (Miller) Eakright of near Moore, Indiana. She was an energetic woman, who in her eighties and on crutches, was able to shock wheat, cut by her son, Lester. She was born 7 July 1854 and died 2 April 1950, at the age of 95. Sarah had a good singing voice, wrote some poetry, liked outdoor work, but also knitted, and pieced quilts, one of which we have that was made in the 1940's.

Lewis and Sake had three sons: Lawrence, who married Nora McConnell of Garrett, Indiana; Clarence Edward, who married Ona May Finch; and Lester LeRoy,who married Flossie Means.

Lawrence Manrow Family

LAWRENCE MANROW, son of Lewis and Sarah A. (Eakright) Manrow. He was born 24 October 1874, near Monroe, Indiana and died near Turkey Lake, 6 October 1940. He is buried in the Corunna Cemetery. He was a victim of tuberculosis.

Lawrence's maternal grandparents were Abraham and Susannah (Miller) Eakright and Joel and Sarah (Eichelberger) Eakright. All lived in the area around Moore, Indiana, in Wilmington Township. The Millers were probably from Pennsylvania and the parents of ten children. Joel and Sarah are buried in the Cosper Cemetery.

Lawrence's paternal grandparents were Ransom and Catherine (Kines) Monroe.

Lawrence lived in Garrett, Indiana for 16 years, he also lived at Pleasant Lake, Turkey Lake and in Michigan between the towns of Camden and Montgomery. He farmed and worked in the B & O Railroad shops in Garrett, Indiana.

Elnora Nora McConnell of Garrett, Indiana became his bride in 1893. She died 10 January 1953 and is buried in the Corunna Cemetery beside her husband and son.

Three children were born to Lawrence and Elnora: Jessie R.; Marie (Manrow) Sullivan; and Alva G.

Marie lived in Garrett, Indiana, Jackson, Michigan and in Toledo, Ohio where she died and is buried. She operated a beauty shop. Marie was married twice, her first husband was Leo Smith and the second husband's name was Sullivan. Jessie worked for the Garrett Street Department and resided at the Garrett Hotel. He was a WW I Veteran having served in the Indiana 19 Spruce SQ according to his tombstone, in the Corunna Cemetery. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and died at the Veteran's Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 1955 at the age of 60.

Alva and Mary Manrow

ALVA G. "JACK" MANROW, son of Lawrence J. and Elnora (McConnell) Manrow, born in Corunna, Indiana, 2 July 1900. He died 1985, in Toledo, Ohio. Jack had a sister Marie

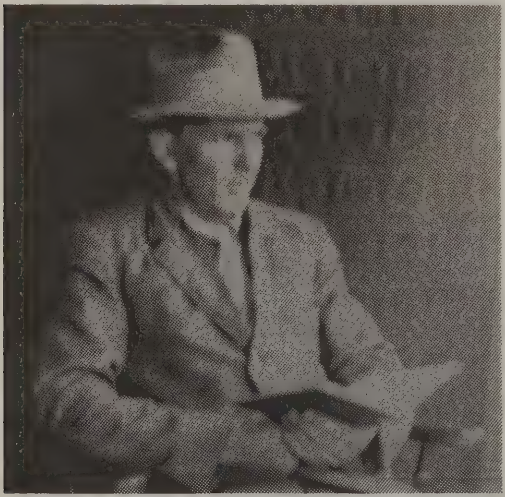
Sullivan and a brother Jessie R.

Jack attended school through the 8th grade. He started to work at the age of 16 at Hayes Wheel in Jackson, Michigan. From Jackson, he went to Elkhart, Indiana, where he worked on the New York Central Railroad until 1920.

Alva married Mary L. Kemerer in Nutwood, Ohio in 1920. He was employed by the Interurban lines from Kendallville to Fort Wayne. In the fall of 1927, Jack started at the Auburn Auto, in Auburn, Indiana. They transferred to Toledo, Ohio in 1928. The Auburn Sales and Service was started at Madison and 22nd Street in Toledo. It was owned by Wade Hammon and Lester Schnizer. Jack was an excellent mechanic and stayed with the business through several owners and makes of cars. Jack retired in 1960.

Mary Lavina Kemerer, daughter of Comer F. and Mary Jane (Brown) Kemerer. She was born 12 November 1901, in Ohio and died in 1984 in Toledo, Ohio. Mary's mother died while she was young. Her father lived for a time in DeKalb County. Her sister married and lived in Garrett most of her life.

Mary worked outside the home as well as raising their five children, most if not all of whom were born in DeKalb County. Toledo, Ohio is home base for Dale Lewis, Mariam Jeanette Peggy Hill, Lawrence Jerry, Alva Jack Jackie and Quenton Wilber.



Lester L. Manrow

LESTER LEROY MANROW, was born 8 June 1887 to Lewis and Sarah A. (Eakright) Manrow. They lived east of Auburn. He died 12 May 1956 at his home in Corunna, Indiana. He is the youngest of three sons.

Lester was a life long resident of DeKalb County except for a short period of time spent near Camden, Michigan where he farmed. In DeKalb County, he farmed the Means and Triplett farms. He also worked on the New York Central Section Gang for Itha Stonebraker in the Corunna Hardware.

I think Lester is the only one of the three brothers that went to high school. He roomed in Auburn in order to do so.

Lester married Flossie Means, at the parsonage of the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana 5 September 1908. her parents were John and Rebecca (Farver) Means and they lived in Jackson township. Flossie was born 19 August 1886 and died 25 June 1962 at the age of 74. I believe Flossie attended Boots School. She helped with the farming while raising their one child, a daughter Bertha who married Peter Sebert.

Lester and Flossie are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Clarence and Ona Manrow

CLARENCE EDWARD (NIG) MANROW, son born to Lewis and Sarah A. (Eakright) Manrow. At the time they were living in Wilmington Township near Butler. He was born, 5 March 1879 and died 3 July 1964 and is buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Clarence graduated from the eighth grade in 1897. He attended school in District #2. Part of the time he stayed with Grandma Moody and attended school. She lived east of Corunna, at the railroad crossing, in a large brick house. His future wife also graduated in 1897.

Clarence worked at a variety of occupations in his life time. Around 1909, he worked on a dairy farm owned by McCleland near Montgomery, Michigan. Then he worked for a lumber company and lived in Waterloo, Indiana. About 1912, they moved to Corunna, Indiana and he worked for the New York Central Railroad on the bridge gang. This job took them to Nutwood, Ohio. Nutwood is north and a little east of Youngstown. Later the railroad work sent them to Elkhart, Indiana. In 1918, Clarence was back in Michigan near Camden where he cleaned up the woods after loggers left. The next few years were spent farming near Corunna, Indiana, part of them on a farm owned by his wife's cousin, Robert Bob Johnson. One unusual vegetable they had good luck with was celery which they raised in muck. While living with Bob Johnson, Clarence had an ice route and peddled fish. He kept the ice in an ice house, in the backyard, covered with saw dust. He purchased the ice in Kendallville, Indiana. His granddaughter, Dorothy Kemerer enjoyed keeping him company on these trips. An old hearse was used for a while to haul ice. The family also went to Toledo in it. During this time Clarence received a start of a hibiscus. We still have descendants of this plant and have given many away.

While Clarence was janitor at the Corunna School he filled the windows with plants and wondered if the Health inspector would object. When the inspector came around he said the plants give off what the children need and the children give off what the plants need. Only one time did anyone object to them and that was when he put manure on them for fertilizer. I guess school almost had to close for the day.

Clarence also butchered, sheered sheep and helped Wid Feagler build barns. He worked at the Kendallville Foundry and in 1956 he was a night watchman at Howard Sobers in Fort Wayne. One morning after leaving work, he was hit by a car while crossing the street. Eventually, he lost his leg as a result of the accident.

Clarence was called Nig by everyone. We do not know where he received the nickname. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren called him Grandpa Nig, Paw Paw, and Paw Paw Nig.

Ona May Finch and Clarence were married in April 1900. She was the youngest living child of James and Helen (Dearborn) Finch of Corunna, Indiana. She was born, 11 June 1881 and died, 3 December 1949. While basically a homemaker, Ona did work for families having need because of new babies or illness. At one time, she sold magazine subscriptions to Woman's World and also sold moth paddles. She obtained a rocker from this work which we still have. Ona loved caring for her grandchildren and regretted her poor eyesight limited her ability to care for her youngest Harold Werkheiser.

Clarence and Ona had four children: Helen Lucille Bower; Harry Richard; Ralph Ellsworth; and Mary Margaret Werkheiser.

Harry Manrow

HARRY RICHARD MANROW, was born on a farm just south of Corunna, 26 October 1903. He was the son of Clarence and Ona (Finch) Manrow. He passed away at his home near Corunna, 21 January 1953 at the age of 49. He is buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Harry Bub started school at Montgomery, Michigan. He also attended school in Waterloo and Corunna, Indiana. Arithmetic was his favorite school subject. Harry was brought up in the Corunna Methodist Church. He loved doing anything that kept him out of doors; hunting and fishing were his favorite activities.

He worked for many years on the section gang for the New York Central Railroad, becoming a foreman. During this time, he constructed two garages and one house. The garages were made from railroad ties. One is still on Tiptop Street in Corunna and the other is just outside the town limits to the south.

All children loved Harry even though he made them behave. He also could get a lot of work out of them. He was great tease and loved to take the young children of the family to get ice cream just after they had been cleaned up. This did not make him popular with his wife and sister.

Harry was married twice. First 27 December 1922, to Martha Bethina Osborn. She was the only child of Benjamin F. and Verna (Porter) Osborn. They have a daughter, Patricia Ann Mrs. Clyde E. Whitson II.

Later he married Thelma (Pence) Marks. She had two sons by a previous marriage. Harry raised Robert Eugene Marks and Cleo Lemoin Marks like they were his own. They both live near Corunna at this time.

PATRICIA ANN (MANROW) WHITSON, the only child of Harry and Martha Bethina (Osborn)

Clyde and Patricia Whitson

Manrow, born 12 December 1925, on a farm owned by her great grandfather, James Finch, of Corunna, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Benjamin F. and Verna (Porter) Osborn, Jr. Her paternal grandparents were Clarence Edward and Ona Mae (Finch) Manrow of Corunna, Indiana.

Patricia grew up in the Corunna area, attending the Corunna grade school and graduating from Waterloo High School. She has always been a member of the Methodist Church, where ever she lived.

During WW II, Patricia worked at National Can, Fort Wayne. Her activities and interest have revolved around her home, children and her husband's work. She is an excellent cook and enjoys sewing and gardening.

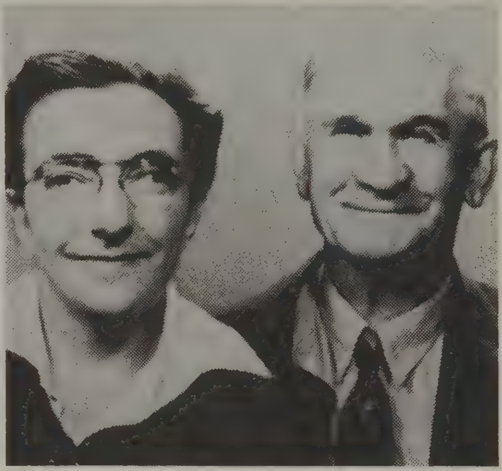
Patricia and Clyde E. Whitson, II were married 1 March 1948. Clyde is the only child of Clyde E. Dr. Cheir and Edna (Owens) Whitson, of Kendallville, Indiana.

They are the parents of four children: Diana Lynn, married Ramon Luis Laguna and they are the parents of two children, Leslie Ann a Sophomore at Orlando Community College and Raymond Lewis, a High School Junior. Ramon is employed with United Airlines and operates his own sailboat business. The Lagunas reside in Orlando, Florida; Lana Daion, graduated from High School in New York City, New York and attended Rockland Junior College. She graduated from George Mason College, University of Virginia. In 1985, she obtained her master's degree in business and is planning to move to Florida.

Clyde E., IV, born in Kendallville. Indiana and attended school all over the United States and its territories. He graduated from high school in New York City, New York and attended Rockland Community College, New York. He also graduated from George Mason, but by now it is an independent college, no longer a part of the University of Virginia. Following college, Clyde joined the Marines and after completing his tour of duty, he joined the FBI.

Darcy Lee, born in Kendallville, Indiana and graduated from high school in New York City, New York. She then attended George Mason College near Washington D.C. After graduation, Darcy worked in the Washington D.C. area until her marriage to Jeramiah Behan. They are the parents of one daughter, Alexis, and they live in Lusbarg, Virginia.

The Whitsons have lived in many areas of the United States, as a result of Clyde's work. They started out in Kendallville, then Lafayette, Indiana; Birmingham and Huntsville, Alabama; Monteray, California; Del Rio, Texas; San Juan; Puerto Rico; New York City, New York; Arlington, Virginia; and Butte Montana, from there upon retirement to Orlando, Florida.



John and Helen Bower

HELEN LUCILLE (MONROE) BOWER, born to Clarence and Ona (Finch) Manrow. She was born 22 November 1900 at the home of her grandparents, James and Helen (Dearborn) Finch, where she was to spend much of her youth.

Helen started school at District #4 which was located just east of her home. This is the same school her mother attended. When it fell down she finished at District #3. This school was about 2 miles west of her home on what is now CR 28. She rode a horse drawn buggy bus to this school. After this her grandfather Finch took her to Corunna, daily, so she could take the train to Waterloo, Indiana, where she attended high school on Van Vleek Street. She attended Normal School at Tri-State college, Angola, Indiana and also took classes at Winona Lake, Indiana. She became a teacher because her family did not think nursing, her first love, was an appropriate occupation for a woman. She taught in the Corunna School and in Antwerp and Youngstown, Ohio. Although she did not teach in the public schools for more than a few years, she made good use of her training in the Sunday School of the Corunna Methodist Church of which she was a life long member. She was also very active in the Ladies Aid. Helen served as precinct committee woman and was active in the Democratic Party. She belonged to the Corunna Pythian Sisters, Emanual Temple #176 and the Corunna Home Demonstration Club. It was through her and the Home Demonstration Club that the family started refinishing furniture and learned to cane chairs.

Helen loved swimming and spent many happy summers with her grandparents at the cottage at Rome City, Indiana. She loved to read and after she married, she often read cowboy stories out of the Grit to her husband.

Before her marriage, Helen was a housekeeper for a Jewish family in Bethesda, Maryland. She would have liked to return there where her nieces, Patricia Whitson and Dorothy Werkheiser were in that area.

Helen died 20 November 1973 at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital after spending several years at the Sheehy Nursing Home in Butler, Indiana.

She married John Tyler Bower 26 November 1938. John and Helen never had children but they sure enjoyed John's grandchildren and her nieces and nephew. Their home was always open to the youngsters and it was fun for several to spend the night after seeing a free show in Corunna. The first time Helen heard John whistle was while rocking their nephew, Harold Werkheiser.

John was born 14 July 1877 and died 25 February 1962. He is buried in the Corunna Cemetery. His father was Layman Bower and he is buried in the Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana. John's brothers and sisters were William, Emmanuel, Elmer, Dallas, Mrs. Jim (Delia) McDonald, Ida Bower and Elsie Ikeman.

John told of swimming in Turkey Creek near a curve on SR 327 north of US 6. When they came out of the water he put the clothes on his brother, Elmer, backwards. This was how their mother discovered their adventure. I imagine it had been forbidden, but never heard of the punishment. This same brother lived with Helen and John and is buried with them in the Corunna Cemetery.

John could turn his hand to most anything. He tired of making changes to the house and threatened to put the walls on casters so Helen could change them at will. I think John farmed and I know he worked at the Kendallville Lumberyard.

Ralph Manrow

RALPH E. MANROW is the third child of Clarence Edward and Ona May (Finch) Manrow. He was born, 13 January 1906 in the house across the road from where he now lives. Ralph lived in a house built by his grandfather James Martin Finch. It is located on the northwest corner of SR 327 and CR 28. He has lived there since he was 16 years old.

Ralph attended school until his junior year in high school in Corunna. Then he rode a Harley Davidson motorcycle to high school in Auburn. He attended Ball State Teacher's College, Muncie, Indiana; Tri-State College, Angola; Manchester College, North Manchester and Indiana University where he obtained his Masters Degree in Education.

Ralph, though sickly as a child, has out lived all of his family and is the eldest of Ranson Monroe's descendants living that we know of.

People are surprised to learn Ralph worked on the New York Central Railroad and taught on the Blackfoot Reservation in northwestern Montana (1927-29). He also worked at Auburn Auto the summer and fall of 1929. During WW II Ralph worked at National Can in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ralph taught at Tamarack School north east of Butler, Richland and Corunna before going to Garrett in 1947. Superintendent of Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools E.V. Minnear and Elementary Principal Jessie Ober encouraged him to obtain his principal's license and upon Jessie Ober's death a short while later, he became the principal of the elementary schools. He was the first principal in the J.E. Ober building, retiring from there in 1971.

Ralph's interests in school and ever since have been History, English, Ancient Greece, Egypt and reading. He has many beautiful books on these subjects and on England, where he was sent as a retirement gift from his friends and fellow workers. At one time, he wanted to teach Latin. He also enjoys refinishing furniture and caning chairs. He watches most of the sports on TV.

Ralph is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Garrett Lions club, Methodist Church, Phi Delta Kappa, and the local, state and national Retired Teachers Association.

Ralph's birthday is the first of four exactly four months apart in order of age. His birthday comes on the 13th of January. A cousin, Joe Finch, comes next on the 13th of April. Ralph's great nephew, H. Edward Werkheiser was born the 13th of July and his great, great niece, Leslie Laguna was born the, 13th of October.

Dorothy J. Werkheiser

DOROTHY JEAN WERKHEISER, born 26 December 1932 on a farm south of Corunna, Indiana. Her parents were Wilber Comer and Mary Margaret (Manrow) Kemerer. Her maternal grandparents were Clarence and Ona (Finch) Manrow, of Corunna, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Mary Jane (Brown) Kemerer, of near Youngstown, Ohio. Her maternal great grandfather Phineas Brown came from Waldo County, Maine.

Dorothy has spent most of her life in DeKalb County, attending school in Corunna, Waterloo and Garrett where she graduated in 1950. The eight years in Corunna school were interrupted by a sojourn of two years in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where she attended school in the 5th and 6th grades.

Upon graduation, she attended Manchester College and Indiana University, obtaining her B.S. degree in 1956. She then began teaching 3rd grade in Garrett where she remained for 14 years. Her last teaching experience was one year as Librarian in the Waugh Chapel School, near Odenton, Maryland.

Dorothy was a member of the Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School classes and assisted in other activities.

There were no other children born to Wilber and Margaret Kemerer. After their divorce, Margaret married Harold R. Weckheiser. To this union were born three boys and a girl, only one of whom is living, Harold Ellsworth.

Cooking, reading, crafts, genealogy and traveling are some of her interests. She is also collecting first day covers of stamps.

Harold E. Werkheiser

HAROLD ELLSWORTH WERKHEISER, born 30 March 1947, is the youngest and the only living child born to Harold Raymond and Mary Margaret (Manrow) Werkheiser. He has a half sister still living. He was born on Palm Sunday in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana.

His maternal grandparents were Clarence E. and Ona Mae (Finch)) Manrow of Corunna, Indiana and his paternal grandparents were Frank and Emma F. (Slutter) Werkheiser of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Werkheiser and Slutter families came from near Scioto, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

Harold has always lived in DeKalb County, either near Corunna or in Garrett where he now resides. He attended kindergarten and high school in Garrett where he was student manager for the basketball team. Grades one through eighth were completed at the West Richland School. He joined the Methodist Church in Corunna when a youth, but now is a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Ever since Harold visited his cousin in

Birmingham, Alabama, where he went through the FBI office, he wanted to be in law enforcement. Starting in the fall of 1966, and continuing full or part time until 1974, Harold worked for Ralph Hoke. He operated the Shell station in Garrett for a while and drove a truck delivering gas and fuel oil.

He has been with the Garrett Police Department almost twenty years. Since 1973, he has been active in the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department.

During their free time, he and his family enjoy camping.

Judy Marie Talley and Harold married 25 February 1978 and have one son, Chad Arthur.

Judy was born in Garrett to George and Cleo (Smith) Talley, 8 May 1947. She attended school in the Will Franks and the J.E. Ober buildings. Judy and Harold graduated from Garrett High School in 1965.

Besides raising her children, Judy enjoys handicrafts, sewing, cooking, making candy, decorating cakes and camping.

Harold is the father of four children and two step sons. His eldest, Harold Edward Werkheiser, is stationed at the Robins - Warner Air force Base in Georgia. He is involved with communications and works in a mobile operations base (MOB); Lora Elaine, just graduated from high school in Sheldon, Canada and will be a freshman at Witchita State in Witchita, Kansas this fall; Leigh Ellan, will be a sophmore in high school in Witchita; Chad Arthur, is in the second grade at the J.E. Ober building in Garrett; Mark Allen Warstler is a sophomore at Jefferson Community College and Bradley James McConeghy is a freshman at Garrett High School.

BENJAMIN BARNEY DEARBORN, born 12 September 1816, Wayne County, New York, died 20 May 1899, son of Thomas Dearborn, born 1780, in New Hampshire, died 27 February 1863. Benjamin had one brother, Richard, died 13 March 1880 at the age of 53, leaving a wife, Samantha (Harding) Dearborn. The father and his two sons are buried in Corunna Cemetery.

Benjamin came to DeKalb County in the early 1840's from Canandaigua, New York area, having first purchased land here in 1838, his father and brother came with him. They found tomatoes growing in the garden, they did not eat any as they feared the might be poisonous.

Benjamin married Elizabeth Wilson, 20 February 1848, daughter of John and Eunice Wilson. John and Eunice were the parents of four children; Elizabeth, Morgan and Newton, they were born in New York, another daughter, Lydia, born in Ohio, married Lorenzo Conner.

Benjamin and Elizabeth were the parents of three daughters: Helen Augusta, married James Finch; Georgianna Isabelle, married Ambrose Johnson; and Sarah Elizabeth, married Perry Alling.

John and Elsie Finch

JOHN S. FINCH, born 5 March 1811, New York, son of Ira and Margaret Finch. The family moved from New York to Seneca County, Ohio.

John married Elsie Beagle, 12 July 1840. Elsie, born 19 June 1819, Ohio, died 22 January 1897, in DeKalb County, at the home of her son, James M. Finch, buried in the Corunna Cemetery, with her husband. They lived for a while in McCutcheonsville, Ohio. John was a wagon maker, the first in Kendallville, Indiana, he also had a repair shop in Corunna. While in Corunna, John was Justice of the Peace. John and Elsie were the parents of seven children: Margaret, born 6 April 1841, McCutcheonsville, Ohio. She married Walter Gilbert, 31 December 1860. They lived in the Kendallville area. They had three children, Amanda and Adaline who died at ages three and four years and James Martin; Sarah Jane, born 21 January 1851, died 1937. She married David Dunfee, 3 July 1870. They had one son, John W. and one daughter, Dora. David Dunfee died. In 1889, Sarah married Mark C. Meach, they had one son, Forrest; Mary Ellen, born 25 September 1853. She married Rufus H. Eddy, 9 October 1873, they had one son, Harry. They went to Missouri, where they lived the rest of their lives. Mary Ellen was active in the Cameron Pythian Sisters; Viola Euginia, born 27 December 1855, died in 1940. She married David Rice, 11 January 1878, in Fairfield township, he died 7 March 1891. They had two sons, Charles Edward, born 30 October 1886, died 31 May 1913, and Archie, born 10 May

1889, died 14 September 1918. She later married John D. VanLear, they had one daughter, Nina Mae, born 10 October 1898, died 9 August 1915.

JAMES MARTIN FINCH, born 21 January 1848, north of Kendallville, Indiana to John and Elsie (Beagle) Finch. Then came from Republic, Ohio where we located the grave of John's mother, Margaret. His father's name was Ira. They came from near Pen Yan, New York. This was revealed in a letter we have which they sent to John in 1849. John was a wagon maker and James learned the trade.

When James was small, his family went often to Rome City and after he married he owned a cottage there. The family went from DeKalb County to the cottage first by horse and buggy and then by train. I suppose eventually they used the car Grandpa Finch owned and put up on bricks, in the livery stable in Corunna, during the winter. James returned to Corunna each week to mow the lawn. Once his wife requested that he check the sauerkraut, he remarked that it always smelled spoiled so how could he tell if it was spoiled or not.

The James Finch family consisted of Helen (Ella) Augusta Dearborn, James' wife, and their three children: Minnie Bell, Frank Jay and Ona May. Three children died — Leona, Robert and an unnamed infant son. All are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Helen, daughter of Benjamin Barney and Elizabeth (Wilson) Dearborn, born 21 January 1852. Helen and James married 2 May 1870, possibly in Auburn, Indiana where they may have set up housekeeping. They also lived in Corunna before moving to a farm south of town. The intersection became known as Finch's Corners as he owned three of them.

James was a farmer and a buyer and seller of livestock. They shipped from Corunna to Buffalo, New York. The average price for one shipment of hogs was $3.75-$4.00 per cwt. He was township trustee for a while.

Minnie Bell, born in Corunna, Indiana 2 November, 1870 and spent most of her life on the family farm south of town. She was active in the Corunna Methodist Church and in the Pythian Sisters, her mother having been a charter member. Painting on china was an activity she enjoyed when young and she enjoyed making birthday cakes for family members. She died, 7 March 1947 in Corunna and is buried beside her parents.

Frank J. Finch

FRANK JAY "DOC BIRD" FINCH, born 6 February 1879 to James and Helen (Dearborn) Finch. He died, 1 September 1950 in Elkhart. He had been ill with cancer for 3 years and his larynx had been removed. He left a wife, Leora Ora Keen and their son, Joseph Edward, and a grandson.

Frank attended school at District #4 just east of his parent's home. He went to Valparaiso and studied art over his parents objections. He also attended the Art Institute and Academy of Art in Chicago.

In 1900, he began his newspaper career in Terre Haute, Indiana on the Gazette. He worked on the Dayton, Ohio News; the St. Joseph Missouri News Press and the Denver, Colorado, Rocky Mountain News, Kansas City Post Kansas City, Missouri, 1912-1915. The Denver Post, was where he spent most of his career from 1908-1931, when he retired.

He came out of retirement and went to work during WW II at Adams and Westlake Co. While there he drew as a hobby, posters and cartoons for the plant. There attracted wide attention.

During his career as a cartoonist, Frank worked with such names as Damon Runion, Gene Fowler, George Creel and Courtney Riley Cooper.

Frank became known as Doc Bird after he adopted the weather bird as his signature. He was well known as a chalk talk artist and for his political cartoons.

Original cards were often designed by him for members of the family. He also did sketches of various family members. Some of the sketches we know were done for the Ed Little Nursery, south of Auburn and the Farm Bureau Mill, Incorporated.

Ora, born 21 December 1880 and died 28 April 1954, in Elkhart. Her parents were Aaron O. and Alice Mary (Thomas) Keen. Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Thomas of

Corunna. She and Frank were married, 26 June 1905 in Elkhart. They set up housekeeping in St. Joseph, Missouri, where Frank was a cartoonist for the News-Press. Both are buried in the Rice Cemetery in Elkhart, Indiana.

Ora worked at the Jane Lees store in Elkhart. She also made many clothes for a young great niece. She had a brother, Scott, who also lived near Elkhart and a sister, Marian.

Joseph Edward, born 13 April 1907, while the family lived in Denver, Colorado. He attended school in Denver. Joe and Glendene Gothard were married 24 November 1927. Glendene, born 5 September 1907 in Missouri. Joe is a retired Electronic Engineer in Radio Broadcasting, now living in Golden, Colorado. He worked for National Broadcasting Company (NBC), American Broadcasting Company (ABC), and numerous Denver Radio Stations.

Joe E. Finch II, son of Joe E. and Glendene (Gothard) Finch. Joe, born 27 April 1935 in Denver Colorado. He attended Wheatridge High School and Colorado State Univerity. Joe was in the Navy. He has worked for Coors Brewery, Golden, Colorado. Rockwell International (Micro Graphics Supervisor) and the Rocky Flats Plant of the Atomic Energy Commission in Boulder, Colorado. He now resides in Lakewood, Colorado with his wife, Jean Simms, daughter of Ray and Margaret Simms of Alberquerque, New Mexico.

ABRAHAM EAKRIGHT, son of Samuel Eakright, who came to America from England in 1811. Samuel served in the War of 1812 and brought his family to Wilmington Township in 1836.

Abraham married Susannah Miller. They had five children, three sons and two daughters. The sons lived in DeKalb County all their lives. The homestead in Wilmington Township became the property of Ellsworth.

Ellsworth married Etta Metcalf. They were the parents of two children: William Dorsey and Mary Ruth.

Mary Ruth married George Fuller; he was very civic minded and spent many hours in preparation of minstrel shows, which were presented annually for local benefits. He was an avid sports fan and was a sports reporter for a local newspaper. George retired from the postal service in 1960. George died in 1971. After the death of George, Ruth married Henry Mewes. They enjoyed the summers in Indiana and winters in Florida.

The Eakright family contributed to the community by service in the public schools, Ellsworth, John and William all were teachers. Mary Ruth retired after thirty-two years of teaching, mostly in DeKalb County. John, brother of Ellsworth, was County Surveyor and City Engineer for the city of Auburn. The circle to the north in Woodlawn Cemetery was one of his last projects. They were instrumental in helping to establish churches in the area, Abraham at Mt. Pleasant and Ellsworth at Dillon Chapel.

Ellsworth, died 13 August 1932. Etta lived to the age of ninety-one and died 14 December 1962.

Gertude Glasgow

GERTRUDE (JOHNSON) GLASGOW, born 19 February 1913 to Roy Dearborn and Daisy (Rowe) Johnson, near Corunna, Indiana. She was the eldest of their two daughters. Her paternal great, great-grandfather was B.B. Dearborn.

Roy, born 28 november 1885 and Daisy, born 8 October 1886, farmed near Corunna for nearly 40 years. Daisy, who will be 100 years old this October, lives with Gertrude near Bluffton, Indiana.

Gertrude attended school in Corunna, Indiana from 1918 to 1928, she then finished high school in Kendallville, Indiana, graduating in 1930. She then attended Manchester College, 1930 to 1934 receiving her A.B. degree. After this she taught school in Elburn, Illinois for one year. Purdue is where she was in 1935 to 1937 and she received her B.S. degree. In 1937 through 1938 she taught at Waterloo, Indiana. In 1939, Gertrude became the County Extension Agent for Jay County, Indiana. She stayed there until 1953, when she transferred to Wells County. She retired from there in 1978.

Gertrude belongs to the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, Indiana. She is a volunteer at the hospital and for the Red Cross. Her hobbies are the organ, bowling, traveling, creative cooking, crafts and reading.

Gertrude married Robert Glasgow in 1948. He is a farmer. They lived near Bluffton, Indiana, where he died in 1966.

Maxine (Johnson) Barr was born 27 May 1915, near Corunna, Indiana. She died 1983 in Arlington, Virginia, where she lived with her husband, Forster Barr, since 1939. They have two children: Steven, born 17 February 1945 and Deborah, born 2 April 1956.

Maxine taught school in San Antonio, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama and Arlington, Virginia after having taught five years at the East Richland School in DeKalb County, Indiana.

MARGARET J. DRERUP, born in Auburn, 26 August 1918, to Roscoe and Jennie Walter. She attended school in Spencerville and graduated in 1936. Business college training led to her first job as secretary at Rieke Corporation in Auburn. After two happy years working and saving, she enrolled at Ball State College. She attended for only one year. She traveled to Helena, Montana and thence to Sacramento, California. She worked in pleasant California for a year, but returned to DeKalb County in 1940.

She was a committed Christian from early memory and a member of the Lutheran Church since age 12. On 16 April 1938, she joined the Catholic Church in Auburn, where she has been active ever since.

She became re-acquainted with Paul H. Drerup in mid 1940's and they were married 5 September 1942. To this union were born eleven children: Joseph Paul, 3 July 1943; Joan Margaret, 6 June 1945; David Lawrence, 26 November 1946; Stephen Bernard, 30 January 1948; Vincent Marion, 7 May 1950; Suzanne Elaine, 25 May 1952; Philip Michael, 17 January 1954; Rosemary Jane, 25 October 1956; Louise Catherine, 25 January 1958; Teresa Anne, 14 October 1959; and Christine Marie, 17 December 1961.

Four sons and one daughter are married as of 1986, and 7 grandchildren all named Drerup.

Paul worked at Dana Corporation in Auburn (mostly as machine repairman), retiring on his 61st birthday in 1978, after 36 years of working for a very good company. Paul and Margaret lived near St. Joe for several years, then built a house which has been their home since 1951. The 40 acres proved to be the best investment they ever made. The house at 5724 CR 29 was home to all the children. Paul enjoyed his retirement years, and was called to eternal life in July 1985.

Margaret's interests are varied, centering mostly on people rather than things. Reading, writing, travel, walking, riding bicycle, playing piano, collecting and selling aluminum cans for charity, directory work and volunteer activities for church and community fill her days. She lacks proficiency in sewing and mechanical maintenance. Her housework suffers while she pursues other interests and tries to keep in touch with her children who live in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Tampa, Cincinnati, Fort Wayne and Muncie.

ROSCOE G. WALTER, born 17 September 1890 in Springfield Township, Allen County, one of five children of Henry A. Sr. and Samantha (Davis) Walter. His brothers and sister were Arthur, Henry, Martin and Fern. He graduated from Harlan High School and then taught in the Spencerville High School. He married Jennie L.J. Steward, 27 April 1916. They lived in LaPorte, where he was a route salesman for Standard Oil Company. They lived in Auburn for a short time, then moved back to Spencerville, where they lived for the remainder of their lives.

Roscoe was self-employed in several occupations over the years. He and Jennie took training in Indianapolis to become morticians. Around 1920 they opened the Walter Funeral Home, successor of the Beams Funeral Home in Spencerville. The house is still in the family and is presently owned by Joe and FaraLee Baidinger as their home and also the Baidinger-Walter Funeral Home.

Roscoe also operated a furniture store, a drug store and the local grain elevator, which he bought from the Stewards. Selling coal for home heating was a part of the business, and they had a number of large bins for different kinds of coal.

In 1947, he entered the new field of frozen food locker service. He owned and operated the St. Joe Locker until 1969. He was raised on a farm and throughout his life continued his interest and participation in agriculture. He owned several farms in the locality. He also had the Auburn Elevator, which he sold to Hoham & Company.

Jennie died, 3 August 1961. Roscoe had good health until late in life. Around 1970, he bought the meat and packing plant in Coldwater, Michigan, which had been in and out of operation for some time. He was then over 80 years of age, nevertheless, he actively supervised the plant operations on a daily basis, commuting from Spencerville. He sold the business in 1976. He died 13 August 1977.

A trip to Europe in June, 1974 was a highlight of his 80's. He went with a chartered flight from

Chicago, and was met in Amsterdam by his grandson, Vincent, stationed in Nuremburg. In a Volkswagon, they toured five countries on the trip of a lifetime. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Lutheran Church, a staunch Republican, and served two terms as County Councilman. He was devoted to his family: Margaret Joan (Drerup), born 26 August 1918; FaraLee Ardis (Baidinger), born 30 September 1921; and Marion Dale, born 9 September 1932, died 8 July 1941 in a freak mishap while working as a brakeman. He had 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

LLOYD LEROY KEENER, born 26 May 1901 in Defiance County, Ohio to Clement and Ann (Hilbert) Keener. Lloyd was a farmer all of his life, drove school bus for many years and worked at General Electric Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana and at the Universal Tool Company in Butler, Indiana. Lloyd was 82 years old when he died in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana, 12 October 1983.

Thelma Beatrice Keener, born 17 February 1903 in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana to William and Sarah Benninghoff. Thelma helped do the farming, she raised geese, chickens and German Shepard and Pekinese dogs. She had also worked a short time at Marshall's clothing factory in Butler, Indiana. Thelma was 78 years old when she died in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana 16 March 1981.

The Lloyd and Thelma Keener family was started when Lloyd LeRoy Keener and Thelma Beatrice Benninghoff were married 15 January 1921, in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Lloyd and Thelma lived their entire married life in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Born to them were four children: Gladys Marie, Deloris Kathryn, Jerry Lee, and Shirley Joan, all the children were born in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

GLADYS MARIE KEENER, born 31 December 1921 in DeKalb County, Indiana, married James Andrew Hart, born 26 September 1918. Gladys and James had five children: William DuWayne, Gary Lee, Dennis Gene, Sue Ann and Evon Lynn. James and Gladys live in Newville Township, near St. Joe, Indiana. They were married, 8 September 1940. James has been a farmer all his life and worked at the International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Gladys has been a housewife and a seamstress.

William Hart, born in DeKalb County, 20 January 1942. On 2 March 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, he married Phyllis Kay Sweeney, born 7 October 1943. Born to them were three children: Patricia Kay Hart, born 5 October 1964, in Hicksville, Ohio. She is a student at Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Pamela Jo Hart, born 2 September 1966, in Hicksville, Ohio, is a student at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Douglas William Hart, born 24 April 1969 in Hicksville, Ohio, is a student at the Urbana High School in Urbana, Ohio. Bill and Phyllis lived in Defiance County, near Hicksville, Ohio until they moved to Urbana, Ohio in 1985. Bill works at the International Harvester Company in Springfield, Ohio and Phyllis works in an insurance company in Springfield, Ohio.

Gary Hart was born in DeKalb County, 10 June 1944. On 15 February 1969 at Coburn Corners in DeKalb County, Indiana he married Roberta Louise Sweeney, born 14 September 1949. Born to them were three children, Jennifer Janet Hart, born 20 October 1973 in Fort Wayne, Indiana; she is a student at Woodland Junior High School, Woodburn, Indiana. Ted Ryan Hart, born 18 March 1975, in Fort Wayne, Indiana; he is a student at Harlan grade school in Harlan, Indiana. Angela Christine Hart, born 3 August 1976, in Fort Wayne, Indiana is a student at Harlan grade school in Harlan, Indiana. Gary and Roberta live in Allen County, Harlan, Indiana. Gary drives a Ready Mix truck for Irvings at Harlan, Indiana and Roberta works for Pizza Hut in Fort Wayne, Indiana and drives school bus for Allen County Public Schools.

Dennis Hart was born 19 August 1950, in DeKalb County, Indiana. On 3 August 1973, at Coburn Corners in DeKalb County, Indiana, he married Joanne Christian, born 12 November 1952. Born to them were two children: Christopher Shawn Hart, born 12 February 1975 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a student at the St. Joe grade school in St. Joe, Indiana. Virginia Sue Hart, born 12 July 1977, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is a student at the St. Joe grade school in St. Joe, Indiana. Dennis and Joanne live in DeKalb County, Indiana near St. Joe, Indiana. Dennis works at Warner Gear in Auburn, Indiana and Jo is a nursing student at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sue Ann Hart, born 9 August 1957 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She died, 8 April 1975 in Indianapolis, Indiana where she had heart surgery one week before her death.

Evon Lynn Hart, born in Hicksville, Ohio,. 14 November 1959. On 27 October 1984 at Coburn Corners, Indiana, she married Dale Wayne Powers, born 14 January 1965. Evon and Dale live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dale works with a construction company. Evon works at Baer Field airport and attends Ivy Tech school in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

DELORIS KATHRYN KEENER, born 5 February 1924 in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Arden Inlow, born 12 October 1918. Born to them were three daughters, Judy Joan, Robin Renee and Anita Ann. Deloris and Arden live in DeKalb County, near St. Joe, Indiana. They were married, 29 May 1942. Deloris worked at Sechler's Pickle factory at St. Joe, Indiana, and for 25 years at the General Electric Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Arden was a farmer and gravel truck owner and driver.

Judy Inlow, born 24 July 1945 in Auburn, Indiana. On 1 January 1986, she married Gary Cook, born 6 June 1944. Judy and Gary were married in Auburn, Indiana and they live in Allen County, Huntertown, Indiana. Judy and Gary both work at Magnavox Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Robin Inlow, born 6 October 1954, in Auburn, Indiana. She lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana and she works at the Magnavox Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Anita Inlow, born 10 August 1956 in Auburn, Indiana. On 28 September 1974 at Coburn Corners in DeKalb County, she married Thomas Schroeder, born 15 March 1957. Born to them were two children. Tiffany Noel, born 26 February 1975 in Auburn, Indiana; attends school in Auburn, Indiana. Joel Thomas, born 3 May 1980 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and he is in kindergarten at the St. Joe grade school in St. Joe, Indiana. Tom and Anita live in DeKalb County, St. Joe, Indiana. Anita works as a teacher's aide with the preschool handicapped children in Auburn, Indiana. Tom works for Vulcraft in St. Joe, Indiana.

JERRY KEENER, born 12 October 1933, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Evana Marie Lee, born 31 May 1939. Jerry and Evana were married, 1 February 1957 in Avilla, Indiana. Born to them were three children: Debbie Jo, Vickie Kay and Ricky Lee. Jerry and Evana live in Dekalb County, Indiana, near Butler, Indiana. Jerry works at Dana in Auburn, Indiana, where he is a Tool and Die Operator, and he has been a farmer most of his life. Jerry served in Korea for two years. Evana is a beautician and she works at the Community Discount store at Newville, Indiana.

Debbie Keener, born 27 January 1958 in Auburn, Indiana married Daniel Keith Hammer, born 25 May 1956. Debbie and Danny were married in DeKalb county, Indiana on 19 January 1979. Born to them were two children, Nathaniel Wayne, born 26 October 1982 in Wichita, Kansas and Matthew Brandon, born 3 January 1985 in Wichita, Kansas. Debbie and Danny now live in Los Almosa, New Mexico. Debbie attended I.U.P.U. in Fort Wayne. Danny is a manager of a pizza restaurant in Los Almosa, New Mexico.

Vickie Keener, born 12 October 1959 in Auburn, Indiana married Mark Allen Ellert, born 5 April 1959. Vickie and Mark were married 31 August 1985 in Ireland, Indiana. Vickie and Mark live in Greenfield, Indiana. Vickie and Mark are graduates of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

Ricky Keener, born 2 November 1961 in Hicksville, Ohio married Joyce Elaine Cook, born 15 January 1965. Rick and Joyce were married 21 May 1983 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Born to them is one daughter, Ashley Marie, born 3 November 1983, in Auburn, Indiana, with a new brother or sister due in November. Rick and Joyce live in DeKalb County, near Butler, Indiana. Rick works at Vulcraft in St. Joe, Indiana.

SHIRLEY KEENER, born 10 January 1936 in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Duane Lawrence Fritz, born 4 November 1933. Duane and Shirley were married 7 January 1962 in Teegarden, Indiana. Born to them was one daughter, Diane Marie. Duane and Shirley live near Hicksville, Ohio. Shirley is a beautician and Duane works for Irving Ready Mix of Harlan, Indiana as a Ready Mix truck driver. Also in Shirleys family were three stepdaughters: Debra Louise, Barbara Ann and Rhonda Sue.

Diane Fritz, born 31 August 1962 in Hicksville, Ohio, married Roger Miranda, born 28 February 1942. Roger and Diane were married in Dayton, Ohio, 17 January 1986. Born to them is a son, Michael David, born 3 August 1986 in Dayton, Ohio. Diane is a graduate of the Purdue school of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Roger is a graduate of the Medical school in Toledo, Ohio. Roger is a Doctor at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio and Diane is a nurse there. Roger and Diane live in Dayton, Ohio. Roger's son, Alex, lives with them.

Debra Louise, born 27 June 1953 in Hicksville, Ohio married Christopher Wilson, born 6 March 1953. They were married in Hicksville, Ohio 13 July 1973. Born to them is one son, Brian Christopher, born 16 October 1982 in Newton Falls, Massachusetts. Debbie and Chris are both graduates of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Debbie received a degree in Nursing and

Chris a degree in Marketing. Debbie and Chris live in Houston, Texas.

Barbara Ann, born 10 June 1956 in Hicksville, Ohio married Allen Shough, born 25 April 1954. Barb and Allen were married, 25 March 1978 in Hicksville, Ohio. Barb works at Quadco in Stryker, Ohio and Allen works for Havers Furniture in Hicksville, Ohio.

Rhonda Fritz, born 22 April 1959 in Hicksville, Ohio married Steven Rubenstein, born 12 October 1954. Steve and Rhonda were married 18 August 1984 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born to them one daughter, Mallory Rachel, born 21 October 1986 in Upland, California. Rhonda is a graduate of the Purdue school of nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Steve is a graduate of Indiana University. Rhonda is a nurse in California and Steve is in sales of chemicals. Rhonda and Steve live in Ontario, California.

EDWIN MARION HALL, born 23 August 1846 in Otsego, Michigan, the son of Daniel Mason and Matilda (Newman) Hall. Daniel, born in Caledonia, Vermont and died in Comstock, Michigan, 18 May 1891.

Matilda, born in Covington, New York, the daughter of Patroneus and Martha (Patterson) Newman. She died in Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan, 8 September 1908.

On February 25, 1888, Mary Alice Hall and Edwin M. Hall were united in marriage, moving from Otsego, Michigan, to Lawrenceberg, Tennessee in 1898.

Three children were born to the couple while residing in Tennessee. Marcia Pearl, born 23 April 1889, Mabel Alice, born 15 March 1892 and Edwin M., born 6 May 1897.

Later in 1898, the family moved to Poneto, Indiana, near Bluffton, where Edwin was a furniture dealer.

Ashley, Indiana became their home in 1910, where once again Edwin was in the furniture business. He was a former school teacher.

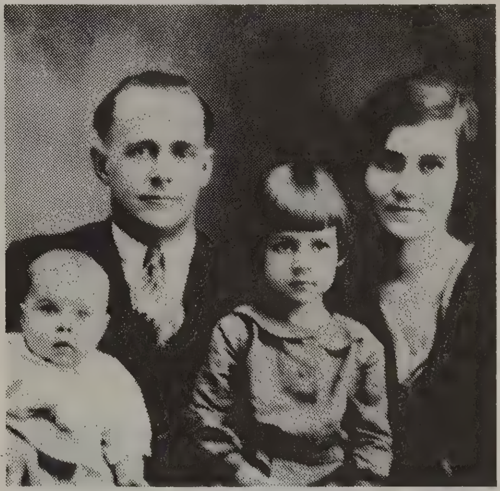
Edwin walked with a cane as a result of a leg injury received as a child when he was hit with an ice ball which partially paralyzed his leg.

Mary Alice Hall, born 2 September 1852 at Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Henry and Martha Ann (Moore) Hall and one of eleven children born into that family. Hen Hall, born 1 January 1816, in St. Helena Parish, Louisana and Martha, born in South Carolina, 22 August 1827.

Mary Alice recalled the alligators coming up to the farm and the kids ran and climbed a tree. She was a child when the Civil War was fought and remembered the Northern soldiers going through her father's cornfield and ruining the remaining corn even after the war was over.

Edwin and Mary Alice lived out their lives in Ashley. He died 15 April 1919 and Mary Alice was found dead by her son, on Sunday morning, 15 November 1936.

Both were interred in the Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Indiana in the family plot.



Edwin M. Hall Family

EDWIN MARION HALL, born 6 May 1897, in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, son of Edwin Marion and Mary Alice Hall. He had two sisters; Marcia Pearl and Mabel.

In 1898, the family came to Poneto, Indiana, moving to Ashley in 1910 when Eddie was thirteen.

As a young man, Eddie worked for DeLucenay's in Ashley. It was on his South Milford route that he took a liking to Irene Vail, whom he married in Hillsdale, Michigan on 4 June 1924. At that time, he was a railway clerk for the Wabash Railroad.

Irene, born to Jacob and Elsie Jane (Kirk) Vail. Jacob and Elsie were the parents of five children: Charles, died as an infant; Rachel, born 6 December 1892; Arthur, born 17 September 1895; Odessie, born 10 February 1904; and Irene, born in Pleasant Lake, 20 May 1906.

Four children were born to Edwin and Irene, all in Ashley. Mary Jane, born 1 March 1925 and now resides in Oak Harbor, Washington; Charles Edwin, born 30 May 1929, living in Auburn; Jewell Joan, born 20 April 1935, residing in Parkdale, Oregon and James Robert, born 7 February 1939 and now living in Marrero, Louisana.

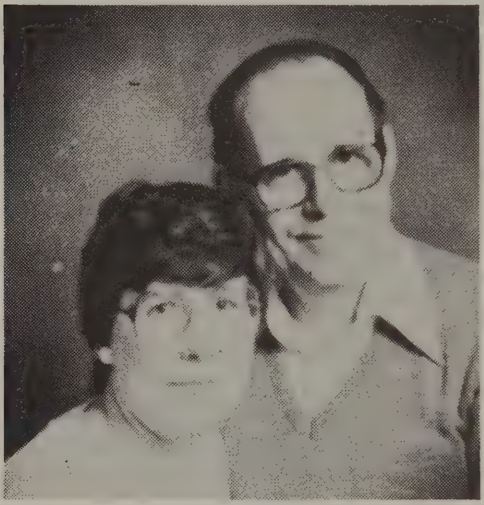
For approximately twenty-seven years, the Halls owned Hall's Produce purchasing the old hotel Lenox in Ashley until 1944, when Eddie began to work at Rieke's where he remained until his retirement.

Eddie ran five different routes, picking up cream, eggs and chickens. He would then truck his produce to Detroit to sell.

Charles and Mary Jane accompanied their dad on his route near South Milford. On the Louie Liebing farm was a big rooster who chased Mary Jane all around the truck while Louie, Eddie and Charles held their sides laughing. Finally the fun was stopped by shouting "Boo."

Mary Jane recalls going with her father, taking soda crackers, County Line Cheese and sometimes liverwurst or bologna and stopping by a creek to have a picnic lunch. Wolcottville Park was a favorite spot as was a place on the Pigeon River in LaGrange County.

Eddie served as a Private, fifth Company, 155th Depot Brigade in WW I. He died in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, 28 December 1977 and was interred in the family plot of Circle Cemetery in Hudson. Irene presently resides in Waterloo.



Charles and Shirley Hall

CHARLES HALL, met Shirley Cramer on a Sunday Afternoon at the Silver Moon Roller Rink near Waterloo while home on leave from the Navy. At that time, Silver Moon was a favorite place of entertainment.

18 September 1954, the couple was united in marriage by Reverend Peter E. Soudah at the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Charles, born 30 May 1929 to Eddie and Irene (Vail) Hall of Ashley.

Chuck spent most of his school years at Ashley except for his sophomore and Junior years at Auburn High school. He played baseball and basketball for the Ashley Aces.

After his final year at Ashley he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 2 January 1947 graduating 4 in 70 from diesel engineering school at Great Lakes. He received an honorable discharge in July 1955.

Chuck also attended Tri State college studying Quality Control. The first job he held after his discharge was at Sears, Kendallville, later working at Electric Motors & Specialties, Garrett for 23 years as a supervisor in Quality Control.

Shirley is the daughter of the late Gailard Cramer and Nora E. Smith. She was born 9 November 1935, at the home of her grandparents, Jess and Jessie Cramer of Altona.

Shirley graduated from Garrett in 1953 while pursuing her love of music. She received piano certification from the Sherwood School of Music, Chicago in July 1964.

Chuch and Shirley made their first home at Lake of the Woods, LaGrange County.

They became the parents of Debra Kay, born 6 September 1955 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett and David Duane at McCray Hospital, Kendallville, on 1 December 1958.

During the 18 years they resided at the lake the family enjoyed the outdoors swimming, boating, sledding and ice skating.

Chuck was coach of the South Milford Little League while David played and later became involved with scouting as Chuck was a scoutmaster.

Debbie graduated from Prairie Heights in 1973 and Parkview Hospital's school of Radiology in 1975. She currently resides in Irmo, South Carolina with her family.

In 1971, Chuck and Shirley vacationed in England, visiting her mother's birthplace, the Church where her grandparents were married and of special interest was seeing a building where her great grandparents ran a store. They sold fresh baked goods, confections, cheeses, pickles and vinegar from barrels. Shirley met relatives she had never seen, completing a long time dream.

During their stay in London they worshiped in Westminster Abbey, listening to the strains of the great organ and the beautiful clear voices of the boy's choir. Shirley's grandfather Smith also worshiped there.

Shirley is very active in genealogy, being a member of the Cooley family Association and the Mayflower Society being a direct descendant of Honorable John Alden, Francis Cooke and William Mullins.

Charles is a supervisor with Reeves Brothers in Auburn while Shirely is a piano teacher.

They have been members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church for many years where Shirley was a member of the Chancel Choir and Chuck served as deacon.

Chuck and Shirley currently reside in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, ironically near where her great grandparents, William and Nancy

Mochamer, settled in 1864.

David D. Hall Family

DAVID DUANE HALL is the son of Charles Edwin and Shirley (Cramer) Hall. He was born at McCray Hospital, Kendallville on 1 December 1958 and was baptized Easter Sunday, 29 March 1959 at the Salem Center Presbyterian Church by Reverend Thomas Heinline.

At that time, the Hall family lived at the Lake of the Woods, LaGrange County, Indiana, so David and sister Debra Kay attended the Prairie Heights Schools.

While growing up, David was active in scouting and Little League, and played cornet in the school band.

In 1973, the family moved to DeKalb County where David graduated with the class of 1977 at DeKalb Central High School. He also played cornet with the Marching Barons for 4 years.

After graduation, Dave completed courses at Transport Careers, Garrett, and worked as a laminator operator for Reeves Brothers, Auburn.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, 20 January 1981. Dave received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base where he was selected to play cornet in the prestigious Drum and Bugle Corps. His first assignment was in the Transportation Department at Randolph Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas.

While stationed at Randolph, David met and married Rose Marie Bearcraft who also serves in the Air Force in the Supply Department.

She is the eldest daughter of Walter and Patricia (Luskin) Bearcraft of Beaumont, Texas. Rose was born in Schenectedy, New York, on 5 March 1963.

Dave and Rose were married in the base Church on 12 January 1985 during the worst recorded snowfall in San Antonio's history. They received a whooping 15 inches of snow that weekend and the only people who could manage were transplanted Northerners. Since there was no snow removal equipment, the base was closed and the wedding reception was hastily moved to the apartment of one of the groomsmen.

This made an already memorable event an unforgettable experience.

Joshua Gailard was born to the couple at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base on 2 October 1985. He was named for his Great grandfather, Gailard Cramer, who died on the same date as Josh's birth.

David is currently a Sgt. having re-enlisted in 1984 and is an instructor in heavy equipment and tractor trailers in Transportation.

Debra Sonner Family

DEBRA KAY HALL, born 6 September 1955 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett to Charles E. and Shirley (Cramer) Hall. She was baptized by Reverend Peter E. Soudah on 13 November in the Presbyterian Church.

Debbie lived with her parents and brother, David, at the Lake of the Woods in LaGrange County, graduating in 1973 from Prairie Heights. During her school years she was very active in music, playing flute in the band, accompanying and singing in choirs and also participating in health careers. She was also a member of the Chancel Choir at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. She was featured in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" in 1972-

73.

Deb spent many hours as a volunteer at McCray Hospital, Kendallville for 3 years and received a ruby pin and an awards scholarship in 1973 from the hospital auxiliary.

She was accepted at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne as a student in Radiological Technology, graduating in August of 1975. She received the ''outstanding student'' award for her academic excellence and aptitude in x-ray technology. She attended classes at Parkview and Indiana University Division of General and Technical Studies.

Debra married Bruce Sonner of Ossian, Indiana in the Auburn Presbyterian Church on 17 April 1977. Reverend William A. Heimach officiated at the ceremony.

They made their first home in Fort Wayne where Bruce was employed with International Harvester and Deb was an R.T. at Parkview in the radiology department.

Their son, Craig, was born at Parkview on 27 September 1977 and daughter Kerri Danielle completed the family on 8 June 1980 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Due to the demise of International Harvester, the Sonner family moved to South Carolina. They currently reside in Irmo, near Columbia, where Debbie works as an R.T. at Richland County Memorial Hospital and Bruce is employed with Stier Lumber.

JACOB WILLIAM VAIL, came to Steuben County in 1856 from Seneca County, Ohio, with his parents, William and Nancy (Castner) Vail.

He was born in Seneca County, Ohio, 29 July 1847 and married Elsie Jane Kirk, 16 November 1891, in Waterloo, Indiana.

Jane, as she was called, was the daughter of John Newton Kirk, a house carpenter, and Christiana Ann Larr, both Ohio natives.

Jane was the fourth child of eight being born in Superior township, Williams County, Ohio on 25 August 1874. Jason, Arwilda and Philip were all born in York Township, Steuben County, Indiana while Jane, Caroline, John, Lucy and Chrissa were born in Williams County, Ohio.

Jacob enlisted in the Indiana Infantry, 10 September 1864, in Kendallville, Indiana and served as Pvt. in Company A, 142 (Hundred Days) Regiment. His military papers describe him as being light complected with light hair, blue eyes and being 5' 3'' tall. He was mustered out, 28 June 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.

Jane and Jacob became the parents of Charles, who died as an infant, Rachel, born 6 December 1892, Arthur, born 17 September 1895, Odessie, born 10 February 1904 and Irene, born 20 May 1906.

Rachel and Arthur each married and moved to Michigan, while Irene married Eddie Hall and remained in DeKalb County.

1900 proved to be a very trying and difficult year for Jacob. He and Jane lost their 6 year old daughter, Odessie, after a long bout with bronchial pneumonia. Jane was an accomplished seamstress and sewed a white satin burial dress for her daughter.

On 11 September 1910, Jane died at the age of 36 after a long illness of cancer, just 2 weeks after Jacob lost his brother in death.

Odessie is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery beside her parents, Jacob and Jane Vail.

Jess and Jessie Cramer

JESS OWEN AND JESSIE CRAMER lived their entire married life in Altona, DeKalb County.

Jess was born in Steuben county, near Fremont, the sixth child of Andrew and Lavina (Mochamer) Cramer, on 17 June 1878.

After moving several times during their early married life, Andrew and Lavina settled in Altona where Jess spent most of his childhood.

Jessie Marie was born to Wallace and Lutheria Caroline (Powers) Cooley, in Bloomingdale, Van Buren County, Michigan, on 1 June 1896.

Her father was a farmer and her mother was keeper of the house as the census related. Jessie had two brothers, Leonard and Elbert. After her mother's death when she was about 13, Jessie was raised in an all male household.

Jess was a drayman and horse trader. He often went up into Michigan and this is where he met his future wife. Jess and Jessie were married by a Justice of the Peace on 16 May 1903, in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

They came to Altona to raise their family. Out of five children, only two lived to adulthood. Their first daughter, Verda, was born 22 October 1904 and contracted scarlet fever and died when she was just 1 year and 11 days. She died in the morning and was buried that same day because of the dreaded fear of the disease. All bedding and clothing were burned.

Their second child was Norman Wayne, born 27 February 1907 and died before he was 11 months of age.

Another daughter was stillborn.

Two sons, Everett Jess, born 19 November 1908 and Gailard Owen, born 4 August 1911, grew to manhood, married and settled with their families near Garrett and Altona.

Jess and Jessie resided in the same house in Altona until Jess died on 6 June 1950.

The house was sold soon after, when Jessie went to live with Mrs. Howard Mountz of Garrett as a companion.

Jessie lived her remaining years at the Lake of the Woods, LaGrange County, near her two sons and families. She died, 8 January 1970.

Both Jess and Jessie died at Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett and are buried in Christian Union Cemetery.

Jessie was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Gailard and Nora Cramer

GAILARD OWEN CRAMER, born in Altona 4 August 1911, to Jess and Jessie Marie (Cooley) Cramer. He attended Altona's one room school and later went to Garrett for high school.

Gailard became an employee of the B & O Railroad and earned the rate of carman after attending apprentice school in Omaha, Nebraska. He learned how to build box cars, flat cars, the mechanics of the air brakes and how to make detailed scaled drawings. Several of his drawings were published in the B & O magazine.

Nora was born in Awsworth, Derbyshire England on 9 June 1913 the daughter of Edward Booth Smith and Sarah Jane Chapman.

Nora's father was a Nottingham lacemaker, but after serving in the British Royal Army, there was no demand for lace, so he decided to immigrate to America. At age 31, he sailed on the U.S.S. Hallenbook arriving at Ellis Island Thanksgiving day 1921. He joined his Uncle Thomas Booth in Clarksburg, West Virginia where he found work as a coal miner.

May 8, 1922, Nora arrived with her mother at Ellis Island on the U.S.S. Olympic. They bid farewell to Nora's Grandfather Chapman in Southampten, England, never to see him again.

Nora had her arm in a sling during the journey as she was given 5 smallpox vaccinations on one arm. She remembers Ellis Island with horror, being herded like animals. Nora saw her first black man who was a porter on the train bound for West Virginia.

After living in New Castle, Indiana, where Ed worked at the Maxwell car plant, the family moved to Fort Wayne where Nora attended North Side High School.

Nora left school to help the family out financially and worked at the Wayne Knitting Mills.

It was during this time that she met Gailard at the Trier's Ballroom. During their courtship, they spent many hours dancing there and became engaged over hot dogs at the original Coney Island Restaurant downtown Fort Wayne.

They were married in Reverend Urich's living room on 4 August 1932 and set up housekeeping in a little house in Altona.

They became the parents of Shirley Ann on 9 November 1935, Gene on 17 June 1940 and Linda Sue on 10 April 1946.

When Shirley was a baby, Gailard worked at the Auburn Automobile Plant in Connersville, working on Auburn bodies. Later he worked at the Fort Wayne General Electric and spent his final years at Electric Motors & Specialties at Garrett.

The family was members of the Garrett Presbyterian Church where Nora obtained her first organist position. Later she served the Auburn Presbyterian Church for over 25 years, playing for the new pipe organ dedication in 1967. She retired in May 1982.

Gailard died 2 October 1971 and was interred in Christian Union Cemetery, near Garrett.

Nora made her home with her sister, Patricia Bisschop in Aiken, South Carolina until her return to Kendallville where she presently resides.

Gene is a computer systems analyst in Oak Ridge, Tennessee after spending 23 years in the U.S. Air Force and Linda is the wife of Dr. Joseph Hammons and a Realtor.

Nora has 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Andrew Cramer Family

ANDREW CRAMER AND LAVINA MOCHAMER were married in Waterloo by Justice of the Peace, B.B. Long.

Lavina was the daughter of William and Anna Mochamer, born 18 July 1844, in Williams County, Ohio. She came to DeKalb County with her parents in 1845 and remained in this area until her death on 27 February 1894, at age 49.

Andrew was born to Jacob and Jane (Harris) Cramer, of German descent near Hillsville, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on 9 October 1841. His father was a mason by trade. There were 7 children in the family.

Andrew and his brother, John, walked to Poland, Ohio, just across the Pennsylvania border to join the Ohio Infantry to serve in the Civil War. He enrolled on 8 June 1861 and served in Company E., 23rd Regiment as a Private until he was given a medical discharge by his commanding officer and surgeon on 21 February 1862 in Fayetteville, West Virginia. John was transferred to the Drum and Bugle Corps.

He apparently wanted to serve again, so this time he enrolled in the Indiana Infantry at Michigan City on 23 February 1864. He served with Company B. 129th Regiment as a Corporal.

On the 29th day of August 1865, the regiment was mustered out of the service at Charlotte, North Carolina and started for home. The Regiment reached Indianapolis early in September with 503 officers and men and were present at a reception to returned soldiers in the State House Grove. The regiment soon received final payment and discharge and its members returned to the peaceful vocations of life.

His discharge papers describe him as being 22 years of age, having black hair and eyes and 5 foot 10 inches tall.

The fork and spoon which he carried with him during the war and his 2 honorable discharge papers are in the possession of his great granddaughter, Shirley Cramer Hall of Auburn.

Andrew drew a pension for his military service receiving $30 per month beginning 9 October 1916 at age 75. After his discharge, Andy married Lavina Mochamer on 21 September 1865.

They became the parents of nine children, but no two children were born in the same place. Andrew was a laborer so perhaps they lived where he could find work.

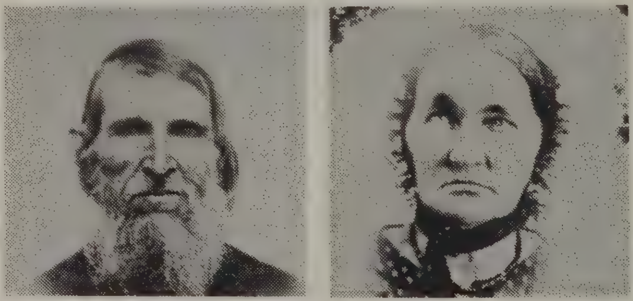
Ophelia Alizona, born 1867 in New Haven, Allen County.; Nancy Madella in 1868, Lowelville, Ohio; George Andrew 1871, Delphos, Ohio; Ira Emmett 1875, Jackson Township, DeKalb County; William Etney, 1876, Cedarville, Allen County; Jess Owen 1878, Fremont, Steuben County; Howard Matheny, 1881, Auburn; Ada Gustana, 1886, DeKalb County; and Lillie Mae 1888, Waterloo.

Andrew loved playing the violin. He played with a group entertaining at parties, weddings and square dances. His great grandson Gene Cramer has the violin which Andrew made in 1910.

After Lavina died someone suggested to Andy that he remarry. He commented that when his Viny died, so did he. He was soft spoken, kind and gentle and never smoked, swore or drank.

Lavina is buried in Evergreen in an unmarked grave near her parents and her sister, Caroline Shreve.

Andrew was buried from the Altona Methodist Church with ex-serviceman as pall bearers and interred in Christian Union Cemetery with a Civil War headstone. His daughter, Nancy, and sons, Ira, Howard and George lie nearby.



William and Anna Mochamer

WILLIAM AND ANNA (YOCKEY) MOCHAMER, were early settlers in DeKalb County. They purchased 40 acres for $110 in November 1844 near State Road 8 and County Road 35.

William was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, 8 April 1808. He came to Starke County, Ohio with his parents and then to Wayne County, Ohio, where he married Anna Yockey, 19 July 1833. They were married 53 years.

Anna was born in Cayuga County, New York, 4 February 1813. She died in her home in Jackson Township, 11 March 1886.

The couple purchased 80 acres of farmland for $1800 in Jackson township near County Road 60 and County Road 39 in August 1864.

The land was sold to Josiah Farver after William's death 25 October 1891. The records show all his 7 children signed the papers.

The neighbors of Mr. Mochamer in Jackson Township met together and hustled up his winter's wood. The old man is ill and the duty of chopping wood fell to his daughter, Eliza. We are glad to note the kindliness of the Jackson Township boys. (The Garrett Clipper, 20 January 1887..

Funeral services for William were held in Rehobeth Church by the pastor S.S. Stanton. Both William and Anna were interred in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

William and Nancy became the parents of nine children. Shirley Hall, the great granddaughter, possess the sheet on which all nine births were handwritten.

The first five children were born in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio. Samuel, born 1834; Mary Ann, born 1836; William, born 1837; Sarah, born 1839; and Caroline, born 1841.

Lavina was born in Williams County, Ohio, in 1844 and Elizabeth born 1849, Pricilla, born 1852; Eliza Ellen, born 1854, all in Union Township, DeKalb County.

Mary Ann and William died as small children, but the rest of the children grew to marry and raise families in the area in DeKalb County.

Samuel married Margaret Reed, 25 December 1862. Samuel was single at age 57 when his father died. Sold his 40 acres in Jackson Township for $900 to Benjamin Bailey and no records were found about Samuel after that.

Sarah and Moses Masters were married 5 October 1871, and lived at 216 Baxter Street. Moses had a blacksmith shop near his home.

Caroline married Hugh Shreve, had 2 sons, Oral and William and as a widow married Ira Barger. They lived in Jackson Township and later lived at 219 Center Street, Auburn.

Lavina lived in Altona with her husband, Andrew, whom she married, 21 September 1865. They had 9 children. She is buried in an unmarked grave in Evergreen beside her parents.

Elizabeth Ann married Hugh Antrup, mother of George and lived in Union Township 1874, Jackson township 1886 and Auburn Junction in 1908.

Pricilla Ann and George Davis were wed 23 October 1873 and lived in Altona. They were the parents of Orton, Clyde and Almeda.

Eliza Ellen was single at age 37 when her father died and no records have been found for her after that.

With William's passing "another of the old pioneers has gone from our midst."

Moses and Sarah Masters

MOSES BALDWIN AND SARAH (MOCHAMER) MASTERS, pioneers of DeKalb County. Also about my parents, Frank and Anna Reesch.

Grandpa was an interesting individual. He wore his hair longer than usual and a full beard. He was proud of his appearance as he loved having his picture taken by professional photographers who came to the house as this was before the popularity of home cameras.

Another idiosyncrasy was that he didn't trust banks and he liked having his money in gold, which was then very available. Because he paid for most purchases with gold coins, people got the impression that there must be gold buried on his land. However, his income was just ample for a comfortable living in those times; so I am sure there was nothing to stash away.

As a momento, I still have two $5 gold pieces which he gave me when I was a child, which was many years ago as I am 80 years old. He also liked to tell of his many varied experiences.

Grandpa was born in 1834 in Portage County, Ohio. At age 6 he came to DeKalb County and walked two miles each way to and from school through the unbroken forest. To protect themselves from animals and snakes, children carried weapons and he told of occasions when he had to use them. He only attended school 4 or 5 years, but his hand writing was very good and he was an ardent reader — especially of the Bible.

At age 17, he went to Michigan and worked in the pine woods and on into the lumber camps of Wisconsin, where he killed a bear with a knife in a hand struggle.

In 1861, he enlisted in the Union Army in the Civil War and fought in several battles around Virginia, ending up in a Pennsylvania Hospital. He was honorably discharged for disability 28 January 1863. He must have sufficiently recovered to re-enlist 2 September 1864, in the 29th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and was honorably discharged 19 May 1865.

In 1866, Grandpa started working in Auburn as a blacksmith journeyman. In 1871, he married Sarah Mochamer, who was born in 1839 and came with her parents from Ohio to Jackson Township when 2 years old. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Three children were born to this union, two of whom died of diptheria when very young. A daughter, Anna Ellen, born in 1875 survived.

In 1887, Grandpa bought 3 lots in Auburn at the end of South Baxter Street. There was a large house and barn, and he built a blacksmith shop and went into business for himself.

My grandparents were devout followers of the 7th Day Adventist Faith. They were of high morals and considered a debt almost a sin, as also did my parents.

Grandpa was an active outdoors man and stayed in relatively good health, but succumbed to pneumonia at the age of 87.

This is a quote from the *Evening Star*: "In the death of Mr. Masters, the city has lost an honored resident and the community a kind neighbor and friend."

Anna Ellen Masters had a talent for oil painting and for writing poetry. She spent two years in nurses training at the Battle Creek Sanatarium in Michigan. She was not only a good homemaker, but was a leader in the WCTU.

In 1900, she married Frank Reesch and grandpa insisted that they live with them, which they did for a long time. All three of their daughters were born there: Beulah Gushwa, deceased; Amber Myers, Evansville; and Betty Stewart, Marion, Indiana. We girls always had several animal pets. A gray mare named "Pet" pulled a fringed top surrey to give us transportation. We especially loved to watch Grandpa pump the bellows and pound the red hot metal into shape on the anvil.

My father served in the Spanish-American War and was honorably discharged. He was a carpenter and worked for the Kiblinger Buggy Company. He was a most ambitious and good person. Even with a 10-hour-a-day job, he always raised vegetables on 3 lots to assure a bountiful table for his family.

He later worked for a contractor and was in charge of the finishing work on the McIntosh High School Gymnasium. He helped to build the house on South Cleveland Street for our family when we left grandpa's. He later built the house at 220 Baxter where we lived until the death of grandpa when dad remodeled the old homestead and we moved back to care for Grandma.

Grandma loved us grandchildren, but it was in the Roaring Twenties when she last lived with us and it was most difficult for her to accept the short dresses, bobbed hair and jazz music of those times. In fact, she interpreted a passage of scripture to mean that a curse would be on anyone who cut their tress. In respect for her feelings, I was about the last of my peers to cut my hair, and when I did, it caused her needless worry, as I have been blessed with an exceptionally good life.

Grandma had no special infirmities, but she spent most of her time just rocking in her chair by the window, as she had no outside interests and seldom anyplace to go. What a comparison with us old folks today, who drive hither and yon and have outside associations almost daily. Grandma lived only a day after suffering a stroke in 1928.

My parents, Frank and Anna Reesch, lived on in the homestead until the death of my father in 1943, at the age of 75. After which mother came to Marion, Indiana and lived for 18 years with our family. She kept a keen interest in world affairs and enjoyed the activities of many organizations and the church until her sudden death of a heart attack at age 86.

Betty Stewart

BETTY REESCH, born 21 January 1907, has seen and felt a part of more dramatic changes in the world than could ever take place again. She feels privileged to have lived in such an interesting period.

Her childhood was very good, but uneventful, as she was raised in a home with loving parents, Frank and Anna Reesch, and loving grandparents, Moses and Sarah Masters. Betty has two older sisters, Beulah and Amber.

Betty attended DeSoto School, which was only two blocks from her house at 216 Baxter Street. For her 8th year she had to walk a very long distance to the Jr. High in the extreme west end of town. Theirs was the first freshman class to enter McIntosh High, which was then considered quite luxurious.

Betty graduated in 1925 with a class of 57. She has always been grateful to have attended a small school, as she had the privilege of participating in activities of the music department and being a member of the girls basketball team, despite her amateur skills. This gave her self confidence that was most valuable in later life.

Following graduation, Betty was offered a stenographic position with the Auburn Automobile Company. She worked there from 1925 to 1937, being one of the last employees when the plant closed in Connersville.

Those years were some of the most interesting of her life. They were like one big happy family, proud of their company and willing to work overtime without thought of compensation. It was this attitude that allowed the company to be creative to such an extent that today Auburn is famous as Capitol of the Classics.

Betty married Everett Stewart in 1931. He had come to Auburn with his parents in 1922, as they had retired from a farm near Avilla and had bought and were operating a grocery store on East 9th Street.

Everett also graduated in 1925 and started working in the Trim Shop, but was soon advanced to the Cost Department office and later he became a Purchasing Agent.

During the depression years when the company was consolidating and retrenching, both Everett and Betty were lucky to hold their jobs. We were shifted back and forth between the Auburn and Connersville offices - often not at the same time. however, just to have jobs compensated for all the inconveniences. finally, in 1937, everything closed, but within a month Everett was offered a job with the Marion Malleable Iron Works at Marion, Indiana and he remained there for 30 years when he retired at the age of 60. He was active in volunteer work until he suffered a heart attack and died within a few hours at the age of 71 in 1978.

When in Auburn, Betty was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority and held most local offices. In 1936, she was elected National President and was awarded "Life Membership."

After moving to Marion, she became involved in the work of many civic and social organizations and the Presbyterian Church. Her most noteworthy job as a volunteer was that of Public Relations Chairman for the Girl Scouts. She wrote a pageant and with the help of leaders and volunteers produced it. Almost 600 girls participated; all dressed in costumes of various countries and performed native dances.

Everett and Betty organized the first Duplicate Bridge Club in Marion with a membership of about 50 players. This was affiliated with the American Bridge League. Several organizations asked Betty to teach the game of bridge, so she took a teachers course in Chicago under the direction of Charles Goren, world expert, and earned a Master Bridge Teacher's license. She is a Charter member of the American Bridge Teachers Association. Everett and she both held players' rating of "Life Master." Periodically for over 35 years Betty has conducted bridge classes for organizations in Marion and surrounding towns.

In 1974, Everett and Betty were Bridge Directors on the S.S. Michelangelo on a Caribbean Cruise, which was a most exciting experience.

Traveling was another hobby and they have been in every state, including Hawaii, but not Alaska; also most of Canada and quite a number of the Caribbean and Bahama Islands.

Their only child, Judith Ann, was born in 1941. She graduated from Ball State with a nursing degree. Judith married William Bishop and lives in Marion. They have a son, a Freshman at Ball State, and a daughter, a junior in high school. Like her ancestors, Judith is involved in social and civic activities.

RUTH H. (MOCHAMER) SHAFER, born 19 August 1898 in Auburn. The daughter of Albert S., born 1 October 1866, died 21 August 1927 and Isaphena Virginia, born 5 September 1866, died 11 February 1946, (Walker) Mochamer. Her maternal grandparents were George and Caroline Walker.

Mrs. Shafer's father, Albert, operated the Auburn Transfer Company, which was located where the new County Jail is now situated on Union and 9th Street, he also farmed the Ford Addition. The Ford Addition was located north of 7th Street and ran from Division Street east to approximately Eckhart Avenue. His barn was located at what is now 802 East 7th Street and was diagonally across from his home at 723 East

7th Street.

Ruth was married to Carl E. Wimer, born 2 May 1894, died 14 October 1947, on 1 July 1916 in Auburn. They had one son, Carl D. Wimer born 6 October 1922. Carl worked for his father and brother-in-law at the elevator on South Cedar Street, as a Metropolitan Insurance salesman in San Antonio, Texas, the Auburn Auto Company, operated filling stations in Auburn, Kendallville and Angola, and worked for Auburn Rubber Company. She married Thomas Shafer, born 5 July 1900, died 27 January 1967, on 5 May 1951 and resided on County Road 35 until Mr. Shafer's death when she moved to Auburn.

Mrs. Shafer had two sisters, Grance (Mochamer) Sockrider, born 14 December 1888, died 28 January 1967. Gladys (Mochamer) Potter, born 29 April 1890, died 14 February 1979. Both sisters lived in Auburn.

When Mrs. Shafer was a child, she met Buffalo Bill Cody. Buffalo Bill brought his circus, mostly Indians, to Auburn and set up at what used to be Maddens field. While in Auburn an Indian papoose died and the Indians used her father's, Albert Mochamer, wood fence as fire wood for their ritual. The next day, Buffalo Bill came to her house and paid her father for the fence that had been destroyed.

CARL WIMER, born 6 October 1922 at Auburn, Indiana, the son of Carl E. and Ruth H. (Mochamer) Wimer. His paternal grandparents were John Wimer and Alice (Coats) Wimer, John Wimer being the first to raise potatoes extensively in this section. He was often called "Potato John." Carl's maternal grandparents were Albert S. and Isaphena V. (Walker) Mochamer. Mrs. Mochamer's nick name was Jenney.

Carl graduated from Auburn High School in 1940 and worked for Garns Candy Company in Auburn before enlisting in the Navy in 1942. After being discharged from the Navy in 1946 as SKD 1st Class he attended and graduated from International Business School in Fort Wayne with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He worked for Ruckman and Hansen, Incorporated, a bridge construction firm in Fort Wayne, Indiana for twenty-six and a half years as Office Manager and Secretary, and for twelve years as Treasurer and Office Manager of Northwest Allen County Schools in the superintendent's office, commuting from his Auburn residence during this time. He retired in September of 1985.

Kathleen F. (Houtzer) Wimer was born 12 May 1924 at Wauseon, Ohio, daughter of Paul V. and Margaret (Harter) Houtzer. Her paternal grandparents were William and Lodema (Kessler) Houtzer. Her maternal grandmother was Elizabeth Harter. Mrs. Wimer has one sister, Betty E. (Houtzer) Hauck, one brother, Paul H. Houtzer, four half-sisters, Paula, Lodema, Brenda and Bonita.

Kathleen graduated from Auburn High School in 1942 and worked at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana and Jacksonville, Florida during WW II. Upon returning to Auburn she worked in Fort Wayne at Ruckman and Hansen, Incorporated in the accounting department and later at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in the accounting department as data processing coordinator for twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimer are the parents of two children, both born at the Sanders Hospital in Auburn, Cheryl A. (Wimer) John, born 17 July 1946 and Steven J. Wimer, born 18 October 1954. Both children are residing in Auburn at the present time. Cheryl has one son, Gregory A. Metzger, born 10 January 1973. Steven has two children, Brandy M. Wimer, born 23 July 1975 and Eric D. Wimer born 30 April 1979.

CLARENCE CLIFTON "TIB" MUHN, born 22 March 1893, and died 20 August 1960, aged about sixty-seven years. He was the son of John Martin and Rosie Ann Ellen Muhn of Auburn, Indiana.

Clifton married Marquerite Roan, 1 December 1921, and they had one son; Thomas M. Muhn.

Clifton Muhn, "Tib" as he was known to his family and friends, died at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, after being in bad health for some two years.

Clifton Muhn was a contractor and native of Allen County since about 1941. He was also a member of the Lions Club, the Methodist Mens' Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Auburn Saddle Club. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Marquerite Roan, born 19 January 1901 in Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Henry Hardy Roan of Garrett and Jessie Iona Richel of Auburn.

JOHN MARTIN MUHN AND ROSIE ANN ELLEN MUHN came to Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana some years after they were married, and lived several places in the county on farms prior to purchasing ten acres on North Eckhart Avenue, Auburn, where they lived for the rest of their lives together.

John, son of Ellen (Hartzell) and Michael Muhn, who had eight children; William, Perry, George, John, Myrtle, Emma, Minnie and James.

Michael died shortly after the last of the children was born and Ellen lived in the South end of Auburn and made her living as a widow doing laundry and herself raising her children without help from outside sources.

Due to family circumstances and lack of financial resources, John left school when he was only twelve years of age and worked in the lumber camps as a boy-helper to the teamsters who in those days had horses, not trucks. He fell in love with teaming and his lifelong goal was to own the best team of horses he could afford to buy, and then year by year, buy the best possible team of horses available anywhere as his own personal team.

John remained a teamster, hauling gravel, sand, and such for many, many years to the people of Auburn and vicinity, and only retired after his wife of many years, Ellen, died.

Ellen, daughter of Mary Ann (Kistler) and Harris Hensinger, who were rather well to do farmers and prominent church and community leaders, parents of six children: Rosalda Ann, Sarah Jane, Mary Ann, John, Michael, Rosie Ann Ellen and Michael Muhn.

John Martin Muhn and Rosie Ann Ellen Hensinger were married, 13 March 1888, at Dutch Ridge, in Allen County, Indiana.

Although both John and Ellen were raised in the Mennonite faith, after their marriage they both became Lutherans and were faithful members of that faith. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

John and Ellen had five children: Dessie Kingsbury, of Auburn, Indiana; J. Roland Muhn, of Auburn, Indiana; Geneva Ford, of Auburn, Indiana; C. Clifton Muhn, of Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana; and Naomi Richey, who left DeKalb County shortly after her marriage to Henderson Richey, also of Auburn, Indiana, and they lived then most of their lives in New York State. John and Ellen had nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Rosie Ann Ellen Hensinger lived with John Martin Muhn, her husband, some eleven years after their marriage in Allen County, when they then moved to DeKalb County where they spent the next 48 years of their lives.

Rosie Ann Ellen was truly a feminist and emancipated woman, although in those days the terms were unknown. She established a fine home based on the Holy Scriptures, lives in peace with her friends and neighbors, and in addition ran a small business of her own which included her chickens and eggs, her butter and milk sales, her orchard of apples, pears, plums, and cherries, her berry patch of gooseberries and other such berries and her sales of corn and beans and other garden produce. She did her own canning, managed her home and business, and still found time to be a good mother, a good neighbor and a good Christian.

Rosie Ann Ellen Muhn was in good health most of her life, worked hard and kept long hours. In later life, she was injured in an automobile accident, recovered, and did her own work with help of a cane. On 10 February 1947 she fell on the ice at her home and broke her hip. This resulted in various complications and she died 2 April 1947.

JOHN ROLAND MUHN, "Rollie" to his family and friends, born 24 June 1891, at Auburn, Indiana, son of John Martin and Rosie Ann Ellen (Hensinger) Muhn.

Mr. Muhn was proceeded in death by all of his three wives, Joy (Platner), Martha (Williams) and C. Ann (Dye). He was also a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge.

He married Joy Platner about 25 December 1913, and from this marriage were three children: John Henry, Perry Arthur and John Roland Jr. This marriage ended in divorce and for a time Roland lived with his parents. Later he was married to Martha Williams and to Catherine Ann Dye. There were no children of his later two marriages.

His sons moved out of the Auburn area after marriages, John moving to Colorado, Perry moving to Houston, Texas, and Roland Jr. moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Roland died, 6 September 1985, at the Betz Nursing Home, Auburn following a lengthy illness. He was best known for playing Santa Claus to the Auburn and Fort Wayne communities for more that a half century. He was a retired contractor and was responsible for many of the stucco homes and buildings in Auburn.

He had been honored as one of ten Grandparents of the Year on 9 September 1984, by the National Council for the Observance of Grandparents Day. The council said it selected him for his forty-four years for playing Santa Claus to the children of St. Vincent Villa orphanage in Fort Wayne from 1926 until it closed in 1970.

Every Christmas, Roland and his friends donated money to buy gifts and treats for each orphan, according to the wishes of the children expressed in a letter to Santa. He then delivered the presents in his Santa Claus suit. He also visited the elderly residents of the DeKalb County home and Betz Nursing Home, before he himself became a resident of Betz's some four years prior to his death.

He married Catherine Ann Dye, 15 October

1936, and they lived in the Muhn Apartments, East Seventh Street, Auburn for many years. Roland had converted his old "Toy Factory" building into apartments about this time.

Catherine Ann, born 8 January 1902, in Ohio, daughter of James and Clara (Wilson) Dye.

Ann was a retired nurse, who had worked at Sanders Hospital in Auburn and was a member of the Eastern Star and the Auburn Garden Club and the National Doll Club. She was very active for many years in the Doll Club and had a very large collection of rare dolls.

Ann adopted Roland, Jr. son of her husband and former wife, which son and family now live in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She also had two brothers: John of Auburn, and Eugene of Ohio, and one sister, Helen Troyer and one grandchild, James Muhn of Billings, Montana. Two sisters, Clare and Margaret and one brother, Oliver, preceded her in death. She died 5 January 1984, at the Betz's Nursing Home, Auburn, where she had been ill for some years.

ROLAND MUHN, JR., born 21 March 1922, in Auburn, Indiana, son of John Roland and Joy (Platner) Muhn of North Eckhart Avenue, Auburn. Roland was later adopted by Catherine Ann Muhn, the third wife of his father.

Roland retired from Federal Civil Service at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, in 1972. He and his wife, then made their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Carolyn Muhn, born 12 September 1921, in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Stephen and Magdalene Tisinai, Carolyn has two sisters and a brother.

Carolyn has a degree from Northwestern University and attended Loyola University's Graduate School of Social Work. Carolyn then worked for the State of Colorado as a Rehabilitation Counselor for some years and retired in 1982.

Roland and Carolyn have one son, James Allen, born 27 April 1953, who graduated from Western State College, Cunnison, Colorado, where he met and married his wife, Peggy Morrison, daughter of Doctor and Mrs. Walter Morrison of Wheatridge, Colorado.

James is doing graduate work at Montana State University at Bozeman, Montana. Roland and Carolyn are the grandparents of Sarah Muhn, born 21 January 1983, daughter of James and Peggy and are expecting a second grandchild in March of 1986.

THOMAS M. MUHN, son of Clifton and Marquerite Muhn, born 11 March 1927 and died on 7 February 1971. He married Carolyn Bircher, on 22 July 1951 and they had six children: Melinda A., born 21 January 1953; Ellen A., born 5 June 1954; Marianne, born 26 March 1958; Karen A., born 22 May 1960; Marjorie A., born 19 November 1962; and Carolyn A., born 30 March 1964.

Thomas was prominent in the area and was a good substantial citizen of Auburn for many years. He was president of the Auburn Sanitary Landfill, Incorporated and provided sanitary refuse collection for the City of Auburn and many other contractual services to the City of Auburn and also emergency repairs and services to the City Utility Departments.

NAOMI (MUHN) RICHEY, born 3 April 1900 at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of John Martin And Rosie Ann Ellen (Hensinger) Muhn.

Naomi married Henderson Richey, 27 September 1919, shortly after their marriage, they moved to New York State, where Henderson worked for the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer organization in New York City.

Henderson Richey was active in the business, being listed shortly before his death as one of the speakers at the convention of the Associated Theatre Owners of Indiana at Indianapolis and Keynoter for a convention of the American Association of Motion Picture Owners at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago.

Henderson received his education at Auburn, Indiana schools and resided in Auburn with his mother and later with his wife, Naomi, for a number of years. He was at that time a reporter for the Auburn Evening Star and left Auburn to become manager of the Associated Theatre Owners of Michigan with offices in Detroit. He built this group into one of the strongest organizations of motion picture exhibitors in the United States and attracted the attention of the entire industry.

He later resigned his position in Detroit to become affiliated with the public relations department of RKO in New York and a few years later became associated with MGM, where he became one of the outstanding men in the entire motion picture industry.

Two children were born of this marriage: one daughter, Mrs. Leslie Jacobson of New Rochelle, with two grandchildren, Sue Ellen and David Jacobson. The only son, David Richey, was Lieutenant David Richey, lost during WW II when on his final training mission in the United States Air Force before going overseas when the plane on which he was a navigator went down in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the United States. The body was never found.

The Richeys were members of the First Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle.

Mr. Richey's mother was Mrs. Luella Richey, who resided many years at the corner of Indiana Avenue and West Eleventh Street, Auburn. She passed away several years prior to Henderson's death while at the Catholic Old Peoples Home near Aville and she was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Henderson died 27 October 1953, aged fifty-nine years. Lieutenant David Richey died 10 March 1945.

Later in life the widow, Naomi married Arthur Blisson, 7 September 1962. They lived then at West Palm Beach, Florida during their retirement years.

ARTHUR WHITTEN FORD, born 25 October 1893, at Haverhill, Massachusetts, son of Henry Wetton and Leola Imogene (Whitten) Ford.

Arthur and Geneva Muhn were united in marriage, 15 May 1916. Arthur had moved to Auburn, Indiana from the Northeast when he was about twenty-two years of age and worked at the Auburn Printing Company for his uncle, Louis Whitten, owner of the Company. Arthur ran a linotype. After they were married, they lived at the Hotel Pelhan, Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, in the summers, where Arthur was chef in his father's hotel, and then the winters, they spent in St. Petersburg, Florida, where Arthur was chef in his father's other hotel, the Hampton Hotel.

Children born of the marriage: Lee Ellen Ford, born 16 June 1917; Barbara Jane (Ford) Maddigan, born 12 December 1921; and Henry Watton Ford, born 23 August 1924.

Arthur had one brother: Charles Lester Ford, who died on or about 1 July 1961, at the age of seventy years. After the death of their father, Charles Lester operated the hotels for many years along with his wife, Elizabeth (Lovell) Ford, and his son, Charles L., Jr. of St. Petersburg, Florida and two daughters: Mrs. Lee Skipworth of San Juan, Puerto Rico and Mrs. James Gowdy of Illinois. He was buried in Hampton, New Hampshire.

Arthur Whitten Ford, died 12 March 1965, Auburn, Indiana, aged seventy-one years, five months and seventeen days and buried at the Butler Cemetery, Butler, Indiana.

Arthur and Geneva and family lived for a long time on North Eckhart Avenue, Auburn, and later built a duplex home and lived at 822 and 824 East Seventh Street, Auburn, for many years. About 1952, they moved to Butler, Indiana, when Arthur retired, and they became sponsors of the Companion Collie for the blind program founded by their daughter, Lee Ellen Ford, which program furnished guide dogs for blind children for over ten years without cost or obligation to the children.

Geneva Myrtle (Muhn) Ford, born 12 February 1898, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of John Martin and Rosie Ann Ellen (Hensinger) Muhn. She attended Auburn grade schools but at age fourteen went to work for the local jewelry store as a clerk. It was while working there that she met her late husband, Arthur.

Geneva and Arthur were long time members and active in the local Lutheran Church, both St. Marks at Auburn, and St. Marks at Butler, Indiana. Arthur had been a Christian Scientist prior to his marriage to Geneva. But Arthur became a member of the Church Council in St. Marks Lutheran Church, Auburn and later on Geneva became a member of the Church Council at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Butler, Indiana. Both were sincere, dedicated, hardworking, pleasant and very intelligent persons who were a credit to their family, their church, their neighborhood, and their community and country. Both gave full time service to God and friends and family, thankful for each day, and found many pleasant opportunities for meaningful service and to fellowship with their family, friends and with God.

BARBARA JANE FORD, daughter of Arthur W. and Geneva M. Ford and the granddaughter of John M. and Rosie Ann Ellen Muhn, born in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana, 12 December 1921.

She married Richard Joseph Maddigan, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, on 15 September 1945. Richard, born 2 September 1921. They had three children: Richard Joseph Maddigan, born 30 April 1946, in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana; and the twins Charles Arthur and Ruth Jean, born 23 June 1952, in Auburn.

Richard Sr. and Barbara met at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana where he was studying and later became an electrical engineer and she studied mechanical engineering for the four years required for graduation. They lived for some time in Auburn, and later moved to Kenilworth, Utah, and after that to California where Richard's work took them.

Ruth Jean Maddigan became an economist graduating with DBA from Indiana University, Bloomington, and later starting her own consulting firm. She married James Van Dyke, formerly of Grabill, Indiana, 3 January 1982. They have one son: John Charles Van Dyke, born 20 October 1985, in Oak Ridge Tennessee.

Richard, Jr., ''Joe'' Maddigan married on 27 June 1970. They have one adopted daughter, Lauri Maddigan. Joe graduated from the law school at Berkley, California and practices law in California. Judy is active in various volunteer and small business type activities.

Charles graduated from Indiana University with B.A. degree and is now active working with Dr. Ruth Maddigan in consulting offices in Tennessee. He is also a chess master with many honors to his credit, for many years. In 1975, Charles did study for Governor Bowen on the Right for Privacy issue which involved an in depth study of documents pertaining to individual privacy.

HENRY WETTON FORD, born 23 August 1924, Auburn, son of Arthur Whitten and Geneva Myrtle (Muhn) Ford.

From 1929 through 1938 the family lived three miles east of Auburn and Henry attended the eight grade one room Pyle school for grades one through seven. Returning to Auburn allowed grade eight and High School attendance in Auburn while becoming a life boy scout, junior class president, working at Staman's Drugs, performing in school operettas and competitions in the State Geometry Contest.

At Wittenberg College, he was elected to Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman Honorary and on 1 April 1943 enlisted as a pre-meteorology cadet, U.S. Army, trained at Mailton College, New York. He was on the dean's list as Flight Lieutenant and Cadet Commander during training as Radar Mechanic at PCAF Radio School in Clinton, Ontario.

He met Jean Wright at a USO dance after Camp Pinedale, California, he was discharged as a sergeant on 26 March 1946. With his father's help, he built a twenty foot house trailer to live in at college.

Henry married Jean, 12 June 1946, at the Presbyterian Church in Seaforth, Ontario.

Jean, born 27 March 1927, in Seaforth, the third of three children: Bruce and Lois, born to William Andrew and Annie Gertrude (Grainger) Wright, both born near Brucefield, Ontario; Bill was a Sunoco Station owner/mechanic, Bruce a bomber pilot/Automotive salesman and Lois a Pediatric Nurse.

Henry graduated a BSC in Electrical Engineering, University of Cincinnati, 1950, after election o Eta Kappa No and Tau Beta Pi, engineering honoraries, and co-oping, working half-time, at Crosley, Cincinnati. Jean was employed by the University Health Service.

Post graduation employment was at Farnsworth Electronics, Fort Wayne. In 1953, Henry moved to Magnavox as a Radar Design Engineer until changing to Quality Assurance Engineer and Supervisor, in 1978.

St. Joseph Township Awarded him the 1956 Citizen of the Township and IUPU FW awarded an MBA in 1975 with election to Gamma Nu, the Business Administration Honorary.

Two children were born; Douglas Malcolm, born 4 May 1951 and Kristina Lee, born 31 May 1954. Douglas graduated from Carleton College, Minnesota, is a Photographer and a computer programmer. He married Carol Kennedy, 23 April 1983, residing in Minneapolis; Kristina attended Carleton College, graduated from the University of Minnesota. She is a business administrator. She married Charles Norenberg, a lawyer, 3 August 1985, residing in Minneapolis.

Jean worked ten years as an abilities evaluator at the Fort Wayne State Hospital and Training Center of Allen County until 1983's retirement.

Both Fords joined the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, 1954. They served the church and Sunday school and are elders. In 1984, Jean received the first annual Elaine Wareham Church and Society Distinguished Service award for Christian service in the church and community, recognizing her long list of continuing volunteer activities.

CHARLES EDWARD KINGSBURY, born in 1888, in the Northeast, probably in Connecticut, and came to Indiana as a young man.

Dessa Kingsbury, daughter of John Martin Muhn and Rosie Ann Ellen (Hensinger) Muhn, born 30 December 1888, in All[illegible]unty, Indiana, prior to her parents moving to DeKalb County.

Charles's father, Henry Kingsbury, was a local businessman in his area.

Charles and Dessa, married 14 November 1908, in Auburn, Indiana. Early in their marriage, they lived a short time in North Dakota, where their son, Edward, was born in 1911. However, they lived most of their married lived in DeKalb County, primarily in Auburn.

Charles's business interests were varied. For many years, he was an executive at the Auburn Foundry and lived with his wife and son on North Main Street, Auburn, Indiana. Later in life, he retired from the foundry work and he and his wife ran a series of movie theatres in Morenci, Michigan and New Haven, Indiana. He was also, for a time, in the banking business and in the ice business, cutting it from the lakes in winter and storing and delivering it to customers. He also at one time owned and operated a hardware store in Waterloo, Indiana.

Charles greatly enjoyed playing golf and Dessa was an expert needlewoman. Both were active in the community and in the Auburn Presbyterian

Church.

Charles died 4 November 1950, buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Dessa continued to live in their home on East Seventh Street, Auburn, until she entered the Betz Nursing Home in 1979. Dessa died 17 April 1985, at the age of ninety-six years, and she also was buried at Woodlawn.

Their only son, Edward Kingsbury, died 15 January 1981 and was cremated and has a memorial at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Edward Kingsbury made his home in Indianapolis for many years. He married Avis Hunt, 14 October 1939, and one child was born of this marriage, Janet (Kingsbury) Grady, who has been a long time resident of the San Francisco, California area and is a banker affiliated with the Bank of America in California.

EDWARD ROLAND KINGSBURY, born 30 July 1911, in Grand Rapids, North Dakota, son of Charles E. Kingsbury and Dessa (Muhn) Kingsbury, who lived most of their married lives in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Avis Hunt, born 14 January 1917, in Wabash County, Indiana, daughter Amos and Georgia (Harper) Hunt, they were farmers.

Ed attended Purdue University, where he was president of Sigma Nu fraternity, editor of the Purdue Exponent, and a member of several honorary societies. He graduated cum laude in 1932.

The couple met in Indianapolis, where Avis attended Central Business College. In 1939, they were married in Wabash in the home of Avis's parents, they lived primarily in Indianapolis. Their only child; Janet Kay (Kingsbury) Grady, born 15 August 1944, and now lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

During WW II Ed served four years in the Army in the ETO area. He was a first ~~Lie~~utenant in the Signal Corps. In 1934, he began working for L.S. Ayres and Company, in Indianapolis as an office manager. He was soon promoted to director of planning. While at Ayres, Ed received national recognition for his innovative designs for institutional kitchens. He was also instrumental in developing the prototype for the original Ayr-Way Stores, now Target. In 1965, he left Ayres to become planning director of Ayr-Way, until his retirement in 1976.

Avis began working as a legal secretary in 1956. In 1973, she became secretary to Indiana Supreme Court Justice, Donald H. Hunter. She retired in 1985, and continues to live in Indianapolis.

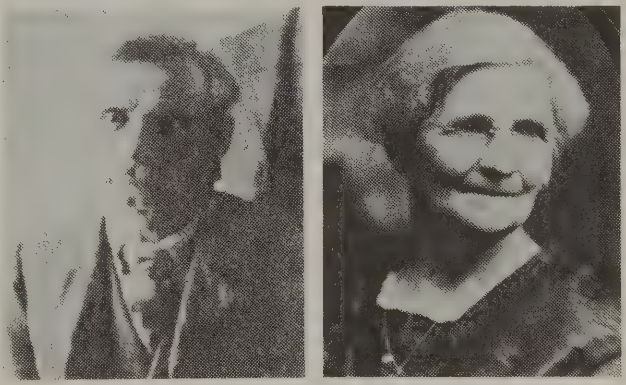
Ed and Avis were divorced in 1975. In 1979, when his mother entered Betz Nursing Home, Ed returned to Auburn to live. That same year, in poor health, he too entered Betz Nursing Home. He died 15 January 1981.

JACOB SAUDER/SOUDER, born in Ohio, 28 May 1828, to Henry and Elizabeth (Schrock) Sauder, natives of Pennsylvania. He was raised in Ohio and received a common school education in that state. He remained on the home farm until around twenty years of age where he naturally adopted farming as his vocation. After settling in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, Indiana in 1848, he took up cabinet making and masonry. Never having served an apprenticeship but did very good work and was naturally handy with most tools, making the wood work for his farming implements.

In 1852, Jacob married Elizabeth (Troyer), who was born in 1830 and died in 1861. There were five children born to this union, four of whom were living in 1889: Levi; Jonas; Elizabeth; and Jacob.

In 1861, he married Mary Eicher, born 1843, died 1870, by whom he had five children, four of whom were living in 1889: Mary, married John VanZile; Lydia; Samuel; and Henry.

In 1871, Jacob took Mrs. Sophrina Yerks as his third wife. Two children were born to this union: Sylvia being the only one living in 1889.



Jacob and Lucina Souder

JACOB SAUDER/SOUDER, born 10 April 1856, in Cedar Creek Township in Allen County to Jacob and Elizabeth (Troyer) Souder, the last of five children born to this union.

He married Lucina Fletter, born 5 September 1855, their children were: Gary "Gerry", born 6 September 1878, died 13 November 1936, married to Bertha Barve; John O., born 18 December 1880, died 9 April 1971, married Bertha Wimer; Frona, born 20 March 1883, died 4 March 1884; Freddie, born 20 February 1885, died 23 August 1898; Henry, born 28 December 1888, died 23 February 1891, both Freddie and Henry died of diptheria; Edith, born 10 December 1889, died 4 April 1975, married Blaine Nodine; Thomas, born 12 May 1892, died 1 July 1965, married Ola Hassett; Eva, born 10 October 1893, died 1 April 1974, married Walter Smith; Nelson, born 8 October 1898, died 5 January 1978, married Luella Warner.

Jacob was a farmer, living on Swartz Road near Leo, Indiana until around 1900 when he purchased one hundred twenty acres near Waterloo, Indiana. After retiring from farming due to ill health, moved into Waterloo. Jacob died 24 January 1918.

After his death, his widow spent her remaining years as a midwife and nursing in residents' homes. Between these periods, she visited in the homes of her children where she was a welcome quest and a great favorite of her grandchildren. Lucina had a high alto voice and enjoyed singing along with the piano. She died 5 May 1925.

John and Bertha Sauder

JOHN O. SOUDER/SAUDER, born 18 December 1880, near Leo, Indiana to Jacob and Lucina (Fletter) Souder and died 9 April 1971. John was the second of nine children namely; Gary "Gerry", Frona, Freddie, Henry, Edith, Thomas, Eva and Nelson.

John married Bertha Wimer, born 25 December 1902. They became the parents of Esther May, Ruth Alice, Willis Irvin and Paul Jacob.

Life was quite primitive when he was young. He climbed a ladder to his sleeping quarters in a loft and often found snow on his bed covers. As a teenager, John rode horseback to Fort Wayne with grain to be ground into flour.

John's parents moved to a farm, near Waterloo around 1900, of which he received twenty acres on which he built their first house for helping clear the land.

He received no more than a fourth grade education in the public schools but was industrious and had an inventive mind, having designed and bulit several potato harvesting machines, before any such implements were on the market. He improved his early manufactured potato digger to be the first machine which would put potatoes in bags instead of them having to be picked up by hand. John also designed and built a chain brusher which cleaned and graded the potatoes, an elevator to move bales of hay to upper barn loft, etc. He raised many acres of potatoes on their muck land in Jackson Township.

The rafters for the round roofed barn which stands on that farm were made by John personally. He first built a large wooden floor then nailed blocks onto it to make a form into which he wound several one-inch boards of green lumber probably five or six inches wide which had been recently sawed from trees out of the woods on the farm. These he nailed together while they were in the forms and allowed to dry there.

The Souders later moved west of Auburn for twenty years. His hobby in later years was using his wood and metal lathes to turn out lamp bases, what-not shelves etc. and fishing.

Bertha, born 27 August 1885, in Hudson, Wisconsin to John and Lydia Alice (Coats) Wimer/Wymer/Weimer. She was valedictorian of her class in 1902. Bertha was a devoted mother and homemaker belonging to no organization except Grant Township Homemakers Club. Her hobbies were flowers, playing the organ, needlework and fishing.

Paul and Regena Souder

PAUL JACOB SOUDER, born 12 March 1916, in DeKalb County, Indiana, his parents were John Jacob and Bertha (Wimer) Souder. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Lucina (Fletter) Souder, Allen County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were John A. and Lydia Alice (Coats) Wimer, DeKalb County. He had two sisters, Esther M. (Souder) Springer, deceased and Ruth Alice (Souder) Teeters, and one brother, Willis Irvin, all of DeKalb County.

Paul was raised and worked on the DeKalb County farms, but decided not to make this his career, even though he took agriculture all four of his high school years and graduated from McIntosh High School, Auburn, Indiana in 1934.

In 1936, at the DeKalb County Fair, he met the girl he was to marry. Regena J. Warner, after being caught in a snake dance on the midway and love interceded. They were married in a beautiful fall wedding, 24 September 1939, at the Leo Methodist Church. They moved to Auburn, Indiana and he continued to work with his father on the farm, west of Auburn, as well as the Auburn Rubber Company. In 1942 to 1945, during the war years, he worked at the Warner Gear, many times, seven days a week twelve hours a day.

His desire to go into business for himself, led him to form the Souder Construction, Auburn, Indiana, in 1946. His company had built many homes in the community, as well as cottages, garages, additions, business buildings and remodeling. He has had two very faithful employees, who have been with the company for over five years, they were Charles Freed, of Waterloo and Bill Romine of rural Auburn.

On 15 September 1954, he purchased ten acres of woods from Clarence McClintock, just off Seventh Street, in east Auburn. he developed this acreage and named it Woodcrest, the names chosen for the streets were the names of their three children: Roger Norman; Melony Kay Ramsey; and Dr. Mark Steven Souder.

The family joined and faithfully attended the Auburn First United Methodist Church on 5 April 1953. Paul was on the steering committee for building the new Methodist Church on East Seventh Street. And Regena served as chairman of the Educational Committee. They have served together as youth counselors for MYF, as well as teachers for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes for several years. They have both held various office in the church.

Paul had been an active member of the rotary club, serving as chairman of the Rotary Exchange youth program for ten years and also received the Paul Harris award. They have had three exchange students in their home from Brazil, Zimbabive and Columbia. They are very interested in youth and civic activities.

His hobbies are fishing, boating, flying, he held a pilots' license for twenty years, and woodworking.

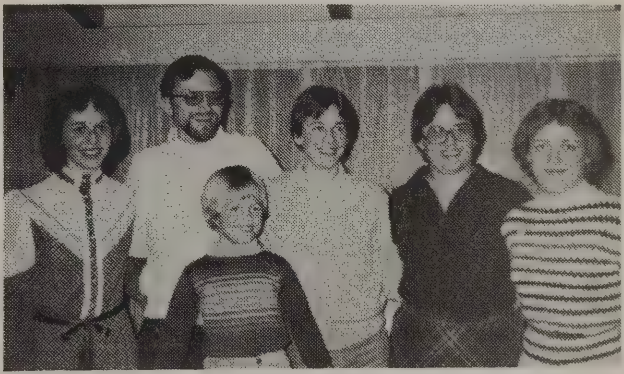
REGENA (WARNER) SOUDER, born 17 June 1916, in Allen County, Indiana, daughter of Eli Hiram and Celesta (Porter) Warner, of Leo, Indiana. She had a brother and sister, Orlo H., deceased, Lakeland Florida, and Cleo (Warner) Page, deceased, of Leo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Magdelina (Wyatt) Porter and Amos and Harriet Frederickson.

Her parents were in business in Leo under the name of Warner Brothers, first and later, under the name of Warner Hardware and Auto Sales. She worked in this store until her marriage to Paul J. Souder, helping to sell hardware, appliances, International Harvester implements, Plymouth and DeSoto Cars.

She can remember pumping gas for $.25 a gallon and selling new Plymouths for $600.00, then the next year the customer could return, trade that car in for a new one for $100.00

She graduated from Leo High School in 1934 and Salutatorian of the class. She was on the basketball team and played clarinet in the band.

Regena's interests are oil painting, reading, writing letters, traveling, antiques, friends and family.



Roger Souder Family

ROGER NORMAN SOUDER, born 9 January 1942, son of Paul and Jennie Regena (Warner) Souder. He has a sister, Melony (Souder) Ramsey, and a brother, Dr. Mark Souder.

Roger attended the Auburn School system and graduated from McIntosh High School in 1960. He participated in basketball and track and was on the winning mile relay team as well as setting a school record in low hurdles. He attended First United Methodist Church.

He graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1964, majoring in microbiology and minored in chemistry. He was in the top three percent in Freshman English class at Purdue.

His hobbies are fishing, nature, woodworking, prose and poetry.

Roger married Marsha Ann Reynolds at the First United Methodist Church, Auburn, Indiana 22 July 1962. Reverend Albert Clark performed the wedding and it was also Albert and Blanche's wedding anniversary. They moved to West Lafayette, Indiana, where he finished his college education at Purdue. Marsha worked two years in the Agronomy Department at Purdue.

Roger was in the Food Industry in Quality Control and Product Development supervision for seventeen years. His work took them to Greenville, Illinois; Archbold, Ohio; Syracuse, New York; Cincinnati, Ohio; Knoxville, Tennessee and New Orleans Louisana before returning back home to Auburn, Indiana in 1979.

At LaChoy in Archbold, Ohio, he developed a complete line of frozen Chinese foods.

In New Orleans, he became interested in real estate and has his broker license. He has also won the real estate sales award.

While in Auburn, he became a member of the DeKalb Masonic Lodge #214 and the York Rite and Scotish Rite in Fort Wayne.

Roger and Marsha have four children: Andrea Lyn, born in Greenville, Illinois, 14 July 1965. After returning to Auburn, she graduated form DeKalb High School in 1983. She attended Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana for two years and one year at Indiana-Purdue in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her interests are softball, oil painting, and family; Nicole Susan, born in Greenville, Illinois, 24 October 1967. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1985 and was in the honor society four years. She was also the National Honor Society Vice-President in 1985. She was in German Club, volleyball, track and was on the second team All-Conference in 1983, in the 1600 relay team. She is attending Manchester College and is majoring in Psychology, minoring in business and speech communications. Her interests are music, poetry, fashions, dancing and sunbathing; Thaddeus Paul, born 3 July 1969, in Auburn, Indiana. His arrival was announced by fire crackers set off by his doctor in the yard of his grandparents. He was the first great grandchild of John J. Souder to be born in Auburn. He is attending DeKalb High School and will graduate in 1987. He has played trumpet since sixth grade and won first division award at the State solo contest in 1986. He has played trumpet in the marching, jazz and pep bands plus swing choir and symphony band. He is an honor student and plans to be a veterinarian. In 1984, he participated in a mission work trip to Henderson Settlement, Kentucky with the Youth Group from the First United Methodist Church, Auburn; Michael Nathaniel, born in New Orleans, Louisana, 1 February 1977. He attended his first Mardi Gra Parade when he was one month old. He plays soccer, baseball, basketball and football. His hobbies are bike riding and swimming.

MARSHA ANN REYNOLDS, born in Auburn, Indiana 19 August 1944, daughter of Gerald Eldred and Edith (Ditton) Reynolds. Her father, born 25 May 1911, lived in Auburn most of his life, died 16 September 1960 and her mother, born 25 June 1916, in Fort Wayne. Paternal grandparents were Harley and Rosa (Mason) Reynolds. Paternal great grandparents were Melvin and Amanda Reynolds. She has three brothers: Jack Lee, of Auburn; Jerry Lynn, of Angola; and Gene, of Fort Wayne.

Marsha graduated from McIntosh High School, in Auburn, Indiana in 1962. She played in the band and was a flag bearer. Her hobby is playing bridge.

She went into Real Estate Sales and worked with ERA Realty, Coldwell Banker and Graber Realty.

MELONY KAY (SOUDER) RAMSEY, born to Paul and "Jennie" Regena (Warner) Souder, 27 March 1945, Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are John J. and Bertha (Wimer) Souder, of DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Eli and Celesta (Porter) Warner, of Leo, Indiana. She has two brothers: Roger Souder, of Auburn; and Dr. Mark Souder, of Auburn.

She was Miss Auburn, in 1962 and went on to the DeKalb County Fair contest, where she was fourth runner-up. She competed in the Miss America Pageant in DeKalb County and in her senior year, she participated in the Follies.

She graduated from McIntosh High School in 1963, attended Manchester College, House of Hedmark School of Dress Design, Fort Wayne Finishing School and Fort Wayne Bible School.

Her hobbies are singing, music, sewing, cooking, crafts, and raising her family. She won several awards for singing and sewing.

She was united in marriage to Randolph Lee Ramsey, of Youngstown, Ohio, 28 July 1968, at the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, Indiana. Randolph Lee Ramsey, born 24 July 1947, in Ansted, West Virginia.

The wedding was beautiful, after the ceremony and reception was over, they discovered everyone had left them with no transportation. They started walking down Seventh Street in their wedding gown and tux.

Randolph Ramsey Family

RANDOLPH LEE RAMSEY, born in Ansted, West Virginia, 24 July 1947, the son of Leroy K., deceased, and Martha A. Gray, they were both born in West Virginia. They moved their family to Youngstown, Ohio. Randy has five brothers, David B., Jeffery Rex, Gregory D., Leroy H., and Ernest A. and one sister, Romona G.

He graduated from Rayen High School, Youngstown, Ohio and from Fort Wayne Bible College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Training in 1971. He was associate Pastor at Brookside Evangelical Mennonite Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1969 to 1971.

He married Melony Kay Souder, daughter of Paul and Regena Souder, 28 July 1968.

They were called to join a group of team leaders for Greater Europe Mission, a two year project in Lille, France, in 1972 to 1973. At the end of 1973, they came home. They spent 1974 and 1975, as youth directors in Wauseon, Ohio at the Evangelical Mennonite Church. Then moved to Lafayette, Indiana to pastor at the Evangelical Mennonite Church there from 1975 to 1983. He is currently Vice President of the Surplus Store and Exchange, Main Street in Lafayette. They buy and sell gold, silver, diamonds, etc.

His hobbies are antiques, old coins, guns and he enjoys volleyball and racquet ball.

They have three children: Corey Nathan, born 5 May 1972 in Brussels, Belgium. He was six foot, three inches tall when he was fourteen years old, attending East Tipp Middle School, where he played basketball and was in track. In school choir, he received the outstanding vocalist award and a perfect score in school music competition. In Word of Life, he won in the state and regionals, allowing his the opportunity to go to the 1986 Word of Life National Contest in New York. His hobbies are track, basketball, singing, eating and girls. In 1981, at the age of nine, he had surgery for a rare disease, at Riley Hospital, Indianapolis. It was such a rare disease that only three other children in the United States were known to have it; Chad Matthew was born in Lille, France, 4 April 1973. He goes to East Tipp Middle School. His hobbies are writing, painting, building, arts, crafts, and playing the piano. He also was a ribbon in the school track competition; Amanda Dawn, born 6 December 1979, in Lafayette, Indiana. She enjoys gymnastics, playing piano, singing and friends.

Dr. Mark Souder Family

MARK STEVEN SOUDER, M.D., born 17 January 1950, Auburn, Indiana, son of Paul and "Jennie" Regena (Warner) Souder.

When he was six years old, the family moved to Woodcrest Addition, which was developed by his father. He soon helped to create tree houses, trails and huts in the woods. One Sunday afternoon while exploring, he became mired in the mud, up to his chest. After struggling and crying, the family dog, Lady, came barking to the back door to alert his parents to follow her. He was soon released by his father. This happened on what is now the street called Mark Drive.

He attended McIntosh High School from 1964 to 1967 and then was privileged to be one of the first graduates from DeKalb High School in 1968. He played trumpet in the marching band. He was a letterman in track, three years in low hurdles, relays and 400 yard dash. He was named to the National Honor Society.

Mark has been a private pilot since 1967 and made his first solo before he even had his driver's license.

He was an honor student and on the Dean's list at Manchester College, Indiana, 1968 to 1971. Then he attended Indiana University School of Medicine in 1971-1975. He was in the Residency Program in Fort Wayne Medical Educational Foundation, 1975 to 1978. He sat for two days of examination and passed the Family Practice Speciality Boards in 1978. Since then he has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

In July 1978, Mark started his Family Practice at DeKalb Medical Arts Center.

His hobbies are flying, woodworking, writing poetry and mushroom hunting.

He has served as president of DeKalb Medical Society, 1980 to present. Mark was Chief-of-Staff at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in 1981 and 1982. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, the Indiana Foundation for Medical Care, the Indiana Peer Review Organization, and President of the DeKalb County YMCA.

Several of his most important and favorite functions are DeKalb County Health Officer, 1979 to present, Federal Aviation Medical Examiner and Deputy Coroner of DeKalb County.

On 31 July 1971, at the United Methodist Church, Auburn, Mark Steven Souder married Bonnie Jean Lewis from Fort Wayne. She was born 14 January 1950, daughter of Clayton and Jean (Bowser) Lewis in Allen County.

She attended R. Nelson Snider High School and received the Mr. Mac award for outstanding female in the nineth grade. She also attended the Fort Wayne Community School of Practical Nursing, where she acquired her degree as a licensed practical nurse. At Indiana University, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

She worked at Parkview Hospital for three years, Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis for four years and was Regional Director of American Diabetes Association of Northeast Division for three years.

Her hobbies are gourmet cooking, entertaining and racquetball.

Mark and Bonnie are the parents of two children: Marla Jean, born 5 April 1979. When she was eighteen months old, she fell from a piano bench into the paws of their dog, Babe, breaking her arm. This was on Christmas Eve. Her father set this fracture himself. She likes reading, swimming and goes to McKenney-Harrison School; Matthew Eli Lewis Souder, born 7 April 1982, Auburn. His hobbies are biking and tumbling.

John and Esther Springer

JOHN H. SPRINGER, born near Auburn, 12 May 1898 and died 12 December 1972, the son of Malvern and Laura (Carper) Springer. John resided in or near Auburn all of his life. His sisters were: LaVon Livergood; and Violet Carmer.

He married Esther May Souder, born 18 January, 1905 died 1 October 1972, daughter of John O. and Bertha Souder.

John was one of the first to enlist in WW I, at the age of seventeen and served as a motorcycle messenger to the front lines in France. He worked at the Auburn Automobile Company, for the Government at Knox, Indiana during WW II and at Auburn Gear and Foley Pattern Company until his retirement.

He was a member of DeKalb #214 Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite, also the Eastern Star.

Esther graduated from Auburn High School and was a member of the Eastern Star and a Literary Club. She was employed as a florist at Dennis Greenhouse. Her hobbies were flowers and composing both music and lyrics to many hymns as well as poems.

Both Esther and John attended the Baptist Church in Auburn where she was an organist. Their only child, June Violet Springer was born and died 6 February 1928.

WASHINGTON OBER TEETERS, born 22 February 1903, near Auburn, Indiana, the sixth child of Franklin Monroe and Amanda (Ober) Teeters. His brother and sisters were: Ida, Mary, Ruth, Ethalinda, Esther, Anna and Levi.

Washington graduated from Auburn High School in 1922 and attended Fort Wayne Business College. He was a member of DeKalb Masonic Lodge #214 for over fifty years and also the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Organization. He loved nature and maintained their farm in Grant Township for over fifty years. He was fond of his animals and displayed kindness and

Washington and Ruth Teeters

patience with them. He understood them and could sew up their cuts and once saved one of his horses by his own treatment after the veterinarian said he could not be saved. He owned a small herd of goats for over forty years.

He married Ruth Alice Souder, 18 June 1930. Ruth, born to John O. and Bertha (Wimer) Souder, on 6 April 1908 near Waterloo, having one sister, Esther and two brothers, Willis and Paul. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1925. She was Social and Educational leader of DeKalb County Farm Bureau for five years, president of Local Women's Christian Temperance Union and member of Grant Township Homemaker Club.

She worked in Market Research in Fort Wayne and as a receptionist in the office of Roger's Market. She retired as manager of a paint and decorating service in Auburn.

Her hobbies were refinishing furniture, flowers and birds, having had male and female cardinals in their house for four years, sewing, made hundreds of stuffed animals for the Curiosity Shop and friends.

Both Washington and Ruth are members of Maple Grove United Methodist Church and both were chartered members of the Northeastern Indiana Iris Society.

FRANKLIN MONROE TEETERS, was born 12 January 1859 and died 29 November 1930 on the farm west of Auburn which had been in the family since 1854. He was the son of Washington, born 6 October 1827, died 1 September 1885 and Ethalinda (Cupp) Teeters.

On 27 March 1890, he married Amanda Ober, born 27 October 1865 in Pennsylvania and died 4 January 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ober.

Franklin M. Teeters Family

Franklin was a farmer for several years and had a milk route in Garrett, operating it from a modern dairy house which he had built on the farm.

Their children were: Ida Elizabeth, born 26 March 1891, died 9 April 1978. She worked in Chicago most of her life and retired to Auburn in 1964; Mary Etta Shumaker, born 25 September 1893, died 14 June 1986, served around forty years in the school system of Branch County, Michigan; Ruth Belle, born 5 August 1895, taught elementary grades in Kellog, Idaho for thirty years, retiring to Kalamazoo, Michigan; Ethalinda Berneice Stroh, born 23 July 1899, was a librarian in Garrett and Kokomo for over thirty years; Esther Woodruff, born 9 August 1900, taught chemistry in Northwestern College in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Washington, born 22 February 1903, died 15 August 1986, was a farmer and factory maintenance; Anna Stella Ballard, born 3 March 1905, taught pattern making for women's dresses and did weaving; Levi Monroe, born 22 January 1908, died 23 September 1975, was an engineer on the B & O Railroad.

Mrs. Amanda Teeter's brothers and sisters were: Sabina Heitz, Ann Hanson, David Ober, Ida Yarde, Perry, Etta Gump, and Arthur.

Franklin's father, Washington, born in Stark County, Ohio, the son of Jonathan, born March 1796, died 8 August 1857 and Elizabeth (Roller) Teeters, born 7 September 1838 near Alliance, Ohio and was a member of the Presbyterian Church where she and her daughter, Anna, both joined about 1878. Washington had a brother, Isaac and two sisters, Mary and Catherine. On 9 August 1855, he married Lydia Houser, who died one year later. On 9 April 1858, he married Miss Roller. Their children were: Samuel, farmer of Tekonsha, Michigan; Josiah, math teacher, Portland, Oregon; Anna Hoffman, tutored students privately until eighty-nine years old; Lydia, principal of Riley School in Auburn; Isaac, and Mary Mountz, wife of attorney, Howard Mountz, who also did some teaching of elementary grades.

Jonathan Teeter's parents were Elisha, born 1762, died 1823 and Mary (Wilson) Teeters of Columbia County, Ohio. They moved into Green Township from Beaver County, Pennsylvania, just as it was being organized, they being the first family to live there.

Elisha fought in the battle of Brandywine under George Washington.

Willis and Marjorie Souder

WILLIS IRVEN SOUDER, born 2 July 1913 and died 25 April 1985. Willis was the third child of John O. and Bertha Souder.

His sisters were: Esther May Springer and Ruth Alice Teeters and one brother, Paul Jacob.

Willis graduated from Auburn High School in 1931 and married Majorie Bender of Bluffton, Indiana area 24 November 1936. He was a farmer and salesman for DeKalb Seed Corn Company for thirty-four years, having won two trips to Hawaii for his efforts. He also sold and serviced sewing machines. His hobbies were fishing and checker playing, once playing with the national champion and he had a draw game.

Their only child was William, born 2 September 1937 and married Edith Love of Butler, 2 March 1957. They have three daughters, all of whom live in Pennsylvania; Diana, born 3 March 1598, Doneta, born 2 April 1959 and Dorene, born 3 October 1960.

William is professor in School of Industrial Engineering in the University of Pittsburgh and Director of Technology Management and Studies Center.

John Wimer Family

JOHN WIMER. born 14 April 1858, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dolder) Saltzman Wimer of Huntertown, Indiana. He was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. His mother was of German descent, born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, daughter of Jacob Dolder, a seven foot tall man.

Elizabeth's first marriage was to Jacob Saltzman in Switzerland in the 1850's. She had a child born on the way to America which was buried at sea.

Mr. Saltzman contracted tuberculosis from helping with the sails during a storm on the way over and they and their three children who were born in Ohio went to the County Home, southwest of Auburn where he died. She had to work in the harvest fields until the last day he lived.

Her second husband was George Groshoff, they had one son.

Jacob Wimer was Elizabeth's third husband. He died in 1863, leaving her with John, less that five years old and Ella.

John Wimer married Alice, the daughter of Alonson and Sarah (Smurr) Coats, 28 December 1878. He was a hard worker and an adventurous man. They left the Butler area with daughter, Marguerite, for Wisconsin, where Bertha was born. Four brothers: Arthur, Ray, Carl, and Howard were born after they returned to the Waterloo area.

Mr. Wimer was known as the greatest potato raiser in DeKalb County. On 14 April 1904. He brought several bags of potatoes and his teenage sons, Arthur and Ray down Cedar Creek during high water in a row boat which the swift current carried them into a wire fence where there was just enough room for the boat to pass under and all were left behind. They escaped drowning by clinging to the fence until they reached the bank.

Mr. Wimer and Herman Brown operated a potato and onion storage in Auburn. John also owned several race horses, one "Potato Johnny," a rather ungainly looking animal outraced several horses in Fort Wayne, making it easy for him to command a good price for him. Another of his winning horses, Potato Jack, did very well. He was raised on grass and potatoes.

Mr. Wimer died, 29 November 1916, of a heart attack at the completion of a race with Lloyd Cochran.

Alice Wimer's mother was the third wife of Alonson Coats. She had a sister, Maggie, who died at the age of nineteen and a brother, Reuben, who died in 1918 at the age of sixty years. Their mother, Sarah, died at the age of thirty-seven years, when Alice was eight months old. Alice was put out to work when a small child, braiding straw for a milliner who mistreated her so badly that she was taken from her by the court.

Alice was an immaculate housekeeper and a joval, witty lady of Irish descent. Her main hobbies were needlework and fishing.

FRED KRUSE, born 3 October 1898, Auburn, Indiana, son of William and Ricka (Bartles) Kruse. His paternal grandparents were James and Caroline Kruse, who came from Germany. His maternal grandparents were Frederick and Marie Bartles, who came from Machlenburg, Germany.

Goldie (Gerig) Kruse, born 31 May 1901 in DeKalb County, Indiana, the daughter of Noah Moses Valentine and Mary Ann (Koble) Gerig. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph Gerig, and Amish Mennonite who came from Alcase, France and Sarah (Bowen) Gerig. Her maternal grandparents were John and Barbara (Goldsmith) Koble, of DeKalb County.

Fred and Goldie Kruse were married, 31 December 1921, in the present home of Virgil and Velma Gerig. Fred Kruse was a lifetime farmer in Jackson Township on the farm purchased by his grandfather, James Kruse. Goldie faithfully served him as a wife. She always had a nice vegetable and flower garden. They attended the Brush College Church of God, now called County Line Church of God. They were regular attenders and often had guest ministers at their home.

Fred and Goldie purchased their farm during the depression. Sometimes they made payments with eggs and farm produce. But, with hard work, conservative living and an understanding father whom they owed, they were able to survive the Depression.

Fred Kruse did not travel much. He spent most of his time on his farm which he ran in a very frugal manner. However, he did love fishing and would sometimes fish and entire day in a small rowboat with Goldie. They had fun taking their grandchildren with them. Goldie Kruse liked to travel and visit others. They went to several family reunions, such as the Fred Bartles reunion, the Goldsmith reunion, the James Kruse reunion, and various Gerig family reunions.

Fred started out farming with horses. Cars and tractors came later. He originally hesitated to use tractors because he thought the soil would be compressed too much and that there would be crops destroyed in turning corners with big machinery. In 1927, he purchased his first car, an Essex, from Harold Greenwood, on Harlan Road. He purchased his first tractor in 1934, an International Harvester Model F12 Farmal, from Eli Warner, in Leo, Indiana.

Fred Kruse had one sister Irene Kruse, who married Myron Witmer. Goldie had many brothers and sisters. Grace (Gerig) Hartung, Joe Forrest, Virgil and Leona (Gerig) Lung. Fred and Goldie had four children: Russell Wayne, Harold, Helen and Doris. Harold, died at the age of sixteen in a farm accident. Helen became a beautician, and Doris attended Anderson College and does secretarial work. Fred died 29 May 1982, and Goldie died 8 November 1973.

RUSSELL WAYNE KRUSE, born 9 December 1922, son of Fred and Goldie (Gerig) Kruse. His paternal grandparents were William and Ricka (Bartles) Kruse. His maternal grandparents were Noah Valentine and Mary Ann (Koble) Gerig.

Russell won a DeKalb County Corn Husking Contest when he was in high school. He was a strong young man and enjoyed boxing as a pastime. He attended grade school at Jackson Township No. 9, a one room, brick schoolhouse. He then graduated from the Spencerville High School.

He was raised on a farm and went into farming himself. He lived with his family on a sand farm at Flint, Indiana, Steuben County, with holstein cattle from 1946-1951. In 1952, he graduated from Reppert's School of Auctioneering and became an auctioneer. This type of work turned out so well for Russell that he discontinued dairy farming and went full time in the auctioneering, realtor and appraiser work. In 1953, an office was opened in Auburn, making Russell the oldest practicing auctioneer in DeKalb County in 1986.

He married Luella Boger, born 20 July 1922, daughter of Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger, in DeKalb County. They had the following seven children: Dean V., realtor and auctioneer, married Carol Yoder; David A., attorney, married to Patricia A. Worsham; Derald D., attorney, married Jacqueline S. Weller; Dennis K., auctioneer and realtor, married Kay A. Yerden; Diann (Kruse) Ferris, a teacher and married to Steve Ferris; Daniel, auctioneer and realtor, married Candy Rink; and Debra Sue (Kruse) Shoaff, secretary, married to Mike Shoaff.

He has one stepson, Keven Bumgarner. He is presently married to Laura Sowles, daughter of Don and Mary Sowles. Laura, attends Indiana University, Fort Wayne Campus. She likes music and plays the clarinet. She manages a rental property and plans to enter the business community.

Russell's hobbies include hunting and fishing. He purchased a boat before his father, Fred Kruse, died and they had several years of fishing together. He usually keeps fox hounds and especially enjoys hunting during the winter snows when tracking is easier.

Russell attended the Brush College Church of God, now County Line Church of God. He also raised his children in the Church of God, headquartered in Anderson, Indiana. He presently attends the Nazarene Church in Auburn, Indiana.

Russell and his son Dean V. were the initiating auctioneers of the annual ACD Auction, held in Auburn on Labor Day each year. This event and the accompanying activities attract over 100,000 attenders each year.

DEAN V. KRUSE, born 21 September 1941, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Russell and Luella (Boger) Kruse. His paternal grandparents are Fred Kruse and Goldie (Gerig) Kruse. His maternal grandparents are Lester Boger and Lazeal (Witt) Boger.

Carol Kruse, born 15 July 1942, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Lawrence Yoder and Evelyn (Martin) Yoder. Her paternal grandparents are Solomon Yoder and Mary (Neuhouser) Yoder. Her maternal grandparents are Frank Martin and Pearl (Mertz) Martin.

Dean and Carol married 26 June 1960, in a Methodist Church in Leo, Indiana. They now attend the County Line Church of God. They have two children: Mitchell, born 19 July 1965 and Stuart, born 22 October 1972. Mitchell Kruse graduated from DeKalb High School, at Waterloo Indiana and married Susan Dangler, on 4 August 1984. Susan plans to be a teacher and Mitchell is pursuing the profession of auctioneer and real estate broker. Both Susan and Mitchell attended the I.U.P.U. Campus in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dean and Carol both attended Leo High School at Leo, Indiana. Carol Kruse was salutatorian of her class. Dean was auctioneering before he graduated from high school. He was chosen for Boy's State which sparked his early interest in politics. He was president of his class at high school. After graduation, he became precinct committeeman of the Republican Party, and later county chairman. He also served as State Senator from 1966 to 1970.

When Dean Kruse was elected State Senator in 1966, he was one of the youngest in the history of the State of Indiana. He was elected the Nation's youngest Republican County Chairman in 1964. He was Congressional District Chairman in 1967 and was elected Joint Chairman of the Senate-House Transportation Committee in 1968.

Dean began his auctioneer and real estate business under his father's tutelage. He attended the Reppert School of Auctioneering. Dean and his father, Russell Kruse, were the initiating auctioneers for the annual Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg auction in Auburn, Indiana, which grew into a nationally known event for antique car enthusaists. Dean also associated with I.T.T. Thorp Corporation in a Kruse International auction company. He helps in conducting auctions in various parts of the United States.

Dean Kruse has held every office in the Indiana Auctioneers Association including the office of State President, which under his direction more than tripled the state membership from 22% of Indiana Licensed Auctioneers as members to 67% as members.

Dean is an Indiana ''Sagamore of the Wabash'', a ''Kentucky Colonel'' and a member of the Governor's Nebraska Navy.

Carol Kruse is a faithful and supporting wife. She teaches a Sunday School class for toddlers at the County Line Church of God. Carol is also active in the Bloomin Buds, a DeKalb County homemakers club. Dean gives her credit for any good he's accomplished because of her support and encouragement.

Dean and Carol enjoy the 500-mile race at Indianapolis, Indiana. For many years he has organized a trip to the race, accompanied by friends and family. Sometimes he rents a bus for the event.

Life is not free of controversy and challenge, but Dean endeavors to face life's problems as opportunities and is an encouragement to many who know him.

DAVID A. KRUSE, born 22 March 1943 in Auburn, Indiana, son of Russell Wayne and Luella (Boger) Kruse. His paternal grandparents were Fred and Goldie (Gerig) Kruse. His maternal grandparents were Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger. He graduated from Leo high School, Leo, Indiana, in 1961. He graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, with an A.B. Degree in 1965, and from Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, with a J.D. Degree in 1968. He is senior partner in the law firm of Kruse, Kruse & Cherry, Attorneys. This firm consists of David Kruse, his brother, Derald D., and Paul R. Cherry.

David married Patricia Ann Worsham, in 1966. They have one son, Andrew David, born 22 May 1973. Andrew attended grade school at Faith Christian Academy.

Patricia Ann Kruse, born 1 November 1943, daughter of Roy Worsham and Marie Worsham. Her paternal grandparents were Alfred and Nellie (Hall) Worsham. Her maternal grandparents were Erwin and Agnes (Bodey) Klingaman. An ancestor of the Bodey family was in the Revolutionary War. And, an ancestor of the Worsham family was reported to be a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Patricia Worsham's great, great, great grandfather was Jeramiah Worsham, Sr., and his wife, Nancy (Fullin) Worsham, are listed as being certified to be in the Society of Indiana Pioneers. They settled in Fayette County, Indiana in 1811.

Patricia Worsham graduated from Indiana University and became a licensed teacher in Indiana. She received a Master's degree from St. Frances College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She taught English, but also enjoyed library science. She helped in building a library at the County Line Church of God. Pat was a lover of nature and animals. She liked to hike in naturalistic settings of state parks and to travel in the hills of southern Indiana. Her grandfather, Alfred Worsham, raced trotter horses, and her uncles, Harold and Everett Worsham, train and race trotter horses for sulky racing.

David and Patricia attended the County Line Church of God. David occasionally taught Sunday School classes. He enjoys the hobby of magic and appreciates a good puzzle.

DERALD D. KRUSE, born 31 August 1944, at Souder Hospital, son of Russell Wayne and Luella M. (Boger) Kruse. He has four brothers and two sisters: Dean, David, Dennis, Daniel, Diann and Debra. His paternal grandparents were Fred and Goldie (Gerig) Kruse. His maternal grandparents were Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger.

Jacqueline Kruse, born 1 February 1946, at Garrett Hospital, daughter of Miles Weller and Helen Louise (Wilson) Weller. She has two sisters and one brother: Sharon Weller, Rebecca Schanke and Greg Weller. Her paternal grandparents were Frank E. and Clara E. (Sloffer) Weller. Her maternal grandparents were Aubrey (Sam) and Wilma (Latson) Wilson.

Derald and Jackie Kruse, married at County Line Church of God, 29 August 1965. They have three children: Shannon Elaine, born 14 November 1969; Dane Alan, born 31 May 1974; and Janelle Ranae, born 19 June 1982. Shannon is involved in volleyball at Faith Christian Academy, where she is also on the yearbook staff. Dane is on the basketball team at FCA.

Derald Kruse graduated from Leo High School, where he was president of his class for four years and played basketball. He graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1966 with a B.A. in political science and was honored with the Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from the I.U. Law School at Bloomington with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Derald is now a partner with the Kruse, Kruse and Cherry law firm in Auburn, Indiana. He is a member of the DeKalb County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association and the Christian Legal Society.

Jackie Kruse graduated from Garrett High School in 1964. She was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. She attended Anderson College for one year. She graduated from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1968 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She has a M.S. in education. She was a member of Phi Lambda Theta.

The Derald Kruse family attends the County Line Church of God, where they are very active. Derald teaches a Sunday School class and leads a Discipleship in Training class. Jackie is a member of the Adult Choir and teaches a weekly women's Bible Study.

Derald and Jackie reside at Rural Route 2, Auburn, Indiana.

DANIEL J. KRUSE, born 16 March 1950, at the Cameron Hospital, Angola, Indiana. Candace (Candy) S. Kruse, was born 27 March 1950, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Daniel J. Kruse, son of Russell Kruse and Luella (Boger) Kruse. His paternal grandparents were Fred and Goldie (Gerig) Kruse. His maternal grandparents were Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger.

Candace S. Kruse is the daughter of Robert and Josephine Rink. Her paternal grandparents were William and Olive "Peg" Chorpenning, Auburn, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Carl and Kate Ramsay, Auburn, Indiana. Kate Ramsay, born 14 January 1891 and died 28 August 1986 at the age of 95 in Cameron Hospital, Angola, Indiana. Kate married Carl L. Ramsay in 1913 in Flint, Michigan. Carl, born 29 August 1892, died in May, 1959. He had retired from GE in 1958.

Commodore William Chorpenning, born 28 June 1898 and died in 1971. He lived in Auburn and was a shipping clerk at Warner Gear. Olive "Peg" Chorpenning, born 12 October 1905, and died in 1975.

Robert Rink, born 16 September 1923 and

lived in Auburn. He served Army duty from 1943 to 1946 as a railroad engineer, stationed in England, France, Belgium, and Holland. He worked at Dana, Auburn, for 28 years and retired in 1982. Josephine Rink, born 26 April 1924 and worked at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, for 18 years. She retired in 1984. Josephine and Robert attended Auburn High School and were married 18 January 1942.

Daniel and Candy Kruse both graduated from the first graduating class from the DeKalb Central School in 1968. Candy was a cheerleader. Daniel played on the basketball and football teams receiving honorable mention as All State Football Player and the First String All Conference. Candy attended IU for 1 1/2 years with 6 months at Bloomington, Indiana where she roomed with Diann (Kruse) Ferris. Daniel attended the IU Extension, Fort Wayne, Indiana for one year and served in the Air National Guard for 6 years, as Air Traffic Controller. He is also a graduate of the Certified Auctioneer Institute at IU, Bloomington. He grew up in an auctioneer's family, including his father, Russell Kruse, and brothers, Dean and Dennis Kruse. He was a partner in Kruse Classic Auction Company for ten years.

Daniel and Candy were married in 1970 at the Auburn Presbyterian Church by Reverend William Heimach. They have three children: Tiffany Ann, born 22 January 1971; Tedra Jo, born 19 January 1973; and Tara Danielle, born 18 March 1974.

Daniel and Candy lived in Auburn until May 1980, when they moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico. Then, they moved to Texas in December 1980, living in Tyler until January 1985, when they moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Tiffany Kruse swims for her high school swim team and was a member of the National Honor Society as a freshman. In her sophomore year, she was elected student representative for student parliament. Tedra Kruse swims 8-10 miles a day. She is one of the top girl swimmers in Texas, winning the Junior Olympic Meet for her age group in both short and long courses. Her relay team was 5th in the National Swim Meet for 13-18 year olds. Tara Kruse won a junior high math award when in the 6th grade and enjoys playing the piano and playing basketball.

Daniel Kruse is a partner in the Superior Auctioneers and Marketing Company with Gary Bergman and Craig Cannon. It is the leading energy auction company in the world. Daniel sells oil well equipment and energy-related equipment. He was written up in the U.S. Today in a 1986 feature article. He also occasionally helps his brother Dean V. Kruse in auctions, including regular assistance at the annual ACD Auction, Auburn.

Candy Kruse is a housewife and is on the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Aquatic Club in Texas, where she serves as its secretary.

The Kruses attend the Cornerstone Church, San Antonio, Texas, a non-denominational church. They testify to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Daniel was raised in the Anderson Church of God movement. Candy was raised in the Findlay, Ohio Church of God movement. Daniel is also a lay minister.

MICHAEL SHOAFF, born 26 November 1957, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Robert Earl and Joan Dorothy Shoaff. His paternal grandparents were Ralph and Charlotte Shoaff, descendants from Germany. His maternal grandparents were Carl and Dorothy Vordran, descendants from Germany.

Debra Kruse, born 4 October 1954, Auburn Indiana, daughter of Russell Kruse and Luella (Boger) Kruse. Her paternal grandparents were Fred and Goldie Kruse. Her maternal grandparents were Lester and Lazeal Boger.

Michael and Debra, married 23 June 1984 at the St. Vincent Catholic Church on the Auburn Road in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Debra was raised in DeKalb County and attended DeKalb Central High School, and graduated from Northside in 1973. Mike attended St. Vincent Grade School and graduated from Leo High School, Leo, Indiana, in 1976.

Mike attended I.U.P.U. and works at Auto-Jectors at Albion, Indiana, as design engineer. Debra took two classes at Fort Wayne Bible College and does secretarial work at Precisioneering in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mike and Debra purchased a house in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mike enjoys weight-lifting. Debra enjoys reading and crocheting.

Debra had five brothers and one sister: Dean, David, Derald, Dennis, Diann (Kruse) Ferris, and Daniel. Mike has two brothers and two sisters: Robert Jr., Diann (Shoaff) Mock, Janet (Shoaff) Shamo, and Thomas.

STEVE FERRIS, born 1 February 1948 at Garrett, Indiana. His parents are Robert Van and Betty Lois (Baker) Ferris. His paternal grandparents were James J. and Mabel K. (Huffman) Ferris. His maternal grandparents were James and Pearl Baker.

Diann (Kruse) Ferris, born 22 February 1948 at Garrett, Indiana. Her parents are Russell Wayne and Luella M. (Boger) Kruse. Her paternal grandparents were Fred and Goldie (Gerig)

Kruse. Her maternal grandparents were Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger.

Steve Ferris graduated from Angola, Indiana High School in 1966. He joined the Navy in 1966 and served four years active duty and two years reserve duty as 2nd Class Bailer Technician. He worked for AWD, Incorporated and Kruse Manufacturing in Auburn. He now is owner of Encan Gauthier, Incorporated in Dowal Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Diann Ferris graduated from Auburn High School in 1966. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Campus Life, and Future Teachers Association. She was Year Book Editor and was vice president of FHA. She graduated from IU Bloomington in 1971 with a B.S. degree in Education. She was a member of Inter Varsity Fellowship and the Home Ec Club. She received her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Purdue University in 1977. She taught Home Ec at the DeKalb High School for nine years.

Diann is a member of the DKG Honor Society for Women Educators. Steve is a member of the Canadian Auction Association and is one of the few bi-lingual auctioneers in North America.

Steve and Diann Ferris moved to Hudson, Quebec, Canada in 1982.

Steve and Diann, married 21 December 1969 at the County Line Church of God. They have three children: Jade Marie, born 12 May 1978; Thatcher James, born 5 April 1981; and Jacob Robert, born 25 February 1984. Jacob Robert is a dual citizen of the United States and Canada.

Lester and Lazeal Boger

LESTER ELMER BOGER, born 31 January 1899, at Auburn, Indiana, the son of William Franklin and Serena Maple (Warner) Boger. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Susan Alice (Betz) Boger. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary Ann (Flanagan) Warner, who came from Ireland at the age of five. Mary Ann's parents were John and Alice (Murphy) Flanagan. Daniel's parents were Obediah and Lydia (Markle) Boger and his paternal grandparents were George John and Mary (Faust) Boger, who was born in 1775 in Pennsylvania.

Lazeal (Witt) Boger, born 20 February 1899 at Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Charles and Dora Elizabeth (Thomas) Witt. Her paternal grandparents were Joachim and Mary Nee (Lambach) Witt, who immigrated from Germany in 1865 and settled in Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Frank and Margaret (Carmer) Thomas.

Lester and Lazeal were married, 28 February 1921 at DeKalb County, by Reverend Joe Ferguson, in his home. Lester graduated from Auburn High School and attended DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. Lazeal graduated from the eighth grade from a county school called Carmer's School.

Lester lived on an eighty acre farm east of Auburn. He raised hybrid seedcorn which was sold across Indiana. He was certified by Purdue University. He was active in Farm Bureau Co-op and Production Credit Association. He was also secretary of the DeKalb County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for over twenty years.

Lester enjoyed collecting things. He clerked at auction sales for several local auctioneers, including his son-in-law, Russell Kruse. He enjoyed making wooden puzzles.

Lazeal was active in the culinary division of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair, where she entered the contests and frequently won prizes. She was an adult leader in 4-H and participated in home demonstration clubs.

Lester and Lazeal attended the Christian Church in Auburn. They held offices as church treasurer. Lazeal was deaconess.

They had three children: Luella Maurine, born 20 July 1922. She married Russell Kruse, 16 February 1940 and they have seven children: Dean, David, Derald, Dennis, Diann, Daniel and Debra. She was a housewife and did abstracting work. Her second marriage was to Bud Brand, Jr., 5 December 1970. She presently is secretary for the Sherman Street Church of God in Fort Wayne. Bud is a boiler maker and has three children: Brenda, Amy and Valorie. Bud and Luella travel with Project Partner with Christ work camps in Central America and South America and in the Caribbean; Lawrence LeRoy, born 26 September 1923 and attended Purdue University. He was in the Army in WW II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, where he was wounded. After finished his education, he later became Dean of Agriculture Department at

Michigan State University, later became President of Oklahoma State University. He married Frances Wilbur, 2 September 1945 and they have two children: Dick and Judy; Lenora Loree, born 6 August 1927, she graduated from Purdue University in 1949 and became a home demonstration agent. She married Donald Johnson on 7 October 1950, after which she became an adult 4-H leader for ten years. They have four children: Cathie, Jeffrey, Lorie and Kent.

Lester died, 16 March 1972 and Lazeal died, 16 September 1973.

Donald Lee Family

DONALD A. LEE, born 17 June 1923, near Van Wert, Ohio. He is the 12th of 14 children born to John A., a native of Harlan County, Kentucky and Myrtle (Hardin) Lee, a native of Wood County, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Joshua and Suzanne (Watkins) Lee, who were married in Lee County, Virginia, in 1867. Maternal grandparents are James and Lucina (Bordner) Hardin, native of Ohio.

Moving from Ohio to Allen County, Indiana, before becoming residents of DeKalb County, Indiana where his family resided and farmed 160 acres west of Cedar Creek.

Here, Don attended #6 school grades 3 to 7. It was located in Butler township. Mrs. Nellie Moree, was teacher and custodian of the one room brick school. As there was no bussing, he walked 1 1/2 miles to and from school each day.

In 1938, Don's father purchased and moved on a 90 acre farm in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County located across from Norris Chapel Church where Don was baptised and a member. Again he walked several miles to attend grades 7 and 8 at Moores school, where Mrs. Miller was the teacher. The school still remains at Mooresville, but is no longer used as a school. After attending Butler High School, he joined the U.S. Armed Forces in 1943, serving in the Anti-Air Craft Division, and active duty in the European Theatre during WW II.

October 18, 1943, while on a three day pass from Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, he and Lucille Grogg were united in marriage in the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana. Lucille is the 3rd of 4 children born to Elmer and Anna (Schuster) Grogg. Her paternal grandparents are Peter and Mary Jane (Baker) Grogg of Union Township. Maternal grandparents are George and Ella (Wherly) Schuster, of Smithfield Township.

Lucille attended 8 years of grade school at East Richland School in Richland Township. The school was a more modern school, having a furnace, two class rooms and a library. Two busses (hacks) hauled the children to school. Teachers during my attendance there were Rosa Poer, Edith (Reeder) Grosvenor and Bert Kepler. Carl Stallman, was County Superintendent. After the dreaded year-end exams, we looked forward to the last day of school, (which was always in April) to a big carry in dinner with our parents, after which, the students entertained the parents with a program of skits and songs.

After graduating from the Auburn High School in 1942, Lucille was employed as an operator by Indiana Bell Telephone Company (then located on West 8th Street, above City National Bank). She remembers her starting pay was $10.00 a week, and because of WW II, they were frozen to their job there.

Don and Lucille are retired and Masco Corporation (Rieke Corporation) and living on their farm in Jackson Township.

They are the parents of Joseph Lee and Joy Lee both of Jackson Township, and the grandparents of Benjamin and Marci Pomeroy and Joshua and Jamie Lee.

JOSEPH ALLEN LEE, born 13 December 1948, son of Donald A. and Lucille (Grogg) Lee. Paternal grandparents are John and Myrtle (Hardin) Lee. Maternal grandparents are Elmer and Anna (Schuster) Grogg.

Joe, attended the Harrison and McKenney Junior High School in Auburn, graduating from the Auburn High School in 1967, the last graduating class from that school.

In 1967 and 1968, he attended Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, graduating from International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1970.

16 October 1971, Joe and Cindy K. Woebbeking were united in marriage in the Trinity Lutheran Church, in Auburn, by Reverend Lloyd Bickle and Reverend Paul Webber (Cindy's uncle). Cindy was born 14 November 1951, in the Woodburn area, to

Marvin and Marjorie (Hamm) Woebbeking, residence of CR 64, Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Walter and Paula (Werling) Woebbeking, natives of rural Woodburn, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Reverend Warren and Lelah (Smith) Hamm, also natives of Woodburn, Indiana.

Cindy moved with her parents to the Auburn area in 1962, where she attended the Auburn schools, graduating from the DeKalb High School in 1970.

Joe is employed in the Quality Control Division at the B.F. Goodrich Company in Woodburn, Indiana.

They reside in Jackson Township with their children: Joshua Joseph, born 29 May 1978 and Jamie Kristine, born 2 April 1980.

JOY ANNETTE (LEE) POMEROY, born 19 March 1950, Auburn, Indiana. She is the daughter of Donald A. and Lucille (Grogg) Lee. Paternal grandparents are John A. and Myrtle (Hardin) Lee. Maternal grandparents are Elmer and Anna (Schuster) Grogg.

Joy attended the Harrison and McKenney Jr. High School in Auburn, graduating from the DeKalb High School in 1968, the first graduating class from the new consolidated school.

On 25 November 1968, Joy and Jeffery Allen Pomeroy were united in marriage in the United Methodist Church, Auburn, Indiana. Reverend Stanley Tobias presided.

Jeff is the son of Clair and Molly (Watson) Pomeroy, resident of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Samuel and Bertha (Metcalf) Pomeroy. Maternal grandparents are Percy and Grace (Foster) Watson, of London, England.

Jeff was born 30 September 1949, in Auburn, Indiana. He attended Auburn schools, graduating in 1968 from DeKalb High School. Jeff and Joy were school mates through out their school years.

Jeff is employed at Auburn Gear, and Joy is employed at Dot Corporation in Auburn.

They are the parents of Benjamin Lee, born 25 November 1975 and Marci Elizabeth, born 21 October 1978.

RAYMOND LEWIS MOUGHLER, born in Butler, Indiana 26 June 1930 to Ralph Lewis and Fern Alto (Krick) Moughler. He attended Butler schools and graduated in 1949. In 1951, he entered the military service. During that time he served in Korea. On 6 February 1952, he married Onalee Ida Knox who was born 25 October 1931, north of Butler to Hollis Audrey and Gail Marie (Hamilton) Knox. Onalee attended many grade schools in the county and graduated in 1950 from Butler High School. They have four children, all of which were born in Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett. Darlyn Rae, born 14 September 1952; Michelle Lee, born 24 March 1954; Kevin Lewis, born 26 June 1955; and Keith Meryl, born 19 October 1957.

The family lived in Butler on Pearl Street until 1962, Labor Day when they moved to Waterloo.

Raymond worked for General Telephone from 1951 to 1960 at which time he went to work for the Waterloo Telephone Exchange. In 1970, General Telephone bought Waterloo Telephone and Raymond went back to work for General Telephone Company where he is still employed. Onalee worked part-time for Waterloo Telephone and in 1974 went to Angola with General Telephone, where she is still employed.

Raymond is active in the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department, having served as Assistant Chief and now serving as Captain. He has service of 31 years with the Butler and Waterloo Departments. He was active in Boy Scouts and Waterloo Athletic Association when the boys were growing up. Onalee was active in the Home Demonstration Clubs in DeKalb County for 12 years, having served as County President. She is active in the Firemen's Auxillary, DeKalb County Republican Womens Club, teaches Sunday School and sings in the Waterloo United Methodist Church Choir. She is treasurer of the Womens Society of the Church. Raymond and Onalee are both members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. They enjoy their grandchildren and like to travel. They like living in Waterloo.

COY LANE CHARLESWOOD, born in Auburn, 26 July 1952, to Robert Burdett and Lois Gertrude (Creager) Charleswood. He attended Ashley schools and graduated form DeKalb High School in 1970.

On 26 June 1976, in Waterloo he married Darlyn Rae Moughler, who was born 14 September 1952, in Garrett, to Raymond Lewis and Onalee Ida (Knox) Moughler. Darlyn attended Waterloo Schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970. She attended Parisian Beauty College in Fort Wayne and opened Dar Lynn's Beauty Salon in September 1972, which is now located in their home.

They have 3 children: Brooke Michelle, born 22 August 1977 in Auburn; Amanda Marie, born 31 December 1979 in Auburn; and Bradely Ryan, born 22 February 1984, also born in Auburn.

Coy has worked at Warner Gear and now is presently employed at DeKalb Molded Products in Butler. They attend the Waterloo United

Methodist Church where they are very active. They girls are now playing softball and Coy is coaching. They enjoy most sports and enjoy doing them as a family.

EDWIN ROY MC DOWD JR., born 8 February 1960, to Betty Jane Storms in Jacksonville, Florida. Ed graduated from DeKalb High School in 1978.

On 6 November 1982, he married Michelle Lee Moughler who was born 24 March 1954 in Garrett to Raymond Lewis and Onalee Ida (Knox) Moughler. Michelle attended Waterloo Schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972. Michelle is head cashier at Sutton's Markets in Waterloo where she has been employed for 13 years.

Twin sons were born to Ed and Michelle on 6 February 1984, Joshua Roy and Justin David. On 7 February 1984, Justin David died in Neo-natal Intensive care unit in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On 19 September 1985 a little girl, Abbey Marie, was born in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana.

Ed is currently employed at I & M Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana in their Computer-Aid Design Department.

They attend Reed Road Church of Christ in Fort Wayne.

Ed and Michelle and family make their home in Waterloo.

KEVIN LEWIS MOUGHLER, born 26 June 1955 in Garrett to Raymond Lewis and Onalee Ida (Knox) Moughler. He attended Waterloo Schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973.

On 1 May 1982 he married Janet Tionette McKown who was born 3 February 1960, in Fairbanks, Alaska to Larry Lee and Florence Janette (Atchison) McKown. Janet attended Eastside High School and Graduated in 1979. Janet has worked as a painter at DeKalb Molded Products for 7 years.

Kevin and Janet have a son, Jacob Lewis Moughler, born in Auburn on 11 January 1984.

Kevin worked at DeKalb Molded Products in Butler as Head Maintenance and Foreman, on 1 June 1986, he accepted employment with Vulcraft in St. Joe.

Kevin has been a member of the Waterloo-Grant Township Volunteer Fire Department for 9 1/2 years, where he is now serving as Fire Chief in his 3rd year.

Their home is in Waterloo, Indiana.

KEITH MERYL MOUGHLER, born 19 October 1957 in Garrett to Raymond Lewis and Onalee Ida (Knox) Moughler. He attended Waterloo Schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1976.

On 18 September 1982, he married Elizabeth Ann Rhodehamel who was born 19 August 1959, in Auburn to Charles Zane and Marsha Joan (Williams) Rhodehamel. Elizabeth attended Garrett schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1978. Elizabeth works at Hook's Drugs for 7 years and now enjoys working part-time and staying home with their son, Jonathon Dane Moughler, born in Auburn on 13 September 1984.

Keith works for Assman Corporation of America in Garrett where he is a professional rotational molder. He is also a member of the Waterloo-Grant Township Volunteer Fire Department, where he is a Lt. and Classified as a first class instructor through the State of Indiana fire education, in the fire service. He is also a Basic Life Support Instructor. He has been with the fire department for 7 years.

They are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. They enjoy spending time in the outdoors and with their families.

Winford Nessel Family

WINFORD A.S. NESSEL, born 29 August 1910, in a farm house two miles south of Corunna, Indiana. He is the only son of William C. and Elizabeth Nessel.

His paternal grandparents were Johannas and Charlotte (Backman) Nessel, of Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Neither grandparent was more than fourteen years old at the time they immigrated to America, in the 1830's, with a flock of young Lutherans. They settled originally in Hamilton County, Indiana, before moving on to the newly opened wilderness of DeKalb County.

His maternal grandparents were Christian and

Josephine (Steinmetz) Mangold. They immigrated in the 1840's from Munsingen, Wurttemberg, when sixteen years old. They settled in the predominantly German community in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Winford grew up on the farm on which he now resides. Upon graduating from Garrett High School, in 1928, he worked as an auto mechanic in a Chicago garage and Auto Supply store at $2.50 per day. He attended Purdue University, with the class of 1933.

In 1940, during the tremendous expansion of the U.S. Military forces, he transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corp. In 1943, he was shipped to England for assignment to the 9th Air Force. Upon the invasion of the continent, he participated as a commander of an advance Air Borne Squadron, in the Normandy Campaign, Battle for northern France, the Ardennes Campaign and the battle for Central Europe. After the hostiles he remained in Berlin as a member of the occupation forces and returned to the USA in 1947, where he was re-assigned to Scott Army Air Field, as commander of a training squadron.

He met and married Ruth Marjorie Workman, at Scott Army Air Field. Ruth Marjorie was born at Fort Madison, Iowa, on 11 August 1921. She is the eldest of four daughters born to Edgar G. and Wilmoth (Forker) Workman. Winford and Ruth are the parents of five daughters and one son. The son graduated from Ohio State university, one daughter from Ball State and another daughter from Brigham Young University. They have ten grandchildren.

The family is scattered from Texas to Germany. In addition to their own family they have enjoyed the pleasure of hosting four exchange students. One from West Germany and four from Brazil. We have also had the good fortune of being able to visit each one in their native country.

KATHRYN L. MYERS, born in Waterloo, Indiana 21 May 1914. the daughter of Matilda Sophia (Link) and Joseph A. Giradot, who were both life long residents of DeKalb County.

Her father, Joseph Giradot, died of a stroke at home on 6 January 1930. Her mother died at the Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Avilla, Indiana 23 April 1968, at the age of 97. She had three brothers: Harry T., Corunna, Indiana; Justin D., Waterloo, Indiana; and Harold T., Auburn, Indiana. She also has two sisters: Ethel L. (Giradot) Cattell, Avilla, Indiana; and Louise A. (Giradot) Skelly, Waterloo, Indiana. Her sister and she are the only ones left. They both live in Waterloo, Indiana.

She married Calvin W. Myers on 28 May 1936, by Father Lawrence J. Weber at the Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn. To this union two children were born: Peggy Ann (Myers) Miller, of Waterloo; and Lee, married Sharon Ann Malone. They live in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Paul and Peggy Miller

PAUL E. MILLER, was born 6 February 1937, at Hudson, Indiana, lived near Story Lake. The son of Cecil Carl and Bessie Alice (Perkins) Miller. Paternal grandparents were Carlos and Margaret (Henry) Miller. Maternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary Alice (McClish) Perkins.

Peggy Ann Myers was born 18 October 1937, at Waterloo, Indiana. The daughter of Calvin William and Kathryn Lucile (Giradot) Myers. Paternal grandparents were Forrest Vernon and Effie Mae (Rowe) Myers. Maternal grandparents were Joseph and Matilda Sophia (Link) Giradot.

Paul and Peggy were married 14 September 1957, at Auburn, Indiana. Paul graduated from Ashley High School in 1955, Peggy graduated from Waterloo High School in 1956.

Paul is self employed at Miller Construction and Peggy is an Avon Representative. They attend the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, Indiana. Paul was on the Waterloo Fire Department for ten years, Police Reserves, Waterloo J.C., Civic Club, at present Lions Club member.

Paul has six brothers: Russel, Gene, Joe, David, Tom and Wayne, deceased. Four sisters: Marjorie, Barbara, Judy and Jane. Peggy has one brother, Lee Allen Myers.

They are the parents of three daughters: Cynthia Kay, Paula Ann and Regina Marie. Cynthia married William Bill Akey, Jr. Paula married Jeffery Allen Shipe, and Regina married Robert Ervin Krumma. They have three grandchildren, Wesley Michael and Carrie Jo Akey, and Heather Jo Shipe.

Harry Garman

HARRY GARMAN, born in Allen County, the first house south of the Allen-DeKalb County line on the Auburn-Fort Wayne Road to William and Mary Ellen (Reese) Garman in 1895. His father was William, the son of Enoch and Mary Ellen (Warner) Garman, Pennsylvania-Dutch immigrants. William was one of nine brothers and one sister who formed the Dutch Ridge community just south of the Allen-DeKalb County Line Road and had their own church, grocery, ice-house and saw-mill.

Harry remembers the Pony Express mail delivery which carried mail to the Garman store (Collingwood) and had a mail station at the Rowley farm across the county line in DeKalb County, the location which is now the Bergdall farm on Road 427.

Harry was present for the laying of the cornerstone of the DeKalb County Courthouse when he was fourteen years old.

Harry Garman and Mollie Schultz were married in 1917 and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in March 1982, before her death in September 1982. Mollie's parents, Fred and Lena (Koepke) Schultz had immigrated from Germany and were married in the United States in Garrett, Indiana. They lived with many relatives, German immigrants at Dutchtown, a German settlement in Garrett, Indiana's east side.

Harry was a farmer and rural mail carrier before retirement. His former farm is now the location of Indian Village east of Auburn.

Harry and Mollie had three children, Naomi (Garman) Heitz, Roeine (Garman) Miller, and Robert W. Garman who served in five major Marine Campaigns during WW II and is now deceased.

The Garman's present home is at 105 South Dewey Street in Auburn. He has resided in DeKalb County for sixty-eight years. At age ninety-one he lead a very active life, up until his death 3 December 1986.

Dale and Naomi Heitz

DALE HEITZ, born in November 1916 on a farm in Butler Township. His parents, now deceased, were Byrl and Una (Litsey) Heitz. His father, Byrl, lived his entire life in DeKalb County as a farmer, a shop foremen, and was later employed at the Culbertson Hardware in Auburn. Dale's mother was born in Larned, Kansas, and lived there until her marriage in 1914 to Byrl Heitz. They had two children, Dale and Doris (Heitz) French who lives in Faribault, Minnesota.

Naomi (Garman) Heitz was born in DeKalb County in March 1918 to Harry and Mollie (Schultz) Garman. Dale and Naomi both graduated from Auburn High School and were married in 1939. They are the parents of two daughters, Sue Ellen (Heitz) Berry who attended Indiana University and is an accountant living at Crooked Lake near Angola, Indiana and Jan Louise (Heitz) Burtch who attended Western Michigan University and graduated from Indiana University and is a teacher living in Doylestown, Ohio.

There are five Heitz grandchildren, Charis Berry, an honor graduate from Indiana University and Marine L/Cpl Craig Halliday, Syracuse, New York; also Brian Burtch, a sophomore at Bowling Green University in Ohio, Mollie Burtch, a High School Junior and record distance runner at Doylestown, Ohio High School and Carson Burtch in the eighth grade at Doylestown, Ohio.

Dale retired from Warner Gear in Auburn after thirty-three years of service in 1975 and was a Volunteer Fireman in Auburn for twenty-nine and a half years. Naomi retired from accounting for local firms and has been active in the building and assistance with the operation of the DeKalb County Animal Shelter. Both have lived their entire lives in DeKalb County. They reside in the home they built in 1950 at 919 East Fifth Street in Auburn and have done extensive traveling abroad and in all fifty states.

WELDON WALDO WEBSTER, born 10 August 1910 at his father's farm in Stafford Township, son of Clark Henry, born 13 April 1888, died 15 May 1947 and Una Burdell (Zuber) Webster, born 4 January 1891. His mother, Una Webster, age 95, still owns a small acreage in Stafford Township bordering the St. Joe River — a portion of the land originally settled by John Webster and his brother, Hazzard Webster, when they emigrated from Trumbull County, Ohio on 4 October 1836 and on which the Webster Saw and Grist Mill was located. His paternal grandparents were Henry David, born 1848, died 1919 and Mary (Bartholomew) Webster, born 1848, died 1920. His maternal grandparents were Lewis D., born 1867, died 1944 and Cora E. (Cook) Zuber, born 1873, died 1959 of Hicksville, Ohio. Weldon has one younger brother - Blaine Duane, born 11 February 1917.

Eula Amanda (Beerbower) Webster was born 26 February 1912 at her father's home on Arrowsmith Road, Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio. Her parents were Ora Orosco, born 1875, died 1954 and Leona Adele (Snyder) Beerbower, born 1880, died 1963. Her paternal grandparents were Peter and Mary (Clum) Beerbower, Scipio Township, Allen County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Alice (Wentworth) Snyder of Antwerp, Ohio.

Weldon and Eula were married 12 September 1931 in Auburn, Indiana. They were married over fifty five years. Both were graduates of Hicksville, Ohio High School in 1929. Weldon attended Tri-state college in Angola, Indiana, majoring in business and accounting. Upon graduating Eula lived and worked in South Bend, Indiana, doing secretarial work in an insurance and real estate office. After their marriage in 1931 Weldon continued with his college work for another year. On 21 December 1932, their son was born, Larry Duane Webster.

In 1934 Weldon secured employment in South Bend with Brodbeck Trucking Company and was immediately sent to Detroit as dispatcher and doing general office work. He later became terminal manager and held that position for 22 years. In 1956, Weldon moved to Maiers Motor Freight as terminal manager in Detroit. In his early career, he had several amicable encounters with the late Jimmy Hoffa, founder of the Teamster's Union in Detroit. This occurred in the tumultuous days of the Goon Squads and he survived the encounters.

Larry and his wife, Barbara (Burkheiser) Webster, have five children: Duane Clark, born in 1951; Dennis Neil, born in 1952; David Jeffrey, born in 1956; Diane Kay (Webster) Ottewell, born in 1959; and Donald Ross, born in 1971. Three of the children are married had have seven children. All presently reside in Southeastern Michigan.

Upon retirement in 1972, the Websters purchased a small acreage and the original homestead of Weldon's grandfather, Henry D. Webster, which was built in the 1860's. This was purchased from his cousin, Violet (Webster) Bathke. With some extensive renovation and refurbishing they have developed a pleasant oasis for family and friends alike.

Weldon's grandfather, Henry David Webster, at the time of his death in 1919 owned 300 acres of land in the vicinity. In 1909, he deeded approximately 50 acres of land to each of six children. Clark Webster, youngest son and father of Weldon, farmed all of the land for several years and in 1910, built a new home just north of the original homestead. Weldon was born and raised there and helped his father with farming and truck farming until 1934. Clark Webster was one of the original truck farmers in the community — raising melons, sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc. for market and selling door to door in various surrounding towns. His first vehicle for peddling was a horse drawn former hearse and later by a 1917 Model T Ford.

IRA C. WILLIAMS, born 6 September 1881, near Ari in Noble County to John D. and Mary Ann (Rinehold) Williams, farmers who moved to DeKalb County in 1882. They also were the parents of Olive, Stella, Grover and Harvey.

Living on the family farm near Cedar Chapel Church, Ira attended country school before becoming a farmer. In 1902, at Huntertown, he married Ida May Garman, born 4 February 1878 at the Dutch Ridge in Allen County. She was the daughter of William and Mary Etta (Reese) Garman.

Ira and Ida rented farms in DeKalb County, living longest on the U.Y.W. McClellan farm south of Auburn. In December of 1915, they bought the City View Farm just west of the Auburn city limits which in 1986 is the south side of the commercial development of State Road 8.

Mr. Williams was active in all farm organizations and the Democratic party. He led in developing a co-operative among farmers for shipping livestock and in forming the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. He was a long-time member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and enjoyed exhibiting his draft horses. During WW II, he served on the DeKalb County Selective Service Board. In his later years, he was a member of the Alcoholic Licensing Board and served as actuary for the DeKalb County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. He was clerk at auctions for his long-time friend, Ernie Turner. In 1948, he suffered a fatal stroke.

Active in the DeKalb Home Bureau, Ida Williams was a farm wife, serving often as a judge in the baked goods and canning divisions of the DeKalb County Fair. Making her home with her daughters, she lived to the venerable age of 90, dying in 1968.

Ira and Ida Williams were the parents of three children: Mary Pauline; Mildred Lenore; and a son who died shortly after birth.

MARY PAULINE WILLIAMS, born 18 September 1902 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Ira and Ida (Garman) Williams. Attended country and Auburn schools. A member of the girls' varsity basketball team, she graduated from Auburn High School in 1920.

After a short time working for the Auburn Post Card, she enjoyed a long career as supervisor of the direct mailing department of the Auburn Automobile Company. in 1924, she married Alvin (Fat) Wyatt of Angola. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1939.

Pauline became an employee of the Messenger Corporation where she served in several capacities including secretary to the president. Her employment at Messenger Corporation was interrupted by military service, when she volunteered for the Women's Army Corps in 1943.

She volunteered for overseas duty in the Pacific Theatre of Operations where she served as sergeant on New Guinea, the Southern Philippines and Luzon, compiling daily statistics on aircraft in the area. She continued her interest in the military as an active member of the DeKalb Post 97 of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

When she returned from overseas in 1945 and until her retirement in 1972, she continued to work for the Messenger Corporation. Always interested in sports, she enjoyed golf and bowling as well as spectator sports. Her death occurred 1 February 1981.

MILDRED LENORE WILLIAMS, born 6 January 1916 on the family farm west of Auburn, daughter of Ira and Ida (Garman) Williams. She attended Auburn schools graduating in 1933 before entering DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Graduating in 1937 with Phi Beta Kappa honors, she was president of the Association of Women Students and a member of the Mortar Board and Alpha Phi, social sorority.

After teaching one year at Ossian, Indiana, she returned to DePauw University as Assistant Registrar for ten years. When her father died, she returned to Auburn where she worked at the Messenger Corporation for one year and then began work at Dana Corporation-Auburn Plant from which she retired as Accounting Supervisor in 1978.

In Auburn, Lenore has been active in Alpha Phi and Associate Chapters of Tri Kappa, Business and Professional Women's Club, Kenwigs Literary Club and the Women's Committee of the ACD Museum.

Also she was a member of the DeKalb County Comprehensive Health Council at the time the EMS was initiated and the original organizing committee for the United Way. Serving on the Eckhart Public Library board of Trustees, she was named Indiana Outstanding Library Trustee in 1984.

The Williams family were Methodists.

Steve Carper Family

STEVE LEROY CARPER, born 16 July 1953 at Souder Hospital in Auburn, Indiana; the son of Arthur W. and Kathryn L. (Haifley) Carper. His paternal grandparents were Earl and Mary (Weeks) Carper. His maternal grandparents were Earnman and Alice J. (Keller) Haifley. Steve graduated from DeKalb High School in 1971. After graduation he was employed at the Auburn

Foundry, where he is now 2nd shift superintendent. He married Janet Annette Sowles.

Janet Annette Sowles, born 1 June 1952, at Sanders Hospital in Auburn, Indiana; the daughter of Dorsey D. and Viola R. (Purk) Sowles. Dorsey also was born in Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Jay and Nina (Collins) Sowles of Steuben County. Her maternal grandparents were Doyle W. and Elizabeth A. (Farlee) Purk of Payne, Ohio. Janet's paternal great grandparents were George B. and Sarah J. (Albright) Collins and Daisy F. (Sowles), Sattison, Deal. Daisy Deal and her father, Jonathon Frank Sowles lived on West 15th Street in Auburn, when J. Frank Sowles died on 3 March 1927. The Collin's and Albright's made several land purchases in DeKalb County back in the 1800's. Janet attended most of DeKalb County schools, but graduated from Hamilton High School in 1971, due to her parents moving. Janet was employed at City National Bank for 4 years, drove school bus for DeKalb Central 2 years and now is employed at the Auburn License Branch.

Steve and Janet Carper were married 20 October 1973 at Norris Chapel in DeKalb County. They have one son: Michael Wayne Carper, born 29 March 1974 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. They resided at Westedge Trailer Park, then moved south of Auburn, Indiana. They have been foster parents in DeKalb County since March of 1982. The Carper family attends the Auburn Missionary Church.

Carl Wilcoxson Family

CARL WILLIAM WILCOXSON, born 20 April 1911, at Bluffton, Indiana, the son of Jesse W., born 1887, died 1969, and Mary Elizabeth (Minger) Wilcoxson, born 1888, died 1958. His paternal grandparents are unknown. His maternal grandparents were John, born 1858, died 1928 and Theresa (Gerber) Minger,born 1863, died 1902. His maternal great grandparents were Michael and Elizabeth (Snyder) Minger. They immigrated from Switzerland in 1870. Carl had three brothers and two sisters: Harold; Ralph; Woodrow; Berneice; and Mary Jane.

Gladys Lucile Shoudel, born 10 August 1910 at a farm home in Jackson Township located at the corner of County road 35 and 60. The daughter of Michael J. Shoudel, born 1872, died 1953 and Alice Leora Carnahan, born 1880, died 1957. In 1914, Michael and Alice moved to the farm located at the corner of County Road 68 and 29 where they lived until their deaths. Her paternal grandparents were Michael J. Schaudel born in Germany 21 December 1827, died 1911 and Catharina (Klein) Schaudel born in Germany 20 December 1828, died 1914. Michael J. and Catharina were married in Germany, 6 March 1865. They migrated to America, 8 May 1869. Her paternal great grandparents were Johannes Franz (Fransica) Shaudel born in Germany 1787 and Magdalena Schmitt who died before the year 1855. Johannes and Magdalena were married 2 May 1814. Incidentally the original name Schaudel has been changed to Shoudel. Her maternal grandparents were John, born 1856, died 1932 and Lucy (Bowen) Carnahan, born 1858, died 1940. Her maternal great grandparents were Marvin L., born 1821, died 1890 and Thiposa (Strong) Bowen, born 1821, died 1885. Her paternal great grandparents were Samuel Smith, born 1824, died 1886 and Elizabeth (Holstein) Carnahan, born 1833, died 1918.

Carl and Gladys were married 7 July 1940, at a Parsonage in Allen County by the Reverend Von Chesterman. Carl was employed by the Kroger Company located on Glassgow Avenue in Fort Wayne, Indiana and later moved to Baer field from whence he took his retirement, 17 July 1971, after 35 years of service as a Receiving Clerk. Gladys was employed by the Auburn Greeting Card Company which later became Messenger Corporation from whence she took her retirement, 30 November 1980, after 48 years of service as a bookkeeper. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcoxson are the parents of two children, Gail Eugene, born 4 July 1947 and Wayne LeRoy, born 30 November 1948. Both sons served in the United States Air Force. Gail, four years as a Medic, his fourth year being in the Philippines at Clark Air Force Base, with a thirty day duty at Viet Nam. Wayne did not see foreign duty but was at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas.

Gail, unmarried is employed as a Pressman at Dot Corporation in Auburn. Wayne works at Dot Corporation as a Lighographer. Wayne and Audra Jean Sink were married 5 July 1974.

Mrs. Wilcoxson, son Gail, and sister Bertha Shoudel live on the farm originally owned by her grandparents, John and Lucy Carnahan and later by her parents Michael and Alice Shoudel. Mr. Wilcoxson died 6 March 1984.

HENRY ROOP, was born 30 June 1832, in Holmes County, Ohio. Margaret Libey, born in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Henry came to DeKalb County in May of 1848 with his parents. He had a brother, Dan Roop and two sisters: Lydia (Roop) Shadow and Betsy Ann (Roop) Chupp.

Henry and Margaret were married in 1852. Their home was in Fairfield Township on North East Corner of Bickles Corners.

To this union were born ten children: Rose, married John Deible, they lived in Kendallville, Indiana; George, married Agnes Fisher, they lived in the Story Lake area; Anna, married George Washington Chupp, they lived in rural LaGrange, Indiana; William, married Malinda Johnson, they lived in rural Auburn, Indiana; Frances, married Henry Ringler, they lived in the Story Lake area; Frank, married Emma Salina Talbert, they lived on a farm in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, Frances and Frank were twins; Jacob, married Janie Cox, they lived at Summit City, Michigan; Susan, married Thomas Kimes, they lived in Howe, Indiana; Wesley, married Mary Ann McEntaffer, lived in rural Waterloo, Indiana; Maude, married Elmer Gorrell, they lived in Hudson, Indiana.

Margaret (Libey) Roop had a brother, George Libey and sisters, Libby Libey, married Abe Zonker and Anna Libey, married David Leas.

Margaret Roop died in February of 1875 after the birth of their youngest daughter, Maude. Henry with the help of the older children was able to keep and raise his family together until they were married and established their own homes.

Henry spent his last years in the home of son, Frank, in Richland Township where he died, 28 February 1894. Margaret and Henry are buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

FRANK ROOP, born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana on 10 January 1865, son of Henry and Margaret (Libey) Roop. After the death of his mother, he worked and stayed in the home of James Johnson family in Richland Township, DeKalb County.

On 31 December 1887, Frank married Emma Salina Talbert, daughter of John and Sarah (Sebert) Talbert and granddaughter of Henry and Jedidah Sebert.

Frank and Emma built their home on thirty-nine acres in Richland Township. This was Emma's portion of the estate of her father, John Talbert. Four generations were born on this farm.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Roop were members of the Showers Corners United Brethren Church.

Frank was a farmer and also Supervisor of Roads, he was responsible for building and maintaining roads in Richland Township.

Emma, a housewife, was stricken with arthritis and later was confined to a wheelchair and crutches but with a very cheerful outlook on life. She loved to sew, crochet, did some knitting and kept a large correspondence with friends and relatives.

Frank had four brothers: William; George; Jacob; and Wesley Roop and five sisters: Rose Deible; Anna (Roop) Chupp; Frances (Roop) Ringler; Susan (Roop) Kime; and Maude (Roop) Gorrell.

Emma had a brother: Rollie Talbert and two sisters: Mary Ellen (Talbert) Reeder; and Henrietta (Talbert) Steckley.

Frank and Emma Roop have two children: Grace Ann Roop, married Henry Albert Roush, Grace born 3 October 1888, died 8 October 1975, Albert born 18 June 1893, died 12 October 1954; Murven Oston Roop, married Lura Jennette Cochran.

Frank Roop died 22 August 1930 and his wife, Emma (Talbert) Roop died 16 December 1943 and they are buried in the Sedan Cemetery.

MURVEN OSTON ROOP, born in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 11 May 1892, son of Frank and Emma (Talbert) Roop. Maternal grandparents, John and Sarah (Sebert) Talbert. Paternal grandparents, Henry and Margaret (Libey) Roop.

Lura Jennette "Jennie" (Cochran) Roop, born in Keyser Township, 12 February 1885, daughter of Joseph Petty and Mary Ellen (Miser) Cochran. Maternal grandparents, Peter and Elizabeth (Kissell) Miser. Paternal grandparents, Thomas and Amanda (Sain) Cochran.

Murven and Lura Jennette, were married 25 April 1912. Murven always worked with his father at farming, road building and maintaining. They received their education in the Richland Township and Keyser Township schools.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Roop were active members of the Showers Corners United Brethren Church, and later Maple Grove United Methodist. November 1915, Murven and Lura moved in with his parents on the same farm where both he and his mother was born. This farm being in Richland Township.

To this union were born five children: Treva C., married Mitchel J. Salyer, Treva, born 21

March 1913 and Mitchel, born 31 December 1911; Esther Gaynell, married Charles Edward Tuttle, Esther, born 18 July 1914, died 12 August 1985 and Charles, born 15 May 1910, died 18 November 1973; Mary Ellen, married Paul James McDonald, Mary Ellen, born 16 February 1916, Paul, born 16 February 1914; Oston Lloyd, married Grace Marie Weller, Oston, born 25 April 1918, Grace born, 10 August 1919; Joseph Franklin married Mary Virginia Shoudel, Joseph, born 7 March 1920, Mary, born 29 October 1921.

Murven had a sister, Grace (Roop) Roush and Lura Jennette had a sister, Loretta Belle Barton and a brother, Lloyd B. Cochran.

As was mentioned before, Murven and his father, Frank Roop, supervised roads in Richland Township, under the Township Trustee. Horse power and man power with road scrapers and gravel dump wagons and men with shovels loading the gravel wagons. In early spring, they would hire young men of the community to prepare the roads for the summer. Men with scythes would mow the road side ditches. All were farmers and farm boys and as soon as planting season arrived they were back to their farms and crops. through the summer especially after a good rain they would scrape and smooth the road beds. As an extra bonus and thank you to the men that worked with them they would have homemade icecream parties furnished by the Roop family and including the workers' girlfriends and families.

Murven was also a janitor for the East Richland school for several years.

Jennie died 13 August 1963, later Murven remarried to Mary A. Mamie (McLain) she died 30 November 1975, Murven Roop died 9 June 1980. Murven and Jennie are buried in the Sedan Cemetery.

MITCHEL J. SALYER, born 31 December 1911, in Johnson County, Kentucky, son of James Monroe and Laura Alice (Salyer) Salyer. His paternal grandparents were Hardy and Clarissa (Conley) Salyer. His maternal grandparents were Logan and Louraina (McKenzie) Salyer.

Treva C. Roop, born 21 March 1913 in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Murven Oston and Lura Jennette (Cochran) Roop. Her paternal grandparents were Frank and Emma Salina (Talbert) Roop. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph Petty and Mary Ellen (Miser) Cochran.

Mitchel's brothers were Noah Kendric, Jesse James, and William Virgil Salyer, his sisters were Louraina (Salyer) Collins, Zula Mae (Salyer) Castle, Bessie Lee (Salyer) Merryman and Lura Marie (Salyer) Streeter.

Treva's brothers were Oston Lloyd and Joseph Franklin Roop, her sisters were Esther Gaynell (Roop) Tuttle, and Mary Ellen (Roop) McDonald.

Mitchel received his schooling at Flat Gap, Kentucky and Treva at East Richland and McIntosh High School in Auburn, Indiana.

Mitchel came to DeKalb County from Union County, Ohio, in March of 1931 to work at the Auburn Automobile Factory. Treva was hired in May of 1931 and it was where they met.

Mitchel and Treva were married 21 July 1934 at the Methodist parsonage in Richwood, Ohio.

In 1935, Mitchel went to work at the Auburn Foundry. Treva worked at the Auburn Rubber Company in the late 1930's and also for the A and P grocery during WW II.

Mitchel went to work for Warner Gear of Auburn in August of 1941 and worked thirty-four years, retiring in June of 1975, he was a Tool and Gage Technician.

Both Mitchel and Treva are active members of Maple Grove United Methodist Church formerly the Showers Corners United Brethren Church, where Treva attended since she was three weeks old. Treva has also been a Volunteer Guild member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital since October of 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Salyer have one daughter, Victoria Lynn Salyer, born 1 February 1951. Victoria married Leeward Benjamin Krueger, 2 January 1971, they now live in Brea, California with their two daughters, Courtney Lynn, and Carrie Lee Krueger.

In 1961, Mitchel and Treva built a new home east and north of Auburn, where they still reside.

Eliza Bundy

CHARLES BUNDY, born 7 June 1837, Cameron, New York, son of Nathaniel and Susan Bundy. His paternal grandparents were Nathaniel

Bundy and Elizabeth Gallup.

Eliza Sickles, born between 1839 and 1841, probably in Pennsylvania, to William Sickles and his wife. Eliza was also called Mary, Mary L., and Louise.

Charles Bundy and Eliza Sickles were married between 1860 and 1862 in New York or Pennsylvania. Their first child was born in New York in 1862.

Charles was a farmer, who moved with his family from New York, first to Pennsylvania and then to Butler, Indiana, arriving there by 1870.

Charles had eight siblings: Sally (Bundy) Hastings; Eliza (Bundy) Griffin, born 24 February 1812; Harriet (Bundy) Chase; Elizabeth (Bundy) Topping; Eleanor (Bundy) Wixon; Cynthia Bundy; George; and John N.

Charles and Eliza had seven children: Frank A.; Susan Bundy, married Wesley Miltenberger, 19 November 1884; Frederick C.; Sylvia, married Wilson Rohm, 6 October 1894; Mary, born 1875, died 1899; and Carie, born 1880, died 1902. Mary and Carie are buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, also known as Ginder, DeKalb County, Indiana. Frank, born in New york, Susan and Frederick were born in Pennsylvania, and George, Sylvia, Mary and Carie were born in Butler, Indiana.

Charles Bundy, died in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 14 November 1917, aged eighty years. Eliza/Mary Bundy, died in Grant Township, DeKalb County, 6 December 1918, aged seventy-eight years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bundy are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

George and Eliza Bundy

GEORGE WILLIAM BUNDY, born 3 January 1870, at Butler, Indiana, son of Charles Bundy and Eliza Sickles. His paternal grandparents were Nathaniel and Susan Bundy of Cameron, New York. His maternal grandfather was William Sickles.

Eliza "Ella" Phillips, born 27 September 1868, in Salem Center, Indiana, daughter of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. Her paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole, of Whitehall, New York. Her maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd, of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

George grew up in Waterloo, Indiana, attended public schools there. He lived in Chicago, Illinois, where he worked for the Chicago City Railway Company, as an engineer. Later, he was employed by the Portland Cement Company, of Syracuse, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Then he became floor superintendent in the production department of the Auburn Automobile Company. In 1922, he moved to Elkhart, where he and five other men bought the Elcar Motor Company, from George and Will Pratt. In 1933, the company was sold to Allied Products and George retired from the auto manufacturing business, continuing to reside in Elkhart with his wife.

George has six siblings: Frank A.; Susan (Bundy) Miltenberger; Frederick C.; Sylvia (Bundy) Rohm; Mary; and Carie. Eliza had eight brothers and sisters: Wilmaettie (Phillips) Fretz; Mary (Phillips) Hartman; Adam Phillips, died young; Georgianne (Phillips) Coon; Adliza (Phillips) Hall; John M. Phillips; Alice B. Phillips; and Clayton M. Phillips.

George Bundy and Eliza Phillips, married 27 June 1895, in Waterloo, Indiana. They became the parents of three sons: the first of whom was stillborn; Howard Phillips Bundy, born in Chicago, Illinois, 11 August 1898, married Irene Hebel, daughter of John Hebel and Winifred Richmond, 16 August 1922, no children; and Hugh Milton Bundy.

George W. Bundy, died 20 May 1942, aged seventy-one, in Elkhart, Indiana. Eliza Bundy, died 8 April 1951, at her home in Elkhart, aged eighty-two. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bundy are buried in Waterloo Cemetery.

Hugh and Dorothy Bundy

HUGH MILTON BUNDY, born 1 December 1900 in Syracuse, Indiana, son the George W. Bundy and Ella Phillips. His paternal grandparents were Charles Bundy and Eliza Sickles of DeKalb County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch of Waterloo, Indiana.

Dorothy Louise Palmer, born 21 February 1910 in Buffalo, New York, daughter of DeWitt H. Palmer and Kathryn E. Rugg. Her paternal grandparents were DeWitt Palmer and Sarah M. Hart of New Hartford, New York. Her maternal grandparents were George H. Rugg and Mary Louisa Ebersol of Ottawa, Illinois.

Hugh and Dorothy, married 21 April 1938 in Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. Bundy attended Auburn, Indiana public schools and the University of Indiana, from which he graduated in 1921 with a degree in business. He worked with his father, George W. Bundy, at the Elcar Motor Company, Elkhart, Indiana, until 1933, when the business was sold. He then took a position as general manager and treasurer of Business Systems, Incorporated, South Bend, Indiana, where he worked until his death. Mrs. Bundy graduated from Oak Park and River Forest Township High School, Oak Park, Illinois, and attended the University of Wisconsin. After her marriage, she worked as a private secretary first at Selmer's band Instruments and then at Buesher Band Instruments, both in Elkhart. She quit work to have and rear her children, after which she became a secretary to the consultants for the Elkhart City Schools. After Mr. Bundy's death, Mrs. Bundy became a sorority house mother, serving in that position in different sororities on the University of Colorado campus, Boulder, Colorado, for most of 18 years.

Mr. Bundy had one brother: Howard P. Bundy. Mrs. Bundy had one brother also: Horce R. Palmer, born 28 October 1904 in Ottawa, Illinois, married Herta (Strycker) Arnold, 8 May 1928, Horace died 19 August 1980 at Mt. Dora, Florida, two sons, John and Robert.

Hugh M. Bundy and Dorothy Palmer had two children: Barbara Kathryn, Boulder, Colorado and Richard Palmer of Prairie Villiage, Kansas.

Mr. Bundy died, 3 October 1967, aged 66 in Elkhart, Indiana. He is buried at Rice Cemetery. Mrs. Bundy, now retired, resides in Boulder, Colorado.

GORDON LESTER KOSHIO, born 21 November 1942 in Brighton, Colorado, first child of Sam Masatoshi Koshio and Katy Shiguye Aramaki. His paternal grandparents were Taneji Koshio and Shime Morimitsu. His maternal grandparents were Aramaki and Taki Ogi.

Barbara Kathryn Bundy, born 26 June 1944 in Mishawaka, Indiana, daughter of Hugh M. Bundy and Dorothy L. Palmer of Elkhart, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were George W. Bundy and Ella Phillips. her maternal grandparents were DeWitt H. Palmer and Kathryn E. Rugg of Cincinnati, Ohio and Elkhart, Indiana.

Gordon and Barbara, married 21 December 1970 in Longmont, Colorado. Barbara attended the University of Indiana, South Bend extension, and the University of Idaho, where she graduated in 1966. Gordon holds a degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. Both Mr. and Mrs. Koshio are teachers.

Mr. Koshio has three siblings: Lorraine Seeger; Merlvin Koshio; and Dawn Koshio. Mrs. Koshio has a brother: Richard P. Bundy.

The Koshios are parents of Michael Richard Koshio, born 29 November 1972 and Anne Louise Koshio, born 8 May 1975. Michael and Anne were born in Boudler, Colorado, where the Koshios reside.

Richard Bundy Family

RICHARD PALMER BUNDY, born in Elkhart, Indiana, 13 December 1945, son of Hugh M. Bundy and Dorothy L. Palmer. His paternal grandparents were George W. Bundy and Eliza Phillips of Elkhart. His maternal grandparents were DeWitt H. Palmer and Kathryn E. Rugg of Cincinnati, Ohio and Elkhart.

Daveda Levon Hendry, born 14 October 1944 in Boise, Idaho, daughter of David L. Hendry and Teressa Dalton. Her paternal grandparents were David K. Hendry and Violet May Parker of Jerome, Idaho. Her maternal grandparents were Frederick W. Dalton and Annie D. Benson of Jerome and Boise, Idaho.

Richard and Daveda, married 29 October 1966 in McCall, Idaho. Mr. Bundy attended Elkhart public schools, Miami University of Ohio, Indiana University, South Bend extension, and the University of Idaho. Mrs. Bundy attended Boise public schools, Boise Junior College and the University of Idaho, graduating in January of 1967.

Mr. Bundy worked for Wheelabrator Corporation, Mishawaka, Indiana from 1967 until 1971. In November of 1971, he took a job with Standard Havens, Incorporated, Kansas City, Missouri, where he is part of the air pollution control division. Mrs. Bundy taught English in the Elkhart and Mishawaka public schools but retired to rear the couples' two children: David Hugh, born 5 June 1967 and Kathryn Cecelia, born 31 August 1970. Both children were born in Elkhart, Indiana.

Mr. Bundy has one sister: Barbara Koshio. Mrs. Bundy has four siblings: Helen Huff of Boise, Idaho; Dorothea L. Mallakh of Boudler, Colorado; David D. Hendry, died young; and Cecelia Lange of Arvada, Colorado.

The Bundys currently reside in Prairie Village, Kansas, where their daughter attends high school. Their son attends Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Mr. Bundy has fond memories of his Bundy and Phillips relatives and frequently visited Waterloo, Indiana as a child.

JOHN CALVIN FRETZ, born 10 July 1856 in DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Christian Fretz and Esther Showalter. His paternal grandfather was George Fretz of Bucks and Fayette Counties, Pennsylvania. John Fretz lived in what is now called the old Fretz cabin which was purchased by John Martin Smith and moved to the property which Mr. Smith owns in the countryside outside Waterloo, Indiana.

Wilmaettie ''Ettie'' Phillips, born 12 December 1856 in Kent, Ohio, to Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. Her paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole of Whitehall, New York. Her maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

John and Ettie, married 29 October 1876 in DeKalb County. Dr. Fretz practiced medicine in Waterloo.

Dr. Fretz had four siblings: Benjamin Franklin; Nancy Jane; George Washington; and Henery Maurice. Mrs. Fretz had eight brothers and sisters: Mary Hartman; Adam Phillips; Georgianne Coon; Adliza Hall; Ella Bundy; John M. Phillips; Alice B. Phillips; and Clayton M. Phillips.

Dr. and Mrs. Fretz had four children: Margaret Fretz, born 25 February 1879, died 17 May 1956, married Ancil Hill, 5 June 1913; Granville Fretz, born 12 July 1887, died 17 July 1887; Victor C. Fretz, born 14 June 1888, died 12 July 1946, married Dessie Miller 25 June 1914; and Russell C. Fretz.

Dr. Fretz died in 1925 and Mrs. Fretz died in 1934; both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

RUSSELL CYRUS FRETZ, born 16 August 1894, in Waterloo, indiana, to Dr. John C. Fretz and Wilmaettie Phillips. His paternal grandparents were Christian Fretz and Esther Showalter, of DeKalb County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch of Waterloo.

Russell married Gladys Krieder, 9 July 1911. He operated a dairy, a coal yard, a hatchery and a grain/feed store, all in Waterloo.

Russell had three siblings: Margaret (Fretz) Hill, Granville Fretz and Victor C. Fretz.

Russell and Gladys had three children: Bryon Calvin, born 2 July 1914, died 15 March 1985, married Helen Charphenning, 20 August 1935, they have five children; Larry C., Marsha, John C., Russell and Victor, who were twins; Marietta, born 16 August 1920, married Charles Stinson, died 1980, 8 September 1946 and had two children; Robert Charles, born 24 August 1947 and Donna Jean, born 9 June 1956. Marietta Stinson resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Catherine, born 16 July 1923, died 15 November 1978, married Fay Tubbs. They became the parents of four children; Karan, Steven, Roger and Kevin. The Tubbs live in Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

Russell C. Fretz, died 10 February 1949 and his wife, Gladys, died 31 July 1923. They are both in the Waterloo Cemetery.

JOHN A. HARTMAN, born to Joel E. Hartman and Sarah Gushwa. His paternal grandparents were Abram Hartman and Catherine Russell of Pennsylvania. His maternal grandparents were Phillip Gushwa and Mary Moore.

Mary Jane Phillips, born 1 December 1858 in Williams County, Ohio, daughter of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. Her paternal grandparents were likely Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole of Whitehall, New York. Her maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

John and Mary, married 4 July 1877 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He worked as a guard at the Auburn Automobile Company, Auburn, Indiana.

Mrs. Hartman had eight brothers and sisters: Wilmaettie Fretz; Adam W. Phillips; Georgianne Coon; Adliza Hall; Ella Bundy; John M. Phillips; Alice B. Phillips; and Clayton M. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman were parents of seven children: Carrie Hartman, married Dana Sparks, 7 June 1906; Eulah May Hartman, married 1st Holly Opdycke, 15 June 1898 and 2nd Jesse Camp 30 September 1912; Edna E. Hartman, married Frank Bensing, 1902; Goldie Hartman, married Lloyd Oberlin, 1 December 1906; Ruby Hartman, married Fred Hilker, 29 November 1913; Helen Hartman, married John Scott, 20 September 1912; and a son who died young.

DAVID ABNER COON, born 26 February 1861 in Deedsville, Indiana to David Coon and Sarah Catherine Drumm. His paternal grandparents were Abner Sutton Coon and Lydia Pope of Hanover, Ohio.

Georgianne "Georgie Phillips," born in Salem Canter, Indiana, daughter of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. Her paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole of Whitehall, New York. Her maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

David and Georgie, married 26 December 1888 in DeKalb County, Indiana, where Mr. Coon was a farmer.

Mr. Coon had nine siblings: Mary E. Coon, married William M. Kinley, 24 July 1901; Eliza A. Coon, married Walter Britton, 2 April 1877; Lydia C. Coon, married Francis Waters, 18 August 1880; Manervia E. Coon, married William F. Chapin, 13 February 1878; Sarah J. Coon, died young; Alonzo Coon married Nellie Jesse 19 March 1887; Salina J. Coon, died young; Nancy A. Coon, married Johny Rocky, 15 February 1888; and Harriet G. Coon, married Irvin Maus, 28 November 1895. Mrs. Coon had eight brothers and sisters: Wilmaettie Fretz, Mary Hartman, Adam Phillips, Adliza Hall, Ella Bundy, John M. Phillips; Alice B. Phillips; and Clayton M. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Coon had no children.

WILLIAM HENRY HALL, born 26 September 1853, in Constantine, Michigan, to Samuel Hall, Sr. and Martha Woodliff.

Adliza "Lida" Phillips, born 28 June 1865, in Salem Center, Indiana, daughter of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. Her paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole, of Whitehall, New York. Her maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

William and Lida, married 17 February 1887, in Waterloo, Indiana. They resided in Elkhart, Indiana, where William was an engineer for the New York Central Railroad. After some years there, they moved to San Antonio, Texas, back to South Bend, Indiana and again, to San Antonio.

William had four siblings: Betsey; Martha Jane; Samuel Jr.; and Charles F. Betsey and Martha were born in England, before William moved his family to the United States. William, Samuel and Charles were born in Constantine, Michigan. Lida had eight siblings: Wilmaettie (Phillips) Fretz; Mary (Phillips) Hartman; Adam; Georgianne (Phillips) Coon; Ella (Phillips) Bundy; John M.; Alice B.; and Clayton M.

William and Adliza became the parents of Hazel V., born 26 August 1888, died 15 July 1976, unmarried; Harry V., born 4 May 1891, died 19 August 1961, married briefly, no children; and Glenn W.

William died, 10 July 1945, in San Antonio, Texas. Adliza died, 1 June 1950, also in San Antonio, Texas. They were interred in the Sunset Memorial Park in San Antonio.

GLENN WILLIAM HALL, born 29 April 1894, in Elkhart, Indiana, to William H. Hall and Adliza Phillips. His paternal grandparents were Samuel Hall, Sr. and Martha Woodliff. His maternal grandparents were Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch.

Marion Stuart, born 11 December 1894 in Montclair, New Jersey, to Silas Stuart and Sophie May Brown.

Glenn and Marion, married 17 October 1918, in New York, New York. Glenn served in the U.S. Navy in WW I, in the submarine service and also on a hospital ship as an electrician. He put his skills to good use in civilian life, as well. He has been active in community affairs, especially with the Boy Scouts of America.

Glenn had two siblings: Hazel Hall; and Harry Hall.

Glenn and Marion had one child, Marion Louise, born 6 October 1923, South Bend, Indiana. Marion married Charles Earl Bud Starbuck, son of Earl C. Starbuck and Virgine Freestone, 7 September 1946 in South Bend. Bud, born 24 October 1923, in Bangor, Michigan. Bud and Marion Starbuck have two sons: Jeffrey Hall, born 23 February 1952 in Ann Arbor, Michigan and John Charles, born 18 November 1955 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Jeffrey Starbuck married Janet Hough, 14 September 1975 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Jillian Hall, born 6 May 1984; and Jared Hough, born 18 February 1986. John Starbuck married Pamela Anne Moore, 19 October 1985, in Phoneix, Arizona.

Marion Hall died in South Bend, Indiana, 9

December 1971. Mr. Hall married Mrs. Valerie Stypczynski, 29 March 1980. They reside in South Bend.

CLAYTON MELTON PHILLIPS, born 10 March 1876, in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch, of Waterloo, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole, of Whitehall, New York. His paternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd, of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

Lucy May Garber, born in 1880, to Jacob J. and Eliza A. (Wherly) Garber.

Clayton and Lucy, married 23 October 1901. Clayton was an electrical supervisor for the Studebaker Company, South Bend, Indiana, where he and his family resided.

Clayton and Lucy had two children, both born in South Bend, Indiana. Zelma May Phillips, born 1902, died 1980, married 1st Dick Eckman, 2nd Howard Johnson, 3rd Mr. Reid and 4th to Hampy Joseph Smart, 1964. She had one child, stillborn, by her first husband. The Phillips second child; Phillip A. Phillips.

Lucy Phillips died in 1926. Clayton reared his son, Phillips with the help of his sister, Lida Hall and her husband, Will, who returned to South Bend for that purpose, they returned to San Antonio, Texas when Phillip entered Purdue University. Clayton married Bertha Ettinger, about 1940. They divorced not long after he suffered an incapacitating stroke. He died in Waterloo, Indiana, at the home of his sister, Alice Phillips, in 1942.

JOHN MELVIN PHILLIPS, born 28 May 1870, in Salem Center, Indiana, son of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. his paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole of Whitehall, New York. His maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

John married Minnie A. French, of Elkhart, Indiana, 18 October 1895. He worked on the railroad and in 1918 became yardmaster for the Rock Island Railroad in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa rail yards. He spent his entire railroad career in Cedar Rapids. Mr. Phillips was a member of Mizpah Lodge, A.F. & A.M.; Star of the West. K.P., the Dobies, and the Switchman's union.

Mr. Phillips had eight siblings: Wilmaettie (Phillips) Fretz; Mary (Phillips) Hartman; Adam Phillips; Adliza (Phillips) Hall; Georgianne (Phillips) Coon; Ella (Phillips) Bundy; Alice B. Phillips; and Clayton M. Phillips.

John and Minnie had one daughter, Myrtle, who married Mr. Edgar. Myrtle Edgar had a daughter Zelma Edgar, who married Mr. Hobel. John died suddenly 10 April 1934 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, aged 64. He was survived by his wife, daughter and granddaughter. He was buried in Cedar Memorial Park, Cedar Rapids.

ALICE BELL PHILLIPS, born 27 November 1873 in Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch. Her paternal grandparents were probably Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole of Whitehall, New York. Her maternal grandparents were Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd of Ravenna and Euclid, Ohio.

Alice Phillips never married. She was engaged at one time to a minister, Mr. Lawson, he conducted Cyrus Phillips' funeral service, who died before they could be married. A grand niece now has her engagement ring.

Miss Phillips was a liberated woman long before womens' lib came on the scene. For 18 years she traveled the U.S. selling historical novels and encyclopedias, eventually as a crew supervisor. After getting the endorsement of the local school superintendent for her books, Miss Phillips and her crew sold them house to house in each town. She was an excellent salesperson and made a very good living. Virtually all her money was used to help her family in one way or another.

Miss Phillips returned to Waterloo where she cared for her mother, until Sarah Phillips died in 1933. After her mother's death, she remained in Waterloo, serving on the school board and as town librarian. As a lover of books, Miss Phillips trained herself in library science in order to be Waterloo's librarian. When the State if Indiana raised the educational requirements for librarians, she retired, at age 75, rather than go back to school.

Miss Phillips was a member of the Christian Church in Waterloo, Indiana. She moved to a Christian Church retirement home when she could no longer live independently. She died in 1964, a much-loved and respected member of her family and her community. She lies in the Waterloo, Indiana Cemetery with her parents.

PHILIP A. PHILLIPS, born in South Bend, Indiana 5 October 1919 to Clayton M. Phillips and Lucy May Garber. His paternal grandparents were Cyrus M. Phillips and Sarah E. Welch of Waterloo, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Jacob J. Garber and Eliza A. Wherly. When Philip was seven his mother died, and he lived with his father and his aunt and uncle, Lida and

Will Hall in South Bend until 1939.

Philip married Frances Mellon, 14 October 1945 in West Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. Phillips attended Purdue University and served four years in the U.S. Air Force during WW II. He was a chemical engineer for Lauhoff Grain Company, Danville, Illinois, for thirty-eight years and retired in 1984.

Mr. Phillips had one sister: Zelma May Eckman Johnson Reid Smart, born 1902, died 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of four children: Cathy Stewart of Muncie/Anderson, Indiana, married Dan and she has two children Erin, and John; George Phillips of Norwich, New York, married Paulette and has two children, Jenny and Jeffrey; Margaret Peggy Titus of Shelby/Waldron, Indiana, married Don and had two daughters, Emily and Anne; and John Phillips of Ypsilanti/Anne Arbor, Michigan, where he resides with his wife Susan. George and Peggy are twins.

Phil and Fran Phillips currently reside in Danville, Illinois.

Cyrus Phillips Family

CYRUS MILTON/MELTON PHILLIPS, born 27 January 1832 in Whitehall, New York to Reuben Phillips and Lydia Cole.

Sarah Elizabeth Welch, born 24 June 1835 in Ravenna, Ohio, daughter of Irad Welch and Martha Cynthia Judd. Her paternal grandparents were Vine Welch and Esther Cogswell of Euclid, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Nathaniel Judd and Martha Bierce.

Cyrus and Sarah, married 24 September 1855 in Ravenna, Ohio, Mr. Phillips, it is said, lost his mother when he was seven and grew up among friends and relatives, mostly near Erie, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Phillips was reared in Ravenna. She became a nurse, receiving whatever training that calling required at the time.

In 1849, Mr. Phillips taught school in Mishawaka, Indiana. However, in 1850, he went east to Ohio where he eventually met and married Sarah Welch. They lived in Kent, Ohio, the Salem Center, finally settling in Waterloo, Indiana where they lived out their lives. Mr. Phillips studied law and in 1873 or 1875 he was admitted to the DeKalb County Bar. He was an active community member, as well as active member of the Christian Church in Waterloo.

Mr. Phillips served in the Civil War as a private in Company D, 13 Indiana Infantry. He was 32 years and 8 months of age at the time of his enlistment, 21 October 1864; his occupation was listed as mechanic. He was mustered out 19 June 1865 from McDougal Hospital, New York Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips had nine children: Wilmaettie Ettie Phillips; Mary Jane Phillips; Adam Warren Phillips, died young; Georgianne Phillips; Adliza Lida Phillips; Ella Phillips; John Melvin Phillips; Alice Bell Phillips; and Clayton Melton Phillips.

Cyrus Phillips died, 21 August 1915 in Waterloo, Indiana, aged 83 years. Sarah Phillips died in Waterloo, 10 December 1933, aged 98. Both Cyrus and Sarah are buried in Waterloo, Cemetery.

JOHN THOMAS, born in 1745 probably in York County, Pennsylvania. His wife died in 1803 in Adams County, Pennsylvania. In 1804 John sold all of his extensive holdings and immigrated to Columbiana County, Ohio, the part of which later became Stark County, where he entered sections 27-28-29. Land records show he owned over 1900 acres of land.

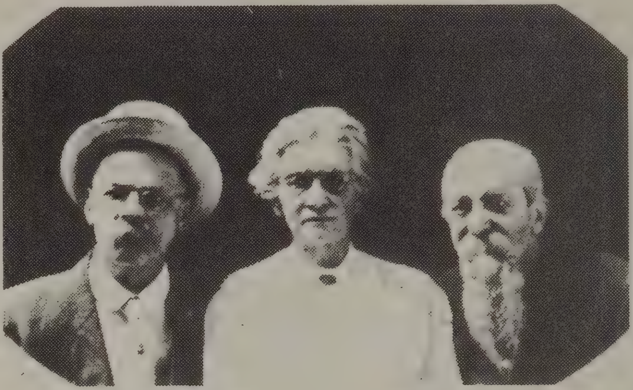
He came to Ohio with grown sons: John Jr.; Michael; Samuel and Peter, twins. Henry and daughter, Mary. who later married John Niswander. When the Thomas family came to Columbiana County, Ohio in 1804 it was still primarily a wilderness. John Thomas opened up the first road into the area and it was officially names Thomas Road. This road is still in use and is now a main thoroughfare.

In 1806, his son, Samuel, built the first school house in Knox Township. It was on section 28 of John's property, John Thomas later was a teacher there.

The first saw mill in Knox Township was built by John Thomas in 1806 and he operated it until 1815 when he was severely injured in an accident. He made his home with his son, John Jr. and daughter-in-law, Mary, where they cared for him until his death in 1818.

His will signed 15 June 1815 first commands my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth. Then directs executors Joseph Springer and Jacob Crumlarker to sell the fifty acres with the mill on it, plus all his other real estate and movable property to best advantage, the proceeds to be divided equally, share and share alike between his children Michael, Samuel, Peter, Henry and Mary Niswander. To son John $50.00 as he already had been given the original homestead for taking care of his father. John Jr. left it to his son, Thomas, whose descendants still, in 1986, own the land.

John Sr. died in 1818 in Stark County, Ohio and is interred at the Old Burial Ground in Butler Township east of North Georgetown, Ohio.


John Thomas Family

JOHN THOMAS, born in 1775 in York County, Pennsylvania, son of John Sr. and Margaret Thomas, married Mary Reinicker, daughter of George Reinicker and Catherina Sponseller in York County, Pennsylvania ca 1793. They had children: Elizabeth; John, born 1801 in Adams County, Pennsylvania; Mary and Catherine before migrating to Columbiana County, Ohio in 1804 with his father, John Sr. and brothers Michael, Samuel, Peter and Henry and sister Mary.

The land he settled in Columbiana County later became part of Stark County. Three more children were born to John and Mary after they settled in Ohio; Susan, Sarah and Thomas.

In his will dated 15 January 1839, he leaves the plantation that he lived on to son, Thomas; to "my dear wife Mary" I leave 1/3 of my personal property and two rooms on the north side of the house to live in plus use of the kitchen, annually son Thomas must deliver to her eighteen bushels of wheat, two hundred pounds of pork, ten pounds of coffee, two pounds of tea, five bushels of potatoes, and as much wood chopped and laid in a convenient place as she may need. I also leave her one cow and four sheep to be maintained by son Thomas free of charge. She is the have to mantle clock for her use. Should she become sick Thomas is to give her good care. Son John receives 50 acres of land on section 28, daughter Susan 35 acres adjoining John's, daughters Elizabeth, Mary Catherine, and Sally (Sarah) $500.00 and the residue of my personal property. The executors John Dillinbaugh and David King are charged with seeing that the terms of the will are met. John Thomas, Jr. died 21 February 1840 in Stark County, Ohio and is interred at St. Michaels' Cemetery, Butler Township. His widow, Mary, died 25 December 1841 and is buried beside her husband in Butler Township.

JOHN A. THOMAS, born in 1801 in Adams County, Pennsylvania. The son of John Thomas and Mary Reinicker. At the age of about three years he made the long trek presumably by covered wagon from Adams County, Pennsylvania to Columbiana County, Ohio with his parents, grandfather, aunts, uncles and other family members. They settled in the part of Columbiana County that would later be Stark County.

On 11 June 1829, he was married to Elizabeth Mathias. She was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1804 and came with her parents, Jacob and Magdalena Mathias to Stark County ca 1806.

John and Elizabeth were the parents of eight children all born in Stark County: Levi, 1830; Urias, 1831; Mary Ann, 1836; Elizabeth, 1838; Jacob, 1841; Catherine, 1843; Isaiah, 1847; and John 1848.

In ca 1852 John and Elizabeth with their family moved to DeKalb County, Indiana. In Levi's obituary it mentions that he drove a team of oxen from Stark County, Ohio to DeKalb County, Indiana when they made the move. Somewhere between 1850 and 1860 their two children Urias and John disappeared from the records and no trace had been found of them.

The Thomas family settled in Richland Township, DeKalb County and about 1856 Mary Ann married Peter Pifer and Elizabeth married John Pifer. The Pifer family may have traveled with the Thomas family from Ohio as there were Pifers living near them in Ohio. Both John Thomas and his son Levi were farmers.

In ca 1865 John and all of his children including married children again packed up and moved to Elkhart County, Indiana; settling there in Cleveland Township where John and Levi bought farms. Peter and Mary Pifer took a farm in Cass County, Michigan near Edwardsburg, Michigan. In Elkhart County Catharine married David H. Stewart, Jacob married Phiann Lockwood and Isaiah married Cynthia Manning.

John and Elizabeth Thomas farmed until ca

1878 at which time they sold their farm to son-in-law John Pifer and retired to live with daughter Mary Pifer in Michigan. Both died after 1880 but no date of death can be found and a long search for grave sites has produced no results.

FAY THOMAS, born 7 February 1921, in Cheboygan County, Michigan, the daughter of Justie Thomas and Laura Currie. Her paternal grandparents were Isaiah Thomas and Cynthia Manning, both of Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Lachlan Currie and Margaret Neil, of Canada. She has three sisters and one brother, living, also one sister and two brothers deceased. Fay graduated from the Hebron #1 School in 1936.

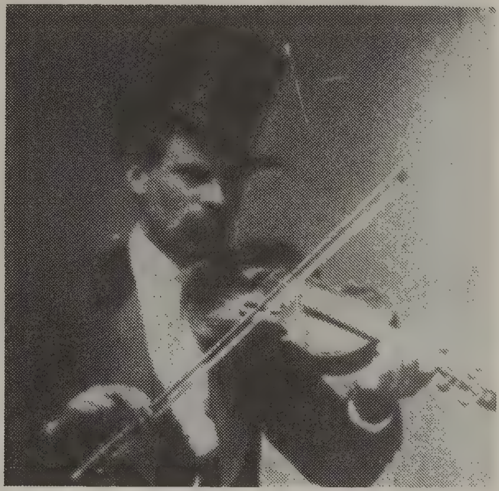
Fay Thomas married Mell Wesley Stilwell, 14 August 1937 in Cheboygan, Michigan. Mell is the son of Neal Stilwell and Nellie Goudy, residents of Mackinaw City, Michigan area.

Mell employed by Rittenhouse Furniture Company for seven years, after which they removed to Bay City, Michigan, where he took the trade of automobile technician. This was his chosen career until his retirement. Fay entered the dry cleaning business becoming a silk and linen presser, she retired in 1982.

Fay and Mell are the parents of four children: Melvin Faye, born 24 March 1938, married Leona Mae Hewitt. Children of this marriage; Joe Thomas, married Mary Manmual, children; Sara Elizabeth, Amy Jo and Stacey Ann; Deborah Lynn married Hugh Dixon, children, Krystal Lee, Jessica Lynn and Adam Hugh; Holly Lee, single and living in Denver, Colorado. Melvin married the second time to Patricia Louise Bridges. No children of this marriage; Roger Wesley, born 28 September 1940, married Sharon Leske. Children; Marci Marie, Roger John R.J.. Roger Wesley, married for the second time to Mary L. Smith. Children: Justie Thomas and Melvin Lee; Donna Leora, born 24 January 1953, married Hugh H. Ritter, one child; Eric Nicholas Ritter; Jack Jay, born 3 August 1959, single, lives and works in Marquette, Michigan.

Their descendants also include seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Dixon, who was stillborn, on 27 December, 1984, the daughter of Hugh and Deborah (Stilwell) Dixon.

Fay and Melvin are chartered members of the Church of God in Bay City, Michigan.



Isaiah Thomas

ISAIAH THOMAS, born 5 July 1747 in Stark County, Ohio, son of John A. Thomas and Elizabeth Mathias both born in Pennsylvania, ca 1852, the family came to DeKalb County, Indiana where they settled in Richland Township. The journey was made by covered wagon drawn by oxen.

Isaiah attended public school and assisted his father on the farm, Isaiah had seven brothers and sisters: Levi; Urias; Mary Ann; Elizabeth; Jacob; Catherine; and John. Between 1850 and 1860, Urias and John disappeared from the records and their fate is unknown. In DeKalb County ca 1856, Mary Ann married Peter Pifer and Elizabeth married John Pifer.

About 1865, the family once again packed up and removed to Elkhart County, Indiana where John and Levi bought farms in Cleveland Township.

Isaiah married Cynthia Manning daughter of Samuel Manning and Elizabeth Inbody of Edwardsburg, Michigan, 17 December 1872. They had four children: Harley and Lura, born 1873; Justie, born 1875; and Archie, born ca 1880. Harley died as a result of injuries sustained in the Spanish American War, in 1910, and is interred at Fort Vancouver, Washington. Lura married George Smith, Justie married Laura Currie, Archie married Lilly Lamberg.

Isaiah worked for the Lakeshore Railroad and lived in Elkhart, Indiana. He was transferred for a few years to Chicago but returned to Elkhart to finish his working years. He worked as a switchman in a tall tower overlooking the Railroad yards. Grandson, Walter Smith. still remembers going down there with his grandpa and ''helping'' as a small boy to work the levers to change the tracks.

When Isaiah retired from the Railroad they had a small farm near Edwardsburg, Michigan. Isaiah died there in 1916. Cynthia died, 1926 at Mishawaka, Indiana. Both are interred at Sugar Grove Cemetery in Elkhart County, Indiana.

Lura Smith

LURA (THOMAS) SMITH, born 17 June 1873 in Elkhart, Indiana, a daughter of Isaiah Thomas and Cynthia Manning. In 1891, she married George Aamon Smith in Elkhart, Indiana.

They had children: Nanel, born 1896, she married Charles Lamberg in South Bend, Nanel lives in South Bend; Walter, born 17 March 1898, never married, lives in Elkhart, Indiana. Ila, born 1900, married Dr. Arthur Beistle and lived at South Bend, Indiana. Both are now deceased.

Lura Smith died in 1926 of accidental poisoning at Mishawaka, Indiana. George Smith died in 1947, both are interred at Fairview Cemetery at Mishawaka, Indiana.

Justie Thomas

JUSTIE THOMAS, born 8 May 1875 in Elkhart, Indiana. The son of Isaiah Thomas and Cynthia Manning. He was one of four children: having a brother and a sister, Harley Eugene and Lura Maude, twins, born 1873; and a younger brother, Archie, born ca 1880; all born in Elkhart.

Justie went to school in Elkhart and graduated from high school at 16 years of age. He worked as a clerk in a grocery store while still in school. He studied journalism at a college in South Bend but was persuaded by his father to drop out to take up an apprenticeship in iron molding. Justie always regretted this as he never liked the molding work and soon dropped it for a job on the railroad. He continued in this work for most of his life combining it with farming. After Justie was out of school he and a friend and sometimes his brother, Archie, would take off on trips that was called "Riding The Trails" meaning they traveled all over the country bumming rides of trains. He had a great time and would just come home when they were ready. Justie later lived in New York City where he worked for the New York Central Railroad.

He married Laura Currie at Mackinaw City, Michigan in 1920. She had three children by a previous marriage: Leola; Florence; and Ray LeRoy. Justie and Laura had children; Fay, 1921; Ila Mae, 1923; Joy, 1925; Lee, 1927; and Joe, 1929.

Justie had a life long interest in baseball and at one time was umpire for a minor league team and in later years was official umpire for Hebron #1 team at Cheboygan, Michigan on which his son, Joe, played.

Justie and son, Joe, were killed in a car-train accident near Mackinaw City, Michigan on the 4th of February 1950. Lee died [illegible] 54, Justie's widow, Laura, died in 1977, and all are interred at Pine Hill Cemetery, Cheboygan, Michigan.

JOY L. THOMAS, born 24 May 1925 in Mackinaw Township Cheboygan County, Michigan. Her paternal grandparents were Justie Thomas and Laura Currie. Her sisters and brothers were Leola, Florence, Raymond, Fay, Ila, Lee and Joe. Joy was educated in Cheboygan County Schools and later went to Cleveland, Ohio to work at Fisher Body plant on 189th Street making B-29 aircraft for the war. Later she took a beautician course at The School of Cosmetology at 105th Street and Euclid while working as an apprentice for Dorothy Frank at the Dutchess Salon which Dorothy owned on Hough at 79th Street. She worked there until after the war then returned to Michigan.

Joy married Joseph William Kortz, 4 October 1947 in Essexville, Michigan. He is the son of Stanley and Mary Anna (Bondeuz/Bondosz) Kortz. Joseph and Joy have two children: Justine, born 6 January 1951, married Michael Gary DeGrandt, 20 December 1969 in Bay City, Michigan; and Jonathan, born 18 May 1953, married Claudette Jean Hayward, 8 June 1973 in Bay City.

Joy later worked in the health field working in hospitals in Bay City and Saginaw, Upjohn Nursing Service and Midland County Visiting Nurses. Joy and her husband are both retired and reside in Bay City, Michigan.

JONATHAN JOSEPH KORTZ, born 18 May 1953, in Bay City, Michigan, son of Joseph W. Kortz and Joy Thomas. Jon attended St. James Catholic School and graduated in 1972 from all Saints High School. He married Claudette Jean Hayward in 1973, daughter of Robert Hayward and Denelda Morin of Bay City, Michigan.

Jon and Claudette have three children: Christopher Jon, born 3 December 1973; Mandy Jo, born 16 October 1975; and Amy Rebecca, born 2 March 1977.

The family are members of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and are active in church affairs. Christopher serves as Alter-boy.

They are also active in Little League Baseball where Jon is coach and Mandy and Amy play on the Community Laundry team.

They reside in Essexville, Michigan.

JUSTINE JO KORTZ, born 6 January 1951, in Bay City, Michigan; daughter of Joseph William and Joy Laura (Thomas) Kortz both born in Cheboygan County, Michigan. Her paternal grandparents were Stanley Kortz and Mary Anna Bonduez both born in Poland, immigrated to America in 1903. Her maternal grandparents were Justie, born in Elkhart, Indiana and Laura (Currie) Thomas, born in Cheboygan County, Michigan.

Michael Gary DeGrandt, born 20 October 1949, in Bad Axe, Huron County, Michigan, son of Henry Joseph Sr. and Elaine Helen (Marks) DeGrandt. His paternal grandparents were Theophile Charles and Frieda (Cuyelle) DeGrandt both born in Belgium, immigrating to America ca 1911. His maternal grandparents were Ellis Henry, born Marine City, St. Clair County, Michigan and Nellie (Copperinger) Marks, born Bay City, Bay County, Michigan.

Michael and Justine were married 20 December 1969, in Bay City. Following the wedding the couple moved to Norfolk, Virginia where Michael was serving in the United State Navy. Michael was first stationed aboard the U.S.S. York County, LST 1175; was a member of the decommissioning crew of the U.S.S. Rankin, AKA 103; and finally being assigned to shore duty at Desert Cove, Little Creek. During his service years he participated in numerous Mediterranean and Caribbean cruises.

Justine was employed with Hoffman Flying Services, Incorporated, James Clements Airport, Bay City during high school and following as a secretary-bookkeeper-receptionist and on busy occasions even re-fueled aircraft. After 12 years as a mother and homemaker she re-entered the work-force upon the family's move to Bad Axe. She worked for two years at the United States Army Reserve Center in Bad Axe, performing in the job classification of clerk-typist.

Mr. and Mrs. DeGrandt are the parents of three children: Shannon Michelle, born 4 March 1971 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia; Kristen Shaye, born 3 June 1974; and Michael Gary II, born 6 September 1975, both in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. DeGrandt and children now reside in Bad Axe, where they are presently building a log home on the family farm in Colfax Township. Along with family members they are developing a fruit and vegetable farm. The children are all active in local 4-H programs and Future Farmers of America, raising livestock along with various crops.

Mrs. DeGrandt is currently attending college working toward a degree in Secretarial and Computer Science. She became interested in genealogy in 1980 as a winter hobby, little realizing that one the surface was scratched the searching for family history would become an addiction. The more you find, the more you want to learn! It becomes a Never-ending quest.

Norman and Wayne Decker

WILLIAM O. DECKER, born in Wells County to Edward Burr and Mary Susan (Shalley) Decker, on 25 January 1919. He came with his parents to DeKalb County in 1939. His parents are deceased. William worked at the Auburn Rubber Company and helped his father on the farm. He retired after 30 years at Warner Gear.

William O. Decker married Katherine Marcele Smith, 1 March 1941, by the Reverend E.E. Watts, at their pastors home.

Katherine Marcele Smith was born to Worthington Ray and Goldie Mae (Kristofferson) Smith, 7 March 1918, in Auburn, Indiana, DeKalb County, both parents are deceased.They were the parents of five children: Norman Lee, born 1 December 1945, in Auburn. He attended the Auburn Schools and went to Indianapolis to Barber School. In February 1966, he went into the Army. He was at Fort Knox, Fort Campbell and then to Vietnam. He served in the heavy Artillery, and also in the Screaming Eagles. He flew into Fort Louis Washington 4 December 1967. He married Dorothy Lancaster, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky 16 December 1967. He has a barber shop on Main Street in Churubusco, Indiana. They are the parents of two daughters, Stephanie and Tracy.

Raymond Eugene, born 23 July 1947, in Auburn. He married Bonnie Egly, 3 April 1985. He works at Tri-Wall Containers, Butler, Indiana. Bonnie works at Betz Nursing Home. Raymond has a son, Stephen, who lived with his mother in Garrett.

Edward Lynn, born 29 September 1950, died 6 January 1951.

Marilyn Louise, born 9 July 1952, in Auburn. She worked at the Bell Telephone Company in Auburn. She married Robert Schmidt 16 June 1973 and moved to Syracuse, Indiana. She has three children: Courtney Ann, Brent Allen and Amanda Kay.

Wayne Craig, born in Auburn, 26 July 1962. He is in the Army at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He will be in Tokoyo, Japan after 20 January for 2 years. He works with computers and is a Spec. 4.

Katherine is active at Indiana Village Church of God, working with 2 & 3 year olds, Sunday mornings, teaching Bible School, making quilts with the Dorcas Circle. She also helps care for the sick.

William is retired and works with wood, making clocks and other trinkets. He also works in the garden and loves flowers.

FRIEDA IRENE DECKER, born 13 December 1920, daughter of E.B. and Susan (Shalley) Decker, at Sidney, Indiana, Kosciusko County.

She spent part of her life in DeKalb County, Garrett, Indiana, from 1939-1945. While living in Garrett, she enlisted in the Navy as a W.A.V.E. During WW II, November 1944, she went to Hunter College, New York and received her training. She was stationed at Naval Head Quarters, at Washington D.C. and was discharged January 1946 after serving fourteen months. She spent thirty years in Fort Wayne, Allen County, where she worked at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for twenty-seven years.

Frieda Keller

Frieda married Robert Keller, 3 March 1973 and moved to Ossian, Indiana, Wells County. Frieda passed away 30 September 1986.

GEORGE FREDERICK and his wife, Anna Marie (Fryberger) Frederick, sold the family farm in Stark County, Ohio, in 1864 and with their nine children: Charlotte; David; John; Frank; Henry; Ruby; Rachel; Adella; and William Joseph, left the area in Stark and Columbiana counties that had been the home territory for the family since the mid 1700's when Nicholas, George's great grandfather, had arrived from Germany. They migrated to Indiana and bought 44 acres in Fairfield township, DeKalb County, and 80 acres directly across the county line road in Salem Township, Steuben County. Only a log house and several crude buildings graced the homestead. Very little of the land had been cleared and improved. In the ensuing years, most of the land was cleared, and fences built with rails that had been split from the logs of trees fell to clear the land. A sizable barn had been built, and in 1870, they built a large house. In the meantime, five more children had been born: Lidia; Mary; William A.; Tim; and Amos, making fourteen in all. George was an ordained minister and served the Evangelical Church that had been built on the corner of their farm. In later years, Amos, the youngest of the family, married Ona Shuman, youngest daughter of George and Maria (Beck) Shuman, who lived across the lake in

Salem Township. At that time Amos took over the duties of the farm, and later, following the death of his father in 1905, and his mother in 1916, in Hudson, where they had moved at the time of their retirement, Amos and Ona bought the home farm. Meanwhile, through intensive home study and practical experience, he became a self-educated veterinary, or "horse-doctor" as they were called in that day. In August, 1894, a daughter, Beatrice, was born to them, and grew up to young womanhood. Graduating from Ashley High School in the class of 1914. A year later married Karl Miller, the eldest son of Monte and Pearl Miller, nearby neighbors. Two years later they moved to Gary, where Karl worked as a carpenter and later as a contractor. Four children, Robert, Lois, Wilda, and William were born to them. Karl died at their retirement home in Constantine, Michigan in 1975, aged 86, and Beatrice in Valparaiso, Indiana in 1978, aged 83. In 1904, a son, Trevor, "Ted" was born and grew up on the farm. He attended Indiana University, a short time before returning home to take over the operation of the farm at the illness and death of his father, in 1928. In 1936, he left the farm to work in the accounting department of the Sheet Mill division of U.S. Steel Company in Gary. In 1938, he and Olive Deihl, eldest daughter of Harry and Bertha Deihl of Garrett were married. Olive had attended Indiana State before transferring to Butler University to receive her degree. She taught in Garrett school system for 14 years, and in the Hobart schools for 26 years, where they moved after they were married. After the death of Ona Frederick in 1949, they bought the home farm, making this the third generation of ownership since 1864. After their retirement, Trevor, in 1969 and Olive, in 1972, they completely rebuilt the farm house and returned there to live. They have rebuilt and modernized the buildings on the farm, and divide their time between this and their winter home near Leesburg, Florida, which they bought in 1976.

"The Farm," as they now call it, is listed in the rolls of the Indiana Homestead Farms, having been in continuous family ownership since 1 April 1864.

SANFORD H. CONDON, moved to Auburn in 1938 with parents, Ray and Helen Condon, from Parker City, Randolph County, Indiana. Ray was Production Control Manager of the original Warner Automotive Parts Division, Borg Warner Corporation, in Auburn. He retired in 1960. Ray and Helen both died in 1965.

Sanford attended Auburn High School during his junior and senior years. In 1944, Sanford married Mary Jane Mark, a graduate of Auburn High School. Sanford and Mary Jane had two daughters. Sandra, born in 1945, graduated from Indiana University, Kokomo, Indiana and Wendy, born in 1958, graduated from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Mary Jane's first job was a clerk for the office of Price Administration, located in the DeKalb County Courthouse. Mr. Chet Hines managed the office. Mary Jane is presently employed as a ward clerk at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Sanford worked for Warner Automotive Parts Division, Borg Warner Corporation, in Auburn from 1940 until 1983, at which time the plant was sold to Mr. George Callas. The plant name was changed to Auburn, Gear, Incorporated. Sanford is still employed at Auburn Gear, Incorporated as Manager of Quality Assurance and Reliability.

Mary Jane's parents, Cecil and Nora Mark, moved to Auburn from Angola in 1919 after Cecil had been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. He worked at the Auburn Automobile Company from 1919 until 1937. Nora Mark worked as a bookkeeper at the Auburn Dairy for Wilmer Rediger from 1948 until 1953. Cecil and Nora operated the Point Cafe from 1940 until 1945. The cafe was located on the triangular parking lot directly across from the A-C-D Museum entrance. Cecil died in 1975. Nora presently resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Condon, in Auburn.

JOHN CORNELIUS BLOMEKE, born 21 October 1885 at Blakeslee, Ohio, the son of George and Mary (Jaerger) Blomeke.

Flora Louise Karst, born 29 November 1882 at Huntington, Indiana, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Karst.

John and Flora were married 25 September 1912. They lived in Garrett for a short time then moved to a farm near Ashley. They lived near Ashley until 1935, when they moved to a farm three miles west of Garrett. John was a farmer his entire life and Flora was a homemaker and raised his children. Flora was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

John had three brothers and four sisters. One brother is unknown to this author but the rest are as follows: Frank Blomeke, of Auburn; Anthony Blomeke, of Waterloo; Mrs. Michael Ellert of Smithfield Township; Mrs. Frank Miller, of Smithfield Township; Mrs. Anthony Ellert, of Franklin Township; and Mrs. Joe Miller.

Flora had four brothers and four sisters who were as follows: George; Julius; and Joseph Karst; Mrs. Mary Okuly; and Mrs. Paul Zahm of Huntington; Jacob Karst; and Mrs. Anna Morris of Fort Wayne; and Kate Karst.

John and Flora were the parents of three children. Cornelius J. Blomeke, born 2 September 1913, married twice and lived in Garrett for many years. He died in 1984 and his second wife, Leila, survives and is currently in Betz Nursing Home, Auburn. Loretta Mary Theresa Blomeke, born 6 December 1915, married Joseph Demske, 5 November 1938. Mary Lucille Blomeke, born 24 September 1918, married Roy A. Yingling 25 September 1937.

John died of a pulmonary embolism 28 December 1943, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett. Flora died of heart trouble 18 October 1949 at home. Both are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

SAMUEL ROY YINGLING, born 13 August 1883 at Thurmont, Maryland, son of Samuel and Louise Victoria (Smith) Yingling.

Jessie Leola West, born 19 November 1884, at Des Moines, Iowa.

Samuel went to trade school as a machinist's apprentice and worked as a machinist in the shops of the B & O Railroad in Hagerstown, Maryland. He worked on the railroad all of his life. Samuel married Jessie, May 1911, and moved to Garrett where they lived the rest of their lives. Jessie was a housewife.

Samuel had one younger brother, William H. Yingling, born 29 December 1884, and one younger sister, Adelaide V. Yingling, born 1 June 1897.

Samuel and Jessie were the parents of six children. Emily Louella, born 25 February 1912, married Karl Huston Mavis. They resided in Garrett until 1940 when they moved to Auburn, where Mrs. Mavis, now a widow, currently resides. Roy Augusta Yingling, born 17 March 1914, married Mary Lucille Blomeke, 25 September 1937. Virginia Estelle, born 28 September 1917, married Rupert Herman and currently resides in Edgerton, Ohio. Margaret L. Yingling, born 5 November 1919, died 22 March 1922. Kenneth West, born 8 October 1921, married Betty Jean Crofoot and lived in Garrett. Kenneth died of heart trouble in 1983 and his wife, Betty, still resides in Garrett. Dorothy Ruth, born 5 August 1923, married John D. Pfeiffer and resides in Garrett, near their parents' former residence.

Samuel Roy died of heart trouble on 18 May 1955 and Jessie died of natural causes on 15 February 1983. Both are buried at Christian Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett.

ROY AUGUSTA YINGLING, born 17 March 1914 at Garrett, the son of Samuel Roy and Jessie Leola (West) Yingling. His paternal grandparents were Samuel A. and Louise Victoria (Smith) Yingling. Roy attended Garrett grade and high schools.

Mary Lucille Blomeke, born 24 September 1918, in DeKalb County, the daughter of John Cornelius and Flora Louise (Karst) Blomeke. Her paternal grandparents were George and Mary (Jaerger) Blomeke. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Miller) Karst. Lucille attended Ashley grade and high schools.

Roy and Lucille were married 25 September 1937 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in Garrett. They resided in numerous houses in and around Garrett before moving to their present home of 29 years.

Roy went to work for the B & O Railroad in 1939 as a railroad engineer. He retired from the B &O in 1978. Lucille ran a rooming house in Garrett from 1957 until 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Yingling have been active socially and civically in Garrett. Roy had been a member of the Eagles and the Elks since 1941, holding many posts during that time. Mrs. Yingling has been a member of the Eagles Ladies for thirty-nine years and in currently President of the organization. Rosary Society at St. Joseph's Church, Garrett since 1937. Mrs. Yingling has also been a member of the St. Joseph's Adult Choir for fifteen years.

Roy has one older sister: Emily Louella (Yingling) Mavis, who currently resides in Auburn, Indiana. Roy has three younger sisters and one younger brother who follow chronologically: Virginia Estelle (Yingling) Herman, who lives in Edgerton, Ohio; Margaret L. Yingling (deceased); Kenneth West Yingling of Garrett (deceased); and Dorothy Ruth (Yingling) Pfeiffer, who currently resides in Garrett.

Lucille had one older brother, Cornelius J. Blomeke of Garrett (deceased) and one older sister, Loretta (Blomeke) Demske, who resides in LaGrange County.

Roy and Lucille are the parents of three children: Mary Louise Yingling, born 20 November 1940, married Jack Mitchner, born 11 April 1938, on 1 July 1961. Jack had been employed with Messenger Advertising Specialties of Auburn for 22 years and is currently in sales. Mary has worked as a secretary at Electric Motors for 23 years. Jack graduated from Auburn High School. Mary graduated from Garrett High School in 1958. They currently resided in Auburn, Indiana. Jack and Mary have one daughter, Laurie Ann, born 1 January 1962 and is currently unmarried. She is an accountant for Dreilbelbiss Title Company of Fort Wayne. She currently resides in Fort Wayne.

Cheryl Ann Yingling, born 22 November 1946, married James M. Ely, born January 1944, on 22 October 1966.

Richard Alan Yingling, born 26 November 1950, graduated from Garrett High School in 1968. He has worked many places and is currently working as a draftsman for General Motors at Fisher Guide in Anderson, Indiana. He married Sharon King, born 20 January 1953, on 5 April 1975 and later divorced. He married Susan Letizia, born 12 March 1957 on 10 February 1984, and adopted Susan's daughter, Colette, born 1 June 1980. They currently reside in Alexandria, Indiana.

WILLIAM HENRY SMITH, born 2 November 1896, the son of Orin Arthur and Laura (Rohm) Smith. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Emmaline (Robinson) Smith and maternal grandparents were William and Lucinda (Morr) Rohm.

Pearl Elson, born 28 April 1897, the daughter of Corwin Tecumseh and Sarah Ann (Henney) Elson. Her paternal grandparents were Reverend John Harris and Deliah (Hinnish) Elson. The maternal grandparents were George and Maria (Boyer) Henney.

William and Pearl were married 17 May 1919, in Hudson, Indiana. William graduated from Waterloo High School and was a farmer. Pearl graduated from Ashley High School and attended Tri State College and was a teacher. She was the first kindergarten teacher in Corunna, in 1954.

Mr. Smith had two sisters, Blanche Smith and Hazel (Smith) Platt. Mrs. Smith had one brother, Owen Elson.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children. Doris Ann (Smith) Metcalf, a graduated from International Business College, now a secretary for the DeKalb Central United School District. Don Arthur Smith, who served four years in the U.S. Navy and now retired from International Harvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were active in the community and were Methodists. They lived on the Smith farm on County Road 13 for over sixty years, when the farm was sold.

Mr. Smith passed away 28 January 1974. Mrs. Smith is still active in the Community.

BOWERS FAMILY. On 24 March 1853, a small company of Swiss people left the homeland for the New World. On 7 June 1853, they arrived in Alliance, Ohio, being on the way seventy-five days. The fare on the ship was Forty Dollars each. After landing in New York, they went by boat to Buffalo, New York, then on to Cleveland, Ohio, and by the C & P Railroad to Alliance, Ohio.

David and Johanna Yutzler and five children were among this company. Great Grandmother Catherine Yutzler was nine years old. 14 September 1864, Catherine Yutzler and William Musser were married in Paris, Ohio. Later they moved to Indiana, then to Michigan where her brother lived. In a few years, they went by train to Henry County, Indiana, looking for a homestead. Hannah Elizabeth Libbie Musser was one of their children. She was sick much of the time since leaving Michigan. The Yellow Fever was bad in that area. They returned to Steuben County, and later they bought a forty-acre farm, southwest of Hamilton, in DeKalb County and built a log cabin.

Catherine Clark was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on 20 February 1829. She married Daniel Hamman. Berift of her husband in her youth, she married John Bowers. They had one child, Henry Peter Bowers. Henry Peter Bowers and Hannah Elizabeth Musser were married on 7 March 1885. They had seven children: Edward; Lula Mae; George Dudley; Goldie; Lester, who died in infancy; Clarence Leroy; and Winn Charles Bowers. Henry and Hannah Bowers resided and raised their family in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Their children Edward, married Ruth Bowman, Lula Mae married Albert Imm, George D. married Edna Wolfe, Goldie married Merl Lower, Clarence L. married Helen Dannells, and Winn C. married Helen Jennings.

CLARENCE LEROY BOWERS, born 27 May 1898 in DeKalb County, near Hamilton, Indiana. His first education was in one room schools. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1917.

He volunteered for the Army during WW I. He was in officers training, stationed at Bloomington, Indiana. He studied War Science, Trigonometry, Surveying and Map Making.

After the war he attended Tri-State College for twelve weeks of Teacher Training. He started teaching in 1919, in one room schools in the Franklin Township Schools.

He continued his education during the summers and night classes, receiving his degrees from Ball State Teacher College and Indiana University.

He taught in Franklin Township Schools for five years, the Waterloo School. After teaching in Waterloo School, he went to Richland Township and taught in two room schools for five years. Then back to Waterloo-Grant Township as teacher, and later as High School Principal. He resigned from Waterloo-Grant Township School in 1959 to become County Superintendent. During this time he served on the committee for the reorganization of the DeKalb County Schools system. After closing the office of County Superintendent in 1963, at the age of sixty-five, he went to Smith-Green Community Schools, as Principal of Green Center School. In June 1969, at the age of seventy-one, he retired. He was a teacher in DeKalb County for over fifty years.

He married Helen Dannells, 23 August 1927. They have three daughters: Patricia Brace, Elaine Kline and Janet Gurd. Clarence's home was always in Waterloo, Indiana until he and Helen went to live in Betz Nursing home. Helen died 22 February 1987.

FREDERICK HARMON GEE, born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, 28 September 1825, son of Anson and Amelia (Hoyt) Gee. His father died when he was five and his mother remarried, Enoch Hifford. He, his younger brother and sister, Harlow and Wealthy were made wards of Benjamin Alton. Mr. Alton came to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1836 and was the first minister of the Church of Christ in Coburntown, thus Frederick grew up in this Christian household. In 1849, he married Elizabeth Flint, born 9 February 1830 in New Lyme, Ohio, daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Minard) Flint. Seven of their eight children that grew to adulthood were: Christopher, born 3 January 1851, died 14 January 1928 in Conneaut, Ohio, married Emma Smith; Ophelia, born 1 May 1854, died 21 December 1928 in DeKalb County, married Morris Headley; Samuel Denman, born 3 June 1857, died 1 January 1931 in DeKalb County, married Flora Fuller; William C., born 31 October 1859, died 2 April 1931 in Ashtabua, Ohio, married Luverne Congdon; Dulaine, born 25 September 1862, died 7 February 1943 in DeKalb County, married Minnie Swartz; George, born 8 October 1865, died 24 November 1905 in DeKalb County, married Mary Baker; Nina, born 28 March 1871, died 28 January 1942 in DeKalb County, married Irvin Hadsell.

Frederick Harmon Gee died in 1899, two weeks after celebrating, with his wife, their golden wedding anniversary.

JOHN B. NICHOLLS, born 14 December 1791 in Maryland and died 5 March 1858 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Margaret by whom he had five children born in Virginia. Two, Simon and John, accompanied him to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1850. He married Lydia Lehman, born 18 April 1808, in Virginia, died 3 March 1881 in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Johannes Lehman, by whom he had seven children. They moved from Rockingham County, Virginia to Ohio in 1841 and settled in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana in 1850. His children were:

Simon, born 17 March 1828, in Virginia, died 12 May 1907, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married 9 October 1862, Catherine Ann Robertson born 1838, died 1933, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Collin Robertson and Hannah Platter.

John, born 1831, in Virginia, died 1825, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married 17 December 1870 in DeKalb County, Indiana, Margaret Melton, born 1840, in Scotland, died 1913, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Andrew and Mary Melton.

Wilson, born 1834, in Virginia, settled in Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio, married Louisa. Wilson was a Civil War Veteran.

Lucinda, born 1835, in Virginia, died 1873, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Nathan T. Fuller.

Susannah, born 1840, in Virginia, died 1927, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married 15 October 1868, in DeKalb County, Indiana, Sapharus Swineford, owner of the Swineford House in Auburn, Indiana.

Martha, born 1841, in Virginia, died 16 January 1933, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Granville Forkner, a Postmaster in Auburn, Indiana.

Harvey, born in 1842, in Licking County, Ohio, died 3 September 1874 in DeKalb County, Indiana, a Civil War Veteran. Did not marry.

Ellen, born 1844, in Ohio, married 30 May 1861 in DeKalb County, Indiana, Hollis B. Aiken.

Jane, born 1848, in Ohio.

LEMUEL FLINT, born 6 April 1798 in Montgomery County, New York, the son of Adam Flint, Jr., grandson of Adam Flint Sr., a Revolutionary soldier, great-grandson of Robert Flint, the Pioneer and veteran of the French and Indian War, and Mary Potter, born 17 March 1770, died 26 April 1815.

Lemuel left home at the age of seventeen and lived with his older brother, Adam A., in Ontario County, New York. In 1818, he went to Ashtabula County, Ohio where he married Mary Minard, born 8 April 1803 in Connecticut, died 4 February 1831 in New Lyme, Ohio, daughter of Sanford and Zipporah Minard. Their children were:

George W., born 10 September 1821 in New Lyme, Ohio,, died 3 July 1865 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Elizabeth Grace, born 9 February 1830 in New

Lyme, Ohio, died 23 December 1910 in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Frederick Harmon Gee on 4 February 1849 in Coburn Corners, DeKalb County, Indiana.

In 1831, Lemuel 2nd married Hannah (Hoyt) Gee, born 7 September 1807, in Vermont, died 15 October 1875, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Benjamin Hoyt and widow of Samuel Gustin Gee, with two children, Philena Mahala and Cynthia Lovesta. They moved to Michigan in 1837 and remained there until 1839, when they came to Concord, Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Their children were:

Samuel Gustin Flint, born in 1832 in Ashtabula County, Ohio, died 1900, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Orlina Hadsell.

Mary, born in 1838, in Michigan, married 1st Elijah Thompson, 2nd Isreal Strong, and 3rd Benjamin Hoyt.

Lemuel Gustin Flint, born ca 1845, in Indiana, died 23 February 1931, in Vincennes, Indiana, married Nancy.

Lemuel Flint died in 1881 after a full life of farming and pioneering in the early days of our history. A direct quote from his biography: "Three children. Six weeks from the time our last child was born, our house and good burned up. Hard, wilderness country, small clearings, quite new and sparsely settled. We had some sickness, some floods, some windstorms, but have lived through it all."

LEWIS WILBERT MICHAEL, born 8 April 1900 in Saratoga, Indiana, near Ridgeville, Indiana, the son of George and Bessie (Morgan) Michael. His paternal grandparents were Silas and Elise (Hawley) Michael of Darke County, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were William and Sarah (Helms) Morgan of Ridgeville, Indiana.

Gladys Dorothy Clark, born 23 October 1909 at rural Muncie, Indiana, daughter of Oliver and Annie Laurie (Rich) Clark. Paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Rachel (Gobel) Clark. Maternal grandparents were Isaac Newton and Lavinia (Learned) Rich.

Lewis (Mike) and Gladys were married on 6 July 1929 at Muncie. Lewis attended night school in Muncie, after graduating from Ridgeville High School, also took a Correspondence Course — both in Art and Drafting. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge in Ridgeville and to the Council and Chapter in Auburn, also belonged to the Knights Templar. They moved to Auburn in 1938 with the Warner Gear, hiring in at $.50 an hour. He worked in Shipping at that time — later transferred to Tool Design and eventually became Chief tool Designer. He died suddenly on a very hot day, 6 June 1963.

Gladys has worked at Westwood Supermarket as a checker, Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company as a Switchboard and Radio Operator, Starlight Motel as a clerk and is currently working as Office Assistant at the DeKalb County Council on Aging at the Heimach Center.

Lewis and Gladys is an active member of the First United Methodist Church. Gladys is also an active member of the Eastern Star, having served over 30 years of her 44 year membership as an officer and is currently serving as Worthy Matron.

Lewis had three brothers and four sisters, all deceased, except a sister living in Indianapolis, Dora Hill.

Gladys had four brothers and four sisters, two brothers, Arthur and Woodrow Clark and a sister, Nina Morgan, all live in Muncie.

Lewis and Gladys are the parents of four children: Wayne L., living in Auburn, is Senior Product Designer at Auburn Gear and Ministers at the Butler Church of Christ.

Alan R., also living in Auburn, works for Miller Heating & Plumbing, also does remodeling work and woodwork.

David P., lives in Hicksville, Ohio and commutes each week to Springfield, Ohio, where he works for International Harvester.

A daughter, Sue S. Sells, lives in Fort Wayne and works at the Haus of Mini Salons as a hair dresser. She also does photography and Art work in her spare time, is also part owner of the Art Gallery in Glenbrook Mall where she works on Sunday.

THADDEUS STEPHEN BROWN, 24 June 1878 to 30 November 1955, arrived in DeKalb County, Indiana, during the early 1930's. He and his wife settled on a small piece of land on State Road 8 between Newville and the Ohio State Line in Newville Township.

Thad's family were early immigrants to the state of Indiana coming from New Jersey by way of Kentucky. The Brown family settled in Hendricks County, Indiana, between 1824 and 1828. Thad was the youngest son of Dr. William M. Brown and Tammar Walker.

Thad's first marriage to Nora Edwards ended in divorce, 12 March 1916, he married Mary Belle McKinley.

Mary Belle McKinley, a nurse, was born 29 May 1878, in Spencerville, Indiana, the daughter of Adam McKinley and Desda Skinner. Her first husband, Mr. Shutt, was killed in an explosion in DeKalb County and left her with a young son, Weldon Shutt. Her second marriage to a Mr. Benson ended in divorce and she was left with another son, Orley Benson, to raise. Orley

Benson was killed in 1938 in a car accident near Kentucky. Weldon, a sensitive young man who read poetry and sketched flowers in the leaves of his books, ran away from his home in Ohio when he was about 27 years of age and was never heard from again.

After Thad and Belle were married they took up residence in Hamilton, Ohio, where they operated a successful mortuary business. In the early 1930's they retired to DeKalb County, Indiana.

To keep busy, Thad and Belle operated a lucrative wayside market during the summer months called the Schmoo Market, named for a cartoon character in the papers of that time.

In 1945, Belle was struck with a severe stroke and was bed ridden the last 10 years of her life. Thad tended her at home with loving care. Belle died, 26 July 1955, and Thad, suffering from cancer, followed her shortly. Both are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Thad and Belle had no children together, but Thad's nephew, Orville B. Moore was very close to them and was with them near the end.

FRED MAXWELL, born 30 September 1937, Auburn, son of Romay and Esther (Smith) Maxwell, of Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Frank and Eathal (Leeth) Maxwell, of Columbia City, Indiana, maternal grandparents are James and Dessie (Grogg) Smith, of Auburn.

Juliana Shoudel, born 19 June 1940, Waterloo, daughter of Joseph, born 1892, died 27 May 1941 and Genevieve (Smith) Shoudel, born 1909, of Auburn. Paternal grandparents are Michael and Joanna (Reinig) Shoudel, of Bavaria, Germany, maternal grandparents are Thomas, born 1863, died 1955 and Mary (Gfeffer) Smith, born 1875, died 1951, of Pierceton, Indiana.

Fred and Juliana were married 23 April 1966, Saint Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. They both attended Ashley High School.

Fred has worked at International Harvester, and now is self-employed as a bookkeeper and auctioneer. Juliana has worked at Rieke Corporation and is now employed at Magnavox Corporation, of Auburn.

To this union were born three sons; Michael Alan, born 19 January 1967; Robert Joseph, born 4 February 1970; and Charles Evertt, born 4 July 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxwell presently reside south of Auburn, they are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

ORVILLE BROWN MOORE, "O.B." to his friends, was born in one of the last log cabins in Clermont, Indiana, on 2 August 1897. He was the son of William Speer Moore, born 26 April 1855, died 23 August 1931, and his third wife, Hattie Brown, born 5 May 1870, died 1 January 1938. His siblings were: Fred, born 12 May 1878, died 11 June 1941; James, born 5 May 1895, died 18 July 1896; an infant male, born 17 July 1896 died 18 July 1896; and Conner, born 5 March 1901, died 26 September 1966. His maternal grandparents were Dr. William M. Brown, born 12 January 1842, died 8 September 1912, and Tammar Walker, born 8 January 1842, died 3 February 1890. The Brown's were first settlers in Brown Township, Hendrick's County, Indiana, in 1828. The Township and the City of Brownsburg was named for his family. His paternal grandparents were John Moore, born 9 June 1816, died 17 December 1905, and Sarah Speer, born 10 October 1828, died 28 July 1909. John Moore arrived in Marion County, Indiana from Ohio between 1830-1832. He helped construct the first State Capital Building in Marion County. Sarah Speer's grandfather, Robert Speer, arrived from Ireland on 16 July 1792. Sarah's mother, Mary Barnhill, arrived in Marion County in 1820 with her parents. She was of the prestigious Barnhill line that arrived in this country fleeing Ireland for publishing rebel papers being charged with treason. The crown confiscated all properties of the family but they hid the printing press and eventually brought it to the United States.

Orville graduated from Brownsburg High School in 1918. He worked for his Uncle Thad Brown in Hamilton, Ohio, in the mortuary business. He played professional football in South Bend, Indiana. He also worked for the telephone company, worked for the railroad as a brakeman, and almost 25 years with the Transit Company in Chicago, Illinois.

After a severe heart attack, Orville moved his family to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1952. He farmed a few years, and then found employment with the DeKalb County Co-Op in Butler. After the death of his Uncle Thad Brown, in 1955, he moved his family to Newville Township, to the small acreage bequeathed him. In the following years he found employment with Hendrickson Tandem and Universal Tool & Stamp in Butler. After his retirement from both he worked at the American Legion in Butler tending bar for his friends. On 31 January 1979, he died of congestive heart failure.

Harriet was born on 5 January 1910, in Stavanger, Norway. She is the third of four daughters, Bertha, Evelyn, Harriet and Esther, and the only child born in Norway to Harold Hansen, born 29 November 1884, died 19 September 1960, and Nora Stene, born 29

December 1883, died 2 February 1950. Harold is descended from an old and protected name of Abel in Norway, while Nora's uncle was a cabinet member of the King of Norway. Harriet was raised in Chicago, Illinois, and married Arthur Herzberg, on 20 October 1928 and later divorced. Harold Herzberg, son of Harriet and Arthur was born 11 August 1929 and died of a massive stroke on 15 April 1976. He is buried in Butler, Indiana.

Orville and Harriet Elnora (Hansen) Moore were married 8 July 1939, in Chicago, Illinois. To this union were born four daughters: Esther, Carol, Sally and Karen.

ESTHER MOORE, born 17 October 1940, attended Warner's Beauty College in Fort Wayne. She met and married Troy Kissinger and currently lives in Fort Wayne. She worked several years at Magnavox and for the past several years has worked for Perfection Bakery. Esther and Troy have four children: Tammera, born 14 January 1960; David, born 22 January 1961; Laurie, born 17 May 1962; and Robert, born 7 September 1964. They also have four grandchildren: Sherry Brewster, born 5 October 1976; and Terry Lee Brewster, born 4 September 1978; Nicholas Kissinger, born 19 March 1982; and Lesley Ann Kurtz, born 6 February 1984.

CAROL MOORE, born 13 October 1945, graduated from the last class of Riverdale High School in St. Joe, Indiana. She has worked for Pittsfield in Hamilton and Commercial Shearing in Hicksville. She has also attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She married Forrest Hanna in 1966. He has worked 24 years for Universal Tool & Stamp in Butler. Carol and Forrest have one son, Benjamin Douglas Hanna, born 6 April 1981, in Auburn. They are living in Hicksville, Ohio.

SALLY MOORE, born 20 September 1948, graduated from Eastside High School in Butler in 1966. She has served 12 years active and reserve in the Army. She spent 1968-1969 in Long Binh, Vietnam. She has attended IU-Purdue and Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She has been employed at SS Kresge Warehouse, VA Hospital, and Allen County Welfare Fraud in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is currently residing with her widowed mother in DeKalb County. She has taken an interest in genealogy and has been researching her lines for over 2 years now.

KAREN MOORE, born 15 February 1952, graduated from Eastside High School in Butler. She has worked at the Lutheran Homes, Incorporated in Fort Wayne; L.S. Ayres in Indianapolis, and with the PX system at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. Karen was married and divorces from James Treesh. She had a stillborn son, Michael Lee, 1970, and a daughter, Wendy Christine, born 9 October 1971, from this marriage. She has a daughter, Lesley Irene Marie, born 5 July 1978 from her marriage to Ernest Garr in 1977, and later divorced. In 1981, she married John Lewis, and they live in Greenfield, Indiana. John works at Navistar in Indianapolis.

Harold Herzberg Red, born 11 August 1929, died 15 April 1976, was their half brother. He was with the National Guard for 11 years. He was employed and lived in Chicago, Illinois. He leaves three children: Annette, born 10 August 1956; Alan, born 10 March 1959; and Victoria, born 2 September 1960. Harold also has several grandchildren: Christopher Stepp, born 4 October 1977; and Katie Stepp, born 4 October 1981; Cassandra Herzberg, born 8 August 1981; and Michael Herzberg, born 24 June 1982; Francis Toller, born 19 March 1979; Sabrina Toller, born 17 May 1980, Mathew Toller, born 17 November 1982; and Melissa Toller, born 27 June 1984.

EUGENE BAUGHMAN, born 18 August 1905, in Union Township, DeKalb County, to Munson Monroe, born 2 April 1877 and Ethal Mae (Loutzenhiser) Baughman, born 19 March 1888. Both natives of DeKalb County.

Eugene went to grade school at Bog Island School, and High School in Auburn. He helped his father farm about 45 acres. His father was also a carpenter and worked with John Bungy building houses and barns.

His paternal grandparents were Solom and Nancy (Barnhart) Baughman. Solom was a farmer and they lived northeast of Auburn. His maternal grandparents were John Henry and Permillie Jane (Osbun) Loutzenhiser. John was a farmer in Michigan and then southeast of Waterloo. Later moved to Auburn. Eugene married Ruth Berry, 22 November 1923, they are the parents of eleven children.

In 1924, Eugene went to work for Pollycor Furniture Company. Pollycor built a new factory across from Auburn Foundry and Eugene went there to work. He worked at the new factory for one year, then it closed. In 1928, he went to work for Ross Wilson Filling Station, two years and was transferred to Ross Wilson Indian Gas and Oil Station in Angola. He worked two years and they sold out. In 1933, the family moved back to DeKalb County and started farming. He also worked at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Auto Company. He was a machinist and made auto parts. In 1975, Eugene retired from farming.

Eugene Baughman Family

RUTH BERRY, born 8 December 1903, daughter of Clarence and Pluma (Stafford) Berry. Pluma, born 6 October 1877, died 24 March 1947.

Ruth attended the old Riley Grade School in Auburn, then the family moved and she attended Magginis School in Jackson Township, later Auburn High School. After school she worked at Gladdator factory on north Indiana Avenue.

Her father worked at the Eckhart Buggy factory in Auburn. Later farmed on the old Brick road, east of Auburn. Ruth had four sisters and three brothers: Lotus (Berry) Bartles; Helen (Berry) Varner; Gladys (Berry) Hanes; Rose Marie (Berry) Newcomer; Russell, Ralph, and Kenneth.

Her paternal grandparents were Winfred and Nancy Belle Berry. Winfred, born 18 August 1853 and died 28 January 1937. Nancy Belle, born 1856 and died 31 January 1933. They lived west of St. Joe. Her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Harriet (Seely) Stafford. They lived at Newville.

Ruth married Eugene Baughman, 22 November 1923 in the St. Marks Lutheran parsonage in Auburn. They are the parents of eleven children: Mary Ellen (Baughman) Warfield; Jordan DeWayne; Munson Monroe; Josephine Mae (Baughman) Sowles; Elizabeth Jane (Baughman) Chorpenning; Donald Wayne; Arthur Verl; Virginia Lee (Baughman) Ashleman; Charlotte Joan (Baughman) Rogers; Robert Eugene; Arlene Ruth (Baughman) Beard.

HENRY LUDWIG, born 1862, Holmes County, Ohio, died 1935, son of Cyrus and Anna Marie Ludwig.

Henry Ludwig Family

Cyrus and Anna came to America from Germany, where they lived in Ohio before settling on a farm north of Auburn. They built a log cabin on this farm. They are the parents of seven children: John, was a carpenter, and went west to San Francisco; Kate, married Christian Fell, they had four children; Henry, married Elizabeth Heine; Anna, married Oliver Pipes of Garrett, Anna died shortly after the death of their last child; Maggie, married Oliver Pipes after the death of her sister, Anna; William, married and had one son, Raymond. Raymond graduated from Auburn High School, attended Northwestern University to study dentistry. He had an office in Chicago, where he met and married Edna Peterson. They had three children: Raymond, Jr., James and Christine. Dr. Ludwig retired to Bear Lake, Michigan and operated a resort until his death.

Henry came to Auburn as a small boy. He worked on a section gang for the Vandalia Railroad. He helped lay tracks from Butler to Columbia City, Indiana.

Henry married Elizabeth Heine in 1888. She was born in Germany in 1862 and came to America with an uncle, Conrad Miller, when eighteen. Elizabeth died in 1917. They were the parents of three children: Calvin H., also graduated from Auburn High School, the class of 1911. He attended Fort Wayne Business College, and worked in Fort Wayne for several years. He moved to Chicago, where he was employed by the Common Wealth Edison Company for thirty years. He never married and is now deceased, John C., married Anna Zulich and they have one son; Martha, quit school in her junior year and went to work for Schaab Brother Dry Goods Store as cashier and bookkeeper, later she was bookkeeper for the Auburn Rubber Company. Martha married Lamar Hussey of Ligonier, and moved to Toledo, Ohio. They both worked and retired from Willy's Overland Motor Car Company. They had two children: James and Joann, deceased.

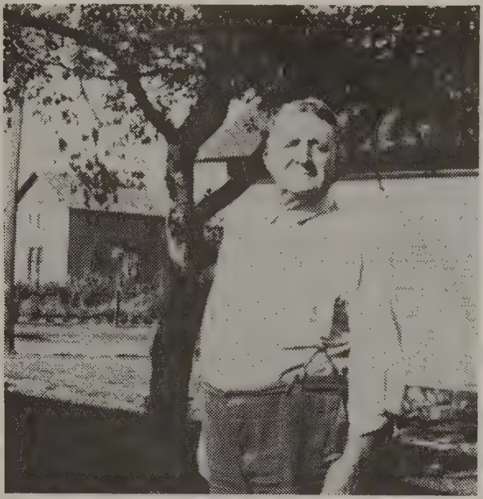
JOHN C. LUDWIG, born 29 November 1893 in Auburn, son of Henry and Elizabeth Ludwig. Paternal grandparents were Cyrus and Anna Marie Ludwig.

John attended grade and High School, he had a part-time job, working for Ten Eyck Green house. After graduation, 1913, he took a Civil Service Examination, for Clerk-Carrier with the Postal Department. In 1914, he received an appointment to work in the Auburn Post Office.

John married Anna M. Zulich of Medaryville, Indiana. They rented a home and in less than a year they bought their first home. John carried mail for eight years at which time, he was transferred to clerk in the office. After nineteen years as clerk, John was appointed assistant Post Master, 1941. He remained in this position until he retired, 1954. John was raised a Master Mason, in 1915, at DeKalb Lodge 214 F. & A.M. He is still a member after seventy-one years, until recently, an active member. He is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Anna was a member of the Eastern Stars for more than fifty years. They were members of the St. Marks Lutheran Church for fifty years before Anna passed away 24 December 1985.

John and Anna had one son, J. Robert, who graduated from Auburn High School, 1937. He attended Tri-State College and graduated, 1940. After graduation, he worked for the Curtis Wright Aircraft Company in Buffalo, New York.

Robert married Barbara Jean Bradely, at Fairmont, Illinois, in 1942. He and Barbara moved from Buffalo to Auburn after the death of their first son. He worked for Dana Corporation for over thirty-two years and retired in 1975. They are the parents of four children: John Lawrence, died soon after birth; Richard Allen, lives in Auburn and married Caroline Sue Refner. They are the parents of two children: Richard Allen, Jr. and Tommy. Judith Ann, married Robert Battig of Swanton, Ohio. They now live in Toledo, Ohio and have three children; Suzanne, Sheryl and Steven. Patricia Sue, married William Musser of Auburn. They have two children: Jeffery and Michelle. They live on a farm, near Kendallville, Indiana.


Joseph Watier

JOSEPH WATIER, was born in Penetanguishene, Ontario, Canada, 22 October 1857 and died in Altona, 24 October 1950. He lived to the ripe old age of 93 and never had a serious illness. A favorite saying Mr. Watier will be remembered by was The whiter the bread, the quicker you're dead. He ate nothing but brown bread and drank tea instead of coffee, so it's possible these things contributed to his longevity. He spoke both French and English.

Joseph Watier located at Defiance, Ohio at age 18 and moved to Altona in 1896. He became a farmer in Michigan in 1904, but came back to Altona 18 months later. He then worked at the B & O car shops in Garrett until he retirement.

Joseph Watier married Alice Lucinda Trostel, daughter of William & Elizabeth Trostel. Alice was born in Ohio 11 February 1862 and died in Altona 3 January 1908. They were the parents of eight children: Eliza Elizabeth, John Albert, Alma Pricilla, Joseph William, Agnes, Mildred G., Arthur LeRoy and Dorothy Pearl Watier.

Watier Home

DOROTHY PEARL WATIER, daughter of Joseph and Alice Lucinda (Trostel) Watier, was born in Altona, 11 July 1902, to a family of eight children: four sisters and three brothers. At the age of three, her family moved to 1205 W. Quincy Street in Altona. When Dorothy was only five years old, her mother died in the family residence, and her twenty-nine year old brother, Joseph Toot Watier also died there.

Dorothy Watier, at the age of seventeen married Joseph D. Leeson on 15 October 1919 and shortly afterwards purchased the homestead from her father. Their first two children, Joseph James and Evelyn Pauline were born in the house, and their third child, Helen Lou, was born in Jackson, Michigan. They lived in Jackson a little over two years, and returned to the homestead in December of 1928. It was at this time that they added a second story to the house. Dorothy is still presently living in the house, where she has spent most of her eighty-three years. The house that I have lived in for nearly eighty years, Has seen its share of happiness, and of course its share of tears. This house has been my haven, in a world of stress and strife, It has been my whole existence, it has been my very life.

ALBERTUS STACKHOUSE, moved his wife Rachael and four young children to Newville Township from Ohio in 1896, he bought a farm and for ninety years his descendants have made DeKalb County their home. He had 3 sons: Glen, born 1887; Amos, born 1889; and Homer, born 1893; and a daughter, Bessie, born 1891. The children helped their parents with the farming and grew up at the home place. Glen married Hazel Bordner and moved his family to Fairfield Township and raised 13 children. Amos married Alma Friend and after farming a few years, moved to Hicksville to work as an auto mechanic. Bessie married Carl Osmun and also lived in Hicksville, where they operated a creamery business and raised 8 children.

Homer married Hazel Bills from St. Joe and farmed in Jackson and Wilmington Townships before moving into Auburn in 1924, where he worked as a machinist repairman and ended up working at Warner Gear. To Homer and Hazel were born four children: Eunice, born 1915; Preston, born 1917; Betty, born 1922; and Hubert, born 1924. All children attended the Auburn schools and graduated from Auburn High School. Hubert served in WW II and taught school for 37 years before retiring. Homer died in 1950 and Hazel lives in Auburn. Betty married James Gushwa from Fort Wayne and they had one daughter, Cynthia, who is married to Ronald Lake and they have Michelle, and twins, Mathew and Michael.

Preston married Bertha Swartz and lives at 722 North Jackson Street in Auburn. He worked as a pattern maker for many years and is retired. He and Bertha had two children Preston Jr., who is married and lives in Garrett with two children. Mary Ann married Richard Houser from Kendallville and they have 3 children.

Eunice married Golden Reno and had lived in Auburn for 42 years and now lives at 1125 North Van Buren Street. They have three daughters: Marilyn, Judith and Kathleen. Marilyn married Michael Webb and they have 3 children: Judith, married Charles Lange and they have 3 children and Kathleen became a pharmacist and has lived in Scottsdale, Arizona for 14 years now. Golden and Eunice spend winter months in Florida but are happy to return to Auburn to spend 7-8 months a year.

The Stackhouses who came from Germany to America in 1661 to settle in Pennsylvania and later migrated west to Ohio and finally to DeKalb County in 1896 became farmers and now enjoy life in small towns.

Joseph Leeson

JOSEPH LEESON, one of DeKalb County's oldest citizens and a resident of Keyser Township for 44 years, was born in Edenham, Lincolnshire, England, 21 July 1825. He died 27 April 1907. He landed in America in about 1848. In his early days, he was a great traveler and spent several years on a trip around the world, in Australia, South America and other distant lands. He was in California during the gold fever in 1849. On his trip from Australia to America, his ship was plundered by pirates and he lost nearly all his earthly possessions.

Joseph Leeson married Eliza Elizabeth Down end in 1858. Eliza, born 20 March 1842 and died 7 February 1895. They came to DeKalb County from Shelby, Ohio in 1863 and located on 40 acres of land upon which the center of Garrett's business district stands today. They sold this land to Washington Cowen, the special agent sent out by the B & O Railroad to locate a division point.

Joseph and Eliza Leeson, were the parents of six children: Joseph, Hattie, Ira, Eliza, Edward and James M. Leeson.

James M. Leeson, born 17 March 1861, in Richland County, Ohio, and died in Altona on 23 May 1913. He was a farmer most of his life. James married Anna Houser, daughter of Henry H. and Matilda Houser, 26 February 1896. Anna was born 24 April 1870 and died 16 April 1942 in Altona. They had seven children: Thomas, Thelma E., Frank, Don C., Sam, Margaret and Joseph Dickenson Leeson. After James died, Anna married his brother, Edward, and had one son, Fred Leeson.

Joseph Dickenson Leeson was born in DeKalb County, 18 June 1898 and died in Cinncinati, Ohio 5 June 1944. Joseph D. and his brother Thomas joined the navy together during WW I and served on sister ships, the U.S.S. Murray and U.S.S. Maury. After the navy, Joseph started out working as a boilermaker for the B & O Railroad in Garrett and in 1928 became an employee of the U.S. Treasury Department in Chicago. Under Eliot Ness, he was chosen to be one of the famous UNTOUCHABLES, a crackerjack and incorruptible prohibition enforcement squad, who helped break up the Al Capone syndicate. He remained a federal lawman until his death.

Joseph D. Leeson married Dorothy Pearl Watier, daughter of Joseph and Alice Lucinda Watier, 15 October 1919. Dorothy, born in DeKalb County 11 July 1902. They were the parents of three children: Joseph James, Helen Lou and Evelyn Pauline Leeson. Joseph D. married a second time and had two more daughters: Linda Rose and Pamela Ann.

Evelyn Pauline Leeson, born 18 March 1925 in DeKalb County, married John Junior Butler, 1 December 1945. John, born 26 October 1925. They live in Kendallville and have two children: Gregory Lynn and Deborah Sue.

Deborah Sue Butler, born 29 September 1950, married Thomas Steven Barry, 25 April 1970. Thomas, born 8 August 1948 and served with the army in Viet Nam. They presently live in Auburn and have two children: Steven Thomas, born 7 July 1971, and Holly Elizabeth, born 4 September 1977. Steven and Holly are the sixth generation of the original Joseph Leeson.

David Butler

DAVID BUTLER, the second settler of DeKalb County, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, 28 June 1805, and died in Concord Township, 3 September 1884. After his father died in Virginia, when David was sixteen, he and his mother went by wagon train to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he lived until 1833. In that year he moved to DeKalb County and bought sixty acres of land in Concord Township, to which he afterward added 160 acres.

David Butler married Elizabeth Yates, the daughter of Thomas Loval Yates, the first settler of DeKalb County. Elizabeth was born 12 February 1812 and died 4 March 1877. Their family consisted of eight children: Ellen; Irvin, who died while serving during the Civil War; Andrew; Amos; Christina; Minerva; David C. and Daniel W., twins.

Daniel W. Butler, twin of David C. Butler, was born 6 December 1842 and died 18 October 1901. He was raised on the Butler homestead and after marriage, settled on a part of it. He married Sarah Jane Boots, daughter of John Boots of Jackson Township, DeKalb County, 2 February 1871. Sarah Jane was born in 1851 and died in 1937. They had three children: Frank L.; Merritt A,; and Audrey Elizabeth. Daniel W., was the father of another son, Daniel Butler. The mother was Julie Grosh.

Daniel Butler, son of Daniel W. Butler, was born in Allen County 3 June 1865 and died in Auburn 4 September 1917. He lived most of his life in Auburn. Daniel married Etta Shannon, 21 October 1887. They were the parents of three children: Grace; Harry; and Ralph. In a second marriage, Daniel married Mary A. Slessman, daughter of John M. and Becky (Sargeant) Slessman. Mary was born 22 March 1878 and died in Battle Creek, Michigan, September 1950. They had five children: Sadie; Edna; Wanda; Katherine; and John Wallace Butler.

John Wallace Butler, born in Allen Township, DeKalb County, 27 July 1901 and died 17

November 1942. After marriage, John resided in Kendallville until his death. He married Gladys Lucille Jourdan, daughter of George W. and Mable (Leighty) Jourdan of Kendallville. Gladys was born 30 July 1903 and presently lives at the Lamplighter in Kendallville. They had one son, John Junior Butler.

John Junior Butler, born in Kendallville, 26 October 1925. He married Evelyn Pauline Leeson, 1 December 1945 in Garrett. Evelyn, daughter of Joseph D. and Dorothy (Watier) Leeson, was born in DeKalb County, 18 March 1925. They live in Kendallville and have two children: Gregory Lynn; and Deborah Sue. Gregory is a Viet Nam War Veteran and was born in Garrett, 11 August 1948. He lives in Toledo, Ohio.

Deborah Sue Butler, born in Garrett, 29 September 1950. She married Thomas Steven Barry, 25 April 1970. They live in Auburn and have two children: Steven Thomas, born 7 July 1971; and Holly Elizabeth, born 4 September 1977. They are the seventh generation of David Butler.

George Washington Davis

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS, born in Massilon, Ohio, 20 September 1847 and died at the age of 87 in Altona, 17 August 1935. When he was 17 years old, he moved to Altona, having lived in Auburn a few years prior. While 17, he also enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War. He served from 1861-1865, being next to the last veteran to die in DeKalb County.

George W. Davis married Pricilla Ann Mochamer, daughter of William and Nancy (Yockey) Mochamer, 23 October 1873. They were the parents of three children: Almeda; Orton E.; and Clyde G. Davis.

Clyde G. Davis, born east of Auburn in 1881 and died in Altona 23 May 1937. Mr. Davis was a railroad carpenter. He married Josephine Mary Ross, daughter of Robert H. and Rebecca (Houser) Ross, 14 July 1901. Josephine (Josie) was born in Avilla, 27 February 1878 and died at age 82, 15 February 1961. She and Clyde were members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Garrett. They had five children: Rena, Orton G., Virginia, George H., and Mozelle Davis.

Mozelle Davis, born 27 May 1904 and died 28 October 1960. She married Raymond Anderson, 9 November 1921. For many years Mozelle ran a small grocery and general store in Altona. She and Raymond were the parents of two children: Paul C. and Alelia Angela. In a second marriage, Mozelle had another son, John Lee Griffith.

Alelia Angela Anderson, born 12 October 1922, married Kenneth E. Barry, 19 April 1943. Kenneth E., born 19 August 1920 and died 20 June 1974. During WW II, he served with the Army Air Corps. Their family of six children includes: Kenneth Paul, Timothy John, Gery Joel, Richard Patrick, Judy Christine and Thomas Steven.

Thomas Steven Barry, an army veteran of the Viet Nam War, was born in Garrett, 8 August 1948. He married Deborah Sue Butler, 25 April 1970. Deborah, born in Garrett, 29 September 1950. They presently live in Auburn and have two children: Steven Thomas, born 7 July 1971 and Holly Elizabeth, born 4 September 1977.

OLIVER B. ARTHUR, born in Lima, Ohio on 21 May 1874, to Martin Van Buren and Isrella (Smith) Arthur. His father was from Waterloo, Indiana but was working temporarily at the Hub and Spoke factory at Lima at that time. They moved back to Waterloo a few years later. Ollie graduated from Waterloo High School in 1893 in a class of six people. He taught school in the county several years before receiving an appointment as a railway mail clerk in 1899, on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, later called the New York Central Railroad. Ollie and Nellie Jennings were married 14 July 1897, and purchased a home on Washington Street in Waterloo, which they both lived in the rest of their lives. Nellie was born in Wilmington Township, 11 June 1875, to Hiram and Sarah (Nevins) Jennings. Her parents died when she was young and she lived about 13 years with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel DeWitt until she married.

Ollie and Nellie had two children: Lynn Jennings Arthur, born 24 April 1900 and Lois Amy Arthur, born 30 December 1902.

When Waterloo celebrated their homecoming in the summer of 1939, Ollie was the treasurer. While the family was growing up they rented cottages of Lake James in Steuben County several summers. In 1933, they purchased a cottage for $1200. It is still owned by members of the family.

After Ollie's retirement in the early 1930's he and Nellie spent their winters in Florida and summers at Lake James. Ollie died 1 April 1948 and Nellie in July of 1963. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Frank and Romayne Korsmeyer

FRANK HENRY KORSMEYER, was born 26 July 1890 near Meredosia, Morgan County, Illinois, the son of William and Anna (Roegge) Korsmeyer. He was the oldest of five children, three boys and two girls.

His paternal grandparents were Herman and Anna Marie (Knippenberg) Korsmeyer. His maternal grandparents were Frederick and Anne Marie (Bruggerman) Rogge.

Frank attended schools in Morgan County and Brown's Business School in Jacksonville, Illinois.

In 1917, Frank Korsmeyer was drafted into the Army for the first World War. He served almost three years in the Army, nine months of which were served in the Medical Corp. A.E.F. at Meissidam in Southern France, a town which was 1000 years old.

His mother, Anna (Roegge) Korsmeyer, came to America from Hanover, Germany when she was sixteen years old. She left her parents and brothers and sisters in Germany. She had nephews who were officers in the German Army, so, Frank was actually fighting his first cousins. Several of these officers were killed in the war. He was honorably discharged from the Army at Rockford, Illinois in May 1919, and returned to the family farm.

In 1921, he went to work at The Toledo Edison Company in Toledo, Ohio where he met his wife.

Romayne (Hayes) Korsmeyer was born at Perrysburg, Ohio on 20 May 1903, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Hoffmann) Hayes. Her paternal grandparents were Thomas and Ellen (Rielly) Hayes. Her maternal grandparents were John George and Catherine (Cornelius) Hoffman. Both were pioneer families in Ohio History.

Romayne and Frank Korsmeyer were married 18 November 1929 at St. Rose Rectory, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Romayne graduated from Perrysburg High School, attended Davis Business College in Toledo, Ohio and later St. Francis College and Indiana University at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1929, Frank was transferred to Cities Service Oil Company in Columbus, Ohio. In 1937, he was sent to Hamilton, Indiana as manager of the Lake Shore Power Company and lived in DeKalb County. In 1938, he was sent to Butler, Indiana as assistant manager of Indiana and Michigan Electric Company. In 1940, he became District Manager of the Company, a position which he held until he retired in 1955.

Frank was very active in civic affairs in Butler, serving as both President and Secretary of the Butler Rotary Club. He served nine years on the Board of Education in the Butler Schools. He was active in the American Legion, being a 50 year member when he died. After retirement, he was Secretary of the Butler Chamber of Commerce for several years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Frank Korsmeyer died 3 May 1971, and is buried in Butler Cemetery.

Romayne and Frank are the parents of two daughters. Mary (Korsmeyer) Prowitt was born in Columbus, Ohio on 26 September 1931. She graduated from Butler High School in 1949 and MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1953. She is Supervisor of State Employment Taxes at World Headquarters of General Foods Corporation, Rye Brook, New York.

Anne (Korsmeyer) Haggarty was born in Columbus, Ohio 1 January 1934. She graduated from Butler High School in 1951 and Indiana University in 1955. She taught in Butler and Auburn schools and in a private Jewish School in Far Rockaway, New York. She and her husband, Michael Haggarty and sons live in Auburn, Indiana.

In 1951, Romayne Korsmeyer was appointed Head Librarian at the Butler Carneige Public Library, a position which she held until she retired in 1975. She was a member of the Indiana Library Association and the American Library Association.

Romayne (Hayes) Korsmeyer is listed in the 1973-74 editors of Who's Who of Midwestern Women and in 1973-74 and 1974-75 Who's Who of American Women.

She is a member of Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church, Elm Street, Butler, Indiana. At the present time, she is living in the family home in Butler, Indiana. She enjoys reading and playing Contract Bridge.

WILLIAM GEORGE LEONHARDT, born 1 July 1885.

Clara May Wartenbe, born 3 May 1884 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin. Her paternal grandparents were Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster. He maternal grandparents were Clark Joslin Jr. and Mary Victoria Cotton.

William and Clara were married, 5 September 1906. They were hard working parents blessed with many children to rear through many hardships and the Great Depression. She raised flowers and vegetables and "saw life through her flowers." He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his dogs. He often remarked, "a man was not worth five dollars, because no man could do that much work in an hour."

Mrs. Leonhardt had four sisters: Alice Victoria Nickerson; Virginia Cordelia (Wartenbe) Tarr Vendler; Georgia Ellen (Wartenbe) Capp and Esther (Wartenbe) Moffitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonhardt were the parents of: Russell G. Leonhardt; Helen Marguerite (Leonhardt) Maynard; Lois Marie (Leonhardt) Melchi Fritz; William Wayne Leonhardt; Florence Amelia Leonhardt; Corwin Dean Leonhardt; Esther Jean (Leonhardt) Parrish; Jones Lytel Miller; and Robert Earl Leonhardt.

Will and Clara lived in DeKalb County until about 1915. Mr. Leonhardt, died 21 September 1970 and Mrs. Leonhardt, died 3 June 1954 in Hillsdale County, Michigan.

JOSEPH WILLIAM DANIEL SCOFIELD, JR., born 5 Janury 1928 in White Plains, New York, son of Joseph William Sr., and Alice Lynch. He married first Rosemary Vargus.

Patricia Ann Moffitt, born 25 November 1932, daughter of Cletus Clark Moffitt and Esther Wartenbe. Her paternal grandparents are John Andrew Moffitt and Mabel Lena Walter. Her maternal grandparents are Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin. She married first Ronald Meredith Huntington.

Joseph and Patricia were married 24 August 1963 in Castro Valley, California. He graduated from California State University in Fullerton, California, B.S.; St. Andrews University, London, England, M.S.; and Peperdine University, Los Angeles, California, M.A. Pat graduated from Chapman College in Orange County, California, B.A.; and California State University, Fullerton, California, M.A.

Joseph Scofield Jr. Family

Joe taught English at a high school until his retirement in 1985.

Pat is a speech therapist with the Anaheim City School District in Anaheim, California. She is past president of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and choir member of her church.

Mr. Scofield has one brother, Robert Scofield.

Mr. Scofield's children by his first wife are Joanna Rosalie (Scofield) Alvarez, Karen Elizabeth (Scofield) Pacelli, and Joseph William Scofield III.

Mrs. Scofield has a sister, Mary Esther Ford of Shingle Springs, California.

Joe and Pat are the parents of Keri Joy Lawson of Fullerton.

They live in Fullerton, Orange County, California.

Lawerence and Mary Ford

LAWRENCE JASPER FORD, born 25 January 1917 in Yuba City, Sutter County, California, son of Roy J. Ford and Irma Morehead. His paternal grandparents were William Jasper Ford and Elizabeth Bettie Carter. His maternal grandparents were Franklin Foley Morehead and Harriett Ellen Lipp. Lawrence married first Ruth Ellen Davis; and he married second, Georgia Hall.

Mary Esther Moffitt, born 28 February 1926 in Sacramento, California, daughter of Cletus Clark Moffitt and Esther Wartenbe. Her paternal grandparents were John Andrew Moffitt and Mabel Lena Walter. Her maternal grandparents were Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin. Mary married first Donald Edward Babayco.

Larry and Mary were married 17 November 1973 in Sacramento. Mr. Ford graduated from Chapman College, Los Angeles, California, in 1939 with a B.S. degree in Sociology. Mrs. Ford graduated from Sacramento Junior College in 1945 with a A.A. degree in Business.

Larry was employed with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for 32 years until his retirement in 1978.

For 21 years, Mary was employed as an Executive Secretary with the State of California and worked for the Department of the Youth Authority, the Governor's Office and the Department of Real Estate until her retirement in 1978.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ford are active in church affairs. Larry was president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary of Church Boards; boys group leader; Elder; teacher of junior high, high school, and adult Sunday School classes; Sunday School Superintendent; and Evangelism Committee Chairman of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Mary sang in the choir, taught a junior high school girls' Sunday School class, was president of the Christian Women's Fellowship, and is an Elder of the Arden Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Sacramento.

Both have served on regional church committees and, as representatives of the Christian board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri, they sell religious books at the church's three day annual spring meeting in Pacific Grove, California, and the two-day Christian Womens' Fellowship retreat in the fall in Santa Cruz, California.

They volunteered in 1986 to work at the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society's Jazz Jubilee held annually in Sacramento with 150,000 people attending.

Mr. Ford had two brothers: Wesley Powell Ford, living in Laguna Hills, California; and Gerald Morehead Ford, living in Spokane, Washington, both ministers.

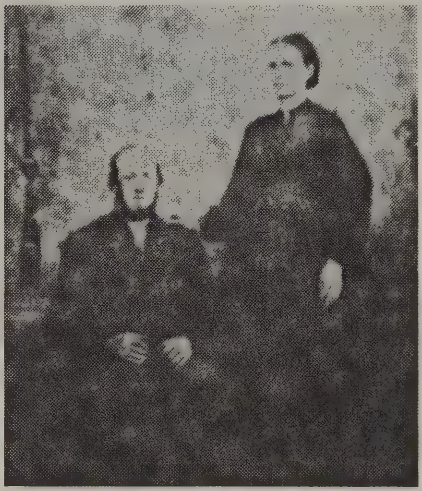
Mr. Ford's child by his first wife is Elwyn Skip Lewis Ford of Sacramento.

Mr. Ford's children by his second wife are: Mark Lawrence Ford, of Salem, Oregon; Timothy Roy Ford, of Nova Scotia, Canada; Ralph Patrick Ford (deceased); Elizabeth Carol (Ford) Clark, of Sacramento; Judith Louise Ford, of Sacramento; and Kathleen Roberta Ford, of Oakland, California.

Mrs. Ford has a sister, Patricia Ann Scofield, of Fullerton, California.

Mrs. Ford's children by her first husband are: Martin Edward Babayco, a school psychologist in Whittier, California; David Alan Babayco, a teacher in Sacramento; and Michael Stephen Babayco, group home counselor in Stockton, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford live in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada in Shingle Springs, California.



Clark and Mary Joslin Jr.

CLARK JOSLIN, JR., born 29 April 1821 in Chenango County, New York, son of Clark Joslin Sr., born 1875.

Mary Victoria Cotton, born 13 February 1838 in Taylor Township, Cortland County, New York, daughter of Lorenzo D. Cotton and Mary L. Robbins. Her paternal grandparents were James Cotton and Mary Polly Emmons. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph L. and Mary Catherine Cotton. She married second Erastus A. Wanamaker.

Clark had one brother, Potter Joslin and one sister, Olive Joslin.

Mary had four brothers: Morell Cotton, Joseph Lorenzo Cotton; Horace W. Cotton; and George F. Cotton. She had two sisters, Charlotte R. (Cotton) Raymond Merriam; and Catherine M. (Cotton) Madden Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joslin were the parents of Hattie J. (Joslin) Scoville, Mary Ellen (Joslin) Wartenbe, Horace C. Joslin, Minnie Joslin, and Clark Joslin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joslin probably came to DeKalb County, Indiana before 1882, as one of their daughters, Mary Ellen Joslin, married Corwin Grant Wartenbe there in that year.

Clark died, 15 October 1873 in DeKalb County, and Mary died 20 December 1889 there.

Corwin Wartenbe Family

CORWIN GRANT WARTENBE, born 18 September 1860 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Butler, Indiana, son of Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Wartenbe and Nancy Smith. His maternal grandparents were Reverend Samuel E. Wanamaker and Maria Barbara Hake.

Mary Ellen Joslin, born 21 June 1860 in Taylor Township, Cortland County, New York, daughter of Clark Joslin Jr. and Mary Victoria Cotton. Her paternal grandparents were Clark Joslin Sr., and Margaret Wooster. Her maternal grandparents were Lorenzo D. Cotton and Mary L. Robbins.

Corwin was a farmer and carpenter and lived the greater part of his life on the old home farm in DeKalb County, Indiana. He helped his father farm 136 acres and together they built an addition onto the farmhouse for his family consisting of his wife and five daughters.

Corwin was a deacon, elder, and trustee in the Newville Church of Christ, Indiana.

Mary Ellen taught school for five years in DeKalb County prior to her marriage.

Mr. Wartenbe had one brother, Charles Sumner Wartenbe.

Mrs. Wartenbe had two brothers; Horace Clark Joslin, and Clark Joslin, and two sisters; Hattie (Joslin) Scoville, and Minnie Joslin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wartenbe were the parents of five girls, Clara May (Wartenbe) Leonhardt, Alice Victoria (Wartenbe) Nickerson, Virginia Cordelia (Wartenbe) Tarr Vendler, Georgia Ellen (Wartenbe) Capp, and Esther (Wartenbe) Moffitt, all born in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Mr. Wartenbe died on Christmas Day, 25 December 1949, in Montgomery, Michigan. Mrs. Wartenbe died, 6 January 1914 in DeKalb County. They are buried in the Wartenbe Cemetery.

Stewart and Cordelia Wartenbe

WILLIAM WEBSTER, born 30 December 1825, son of John and Betsy Webster. Cordelia Wanamaker, born 13 March 1830 in Trumball County, Ohio, daughter of Reverend Samuel E. Wanamaker and Maria Barbara Hake. Her paternal grandparents were Jurg Daniel Wannemacher and Susanna Everett. Her maternal grandparent was Christian Hake.

William married first (name unknown) and had a son, George D. Webster, born 13 July 1846 and married Elsie M. Wanamaker.

William married second, Cordelia, 1 October 1848, probably in DeKalb County, Indiana.

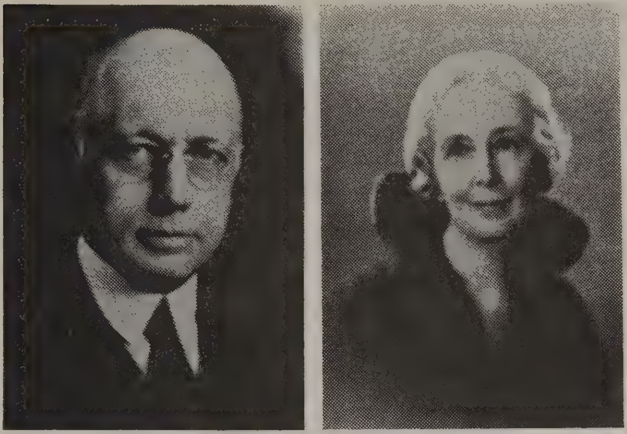
William had one brother, David Webster. Cordelia had one brother, Charles Wanamaker, and four sisters, Lucinda Wanamaker, Maria (Wanamaker) Hull, Lucy Ann (Wanamaker) Reynolds and Laura Ann Wanamaker.

William and Cordelia were the parents of Wallace C. Webster. They lived in Stafford Township, DeKalb County.

Mr. Webster died, 5 December 1857 at age 33.

Mrs. Webster married second, Stewart Patterson Wartenbe, and she died in DeKalb County, 20 June 1905.

CHARLES SUMNER WARTENBE, born 12 January 1868 in DeKalb County, Indiana, son of



Charles and Virginia Wartenbe

Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Wartenbe and Nancy Smith. His maternal grandparents were Reverend Samuel E. Wanamaker and Maria Barbara Hake.

Virginia Dixon, born in 1874 in St. Paul, Minnesota, daughter of Charles Hudson and Ella J. Dixon.

Charles and Virginia were married in 1895. In 1905, he graduated from the College of Law, University of Minnesota, and was president of his class. He was admitted to the bar the same year and later was employed as vice-president of Marsh & McLellan in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Virginia taught and ran a private school for young children five years before her marriage. She attended a university course in English Literature and in 1953 wrote a book entitled *I Remember*.

Charles was president of a city union in Minneapolis composed of 95 church-related Christian Endeavor societies, and Virginia was head of the junior societies.

Charles' brother was Corwin Grant Wartenbe.

Virginia's sister was Ella Dixon who married Rista Nimmons Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Wartenbe had a son born before 1903 who died in infancy. They lived in Minneapolis.

Charles died, 14 March 1949 in Minneapolis, and Virginia died there, 29 March 1962.

CLETUS CLARK MOFFITT, born 13 February 1899 in Lewiston, Idaho, son of John Andrew Moffitt and Mabel Lena Walter. His paternal grandparents were James Moffitt and Eliza Eleanor Smith. His maternal grandparents were Clark Walter and Hannah Kinsey.

Esther Wartenbe, born 5 March 1902 in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin.

Cletus and Esther Moffitt

Her paternal grandparents were Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Clark Joslin, Jr., and Mary Victoria Cotton of Butler, Indiana.

Esther was born on her parents farm, Maple Grove Place, on the banks of the St. Joseph River in DeKalb County, Indiana which included a milkhouse, woodshed, grainery with corncribs, barn, surrey storage building, sugar house, and ice house.

Cletus and Esther were married 15 July 1922 in Sacramento. California. Cletus attended high school there. Esther was class salutorian at her high school graduation in Fremont, Indiana in 1921. Also, she sang the lead role of Miss Cherry Blossom in the school musical and played the saxophone in the school band. Esther graduated from San Jose State Teachers College, San Jose, California, in 1924 with a Kindergarten Primary degree.

Cletus was employed as a paint store clerk for 17 years, then worked for the post office as a rural mail carrier until his retirement in 1965.

In Sacramento, Esther taught elementary grades at Pacific School; was employed as a supply clerk at McClellan AFB from 1942-1945, and was Senior Account Clerk, supervising five Intermediate Account Clerks, in the Audit of Old Age Security Payrolls, with the Department of Social Welfare, State of California, from 1947 until her retirement in 1965.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt were active in church and civic affairs. Cletus was an adult Sunday School teacher and Elder. He was also the Worthy Patron of Eastern Star Rainbow Chapter #385, Sacramento, in 1965 and 1972.

Esther was a Sunday School teacher of junior high girls, president of the Beta Mothers Study Group, deaconess, a prayer and worship chairman in the Christian Women's Fellowship.

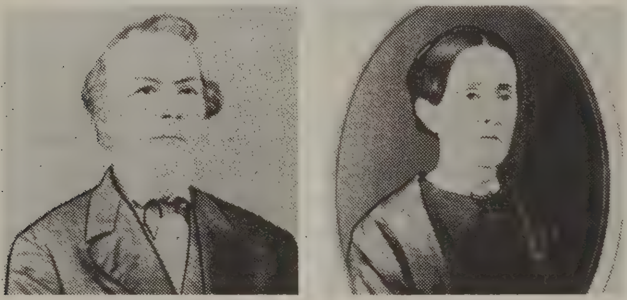
Both she and Mr. Moffitt were active in the following Sacramento churches: First Christian Church, charter members of the Fruitridge Christian Church, and members of the Arden Christian Church. She said The most important thing is that I have always had God in my life. Mr. Moffitt had two brothers, Elwood Clarence and John Philip, and two sisters, Edith Marie and Aletha Mabel.

Esther had four sisters, Clara May (Wartenbe) Leonhardt, Alice Victoria (Wartenbe) Nickerson, Virginia Cordelia (Wartenbe) Tarr Vendler, Georgia Ellen (Wartenbe) Capp, all born in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt are the parents of three children: Mary Esther Ford, retired State of California secretary and family historian, Shingle Springs, California; Phyllis Carol Hendryx (deceased); and Patricia Ann, a speech therapist in Fullerton, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt lived in Sacramento, California.

Mrs. Moffitt died, 15 May 1979 and Mr. Moffitt now lives in Scramento.



Samuel E. Wanamaker and wife

SAMUEL E. WANAMAKER, born 19 February 1804 near Carmichaels, Greene County, Pennsylvania, son of Jurg Daniel Wannemacher and Susanna Everett. His paternal grandparents were Marx and Catharina Wannemacher. His maternal grandparents were Thomas Everett and Catherine (perhaps Albrecht).

Samuel married first 28 November 1825, in Trumbull County, Ohio, Maria Barbara Hake, who was born ca 1803 in Pennsylvania, perhaps Franklin County, daughter of Christian Hake or Hock. She died 4 July 1842 in Trumbull County.

Samuel married second, 15 January 1843, in Trumbull County, Minerva B. Williams, born 1813/14, daughter of Uriah Williams and Jemima Laviday. She died on 5 June 1883 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Samuel and Minerva moved to DeKalb County from Ohio in 1842 and settled on Section 29 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, where his brother, Christian, had settled a few years before. This area became known as the "Wanamaker Settlement" and/or "Wanamakers Corners."

Samuel was a minister who helped Brother Hadsell organize the Newville Christian Church in 1851 with 21 members. He also served as Justice of the Peace for DeKalb County.

Mr. Wanamaker had six brothers: Philip, Christian, Jacob, John, Jonas, and Daniel, and four sisters, Elizabeth "Betsy", Susannah, Mary "Polly" and Sarah.

Samuel and Mary Barbara were parents of Charles H. Wanamaker, Lucinda Wanamaker, Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster Wartenbe, Maria (Wanamaker) Hull, Lucy Ann (Wanamaker) Reynolds, and Laura Ann Wanamaker.

Samuel died, 29 March 1880 in DeKalb County. His obituary which appeared in *The Christian Science Standard* stated: "For many years of his life, Samuel was actively engaged as a preacher of the gospel and has been known as a faithful follower of Jesus. Many are the disciples in northeastern Indiana who will drop a sympathizing tear when they learn of his death and remember his words of wisdom in years agone."

FRANK B. NICKERSON, born 1 December 1877. Alice Victoria, born 11 April 1888 in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin. Her paternal grandparents were Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster. Her maternal grandparents were Clark Joslin, Jr. and Mary Victoria Cotton.

Frank and Alice were married 26 October 1910.

Frank served as Y.M.C.A. secretary in the mining region in Westbourne, Tennessee. He was a minister of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church in Liberal, Kansas, and the First Christian Church in Monahans, Texas. Alice was active in church work.

Alice's four sisters were: Clara May (Wartenbe) Leonhardt, Virginia Cordelia (Wartenbe) Tarr Vendler, Georgia Ellen (Wartenbe) Capp, and Esther (Wartenbe) Moffitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson were the parents of Francis Corwin Nickerson who married Cressie Gae Steveson.

Frank died, 18 May 1963 in Liberal, Kansas, and Alice died, 25 April 1943 in Butler.

MILLARD NELSON CAPP, born 17 December 1893, son of Charles Capp and Liza Swift of Fayette, Fulton County, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were Edward and Sarah Capp.

Georgia Ellen Wartenbe, born 6 March 1898 in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin. Her paternal grandparents were Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster. Her maternal grandparents were Clark Joslin, Jr. and Mary Victoria Cotton.

Millard was a farmer. He raised and sold Bantam Cochin chickens for which he won many ribbons at the fairs. He also raised fox terriers, collies, goats and lambs. He was awarded a 50-year pin for memberships in the Blue Lodge Chapter, Royal Arch, and Eastern Star organizations of the Forest Masonic Lodge #239 in Butler. He was a janitor of the Butler Methodist Church for 20 years.

Georgia liked flowers and working in her garden. She served as Cradle Roll Superintendent in Sunday School and sang in the choir. She belonged to the Ladies Aid Society and was a teenage leader for the Junior Missionary Society. Every year she cooked meals at the church's summer camp, Epworth Forest, near Lake Webster, Indiana.

Millard had a brother, Charles Roscoe Capp, and a sister, Sarabel (Capp) Mullet.

Georgia had four sisters, Clara May (Wartenbe) Leonhardt, Alice Victoria (Wartenbe) Nickerson, Virginia Cordelia (Wartenbe) Tarr Vendler, and Esther (Wartenbe) Moffitt.

Millard and Georgia were the parents of three children, Ellen ELizabeth (Capp) Richards of Butler, Charles Wartenbe of Butler, and Imogene (Capp) Metcalf of Griffith, Indiana.

Millard died, 4 December 1967 in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana and Georgia died, 28 September 1982, in Butler.

LOGAN L. TARR, born 24 July 1892.

Virginia Cordelia Wartenbe, born 19 October 1896 in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Corwin Grant Wartenbe and Mary Ellen Joslin. Her paternal grandparents were Stewart Patterson Wartenbe and Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster. Her maternal grandparents were Clark Joslin Jr. and Mary Victoria Cotton. Virginia married second, Reverend Herman Vendler, born 8 March 1875 and died, 17 October 1951.

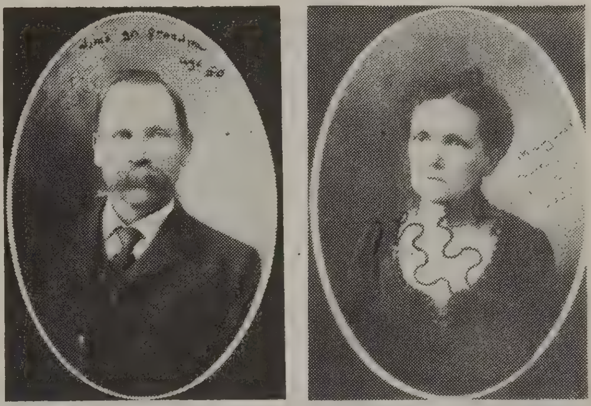
Logan served in the army during WW I in France.

Virginia graduated from Butler High School in 1915 and attended Teachers College in Angola, Indiana. She taught one year at the Big Run School in 1916 and in the country schools in Fremont, Indiana. Later, she attended business college in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was employed in Washington, D.C., as a clerk, typist and stenographer during WW I.

Virginia's four sisters were: Clara May (Wartenbe) Leonhardt, Alice Victoria (Wartenbe) Nickerson, Georgia Ellen (Wartenbe) Capp, and Esther (Wartenbe) Moffitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarr were the parents of Samuel Francis Tarr.

Mr. Tarr died, 12 May 1934 and Virginia (Wartenbe) Tarr Vendler, died 14 January 1963, in Michigan.



James and Margaret Decker

JAMES ELMON DECKER, born 10 February 1850, at Salem Center, Indiana, son of Isaiah and Calcina (Bevier) Decker. He is a direct descendant of Louis Bevier, one of twelve Huguenots receiving landgrants in the 1600's from the King of England. The Huguenots patentees founded the town of New Paltz, New York. Huguenot Street, New Patlz, on which they built their homes, is now a national historical shrine visited by many tourists.

Margaret Keller, born 4 April 1842, at Zoar in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. She was a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Kline) Keller who came to Waterloo, Indiana prior to the Civil War.

On 24 November 1871, James and Margaret were married. They lived in Steuben County and later in Ohio, where Mr. Decker owned and operated several farms in the Toledo and Edgerton areas. During these years, they became the parents of five daughters: Mary. Maude, Dora, Myrtle and Agnes.

In 1894, Mr. Decker brought his family to Butler, Indiana, where he established himself in the livery business in addition to buying and selling horses. The era of the automobile and garage was still in the future. The livery barn supplied transportation. Salesmen arriving in town would rent rigs, as they were called, to get around to their customers. The horse and buggy was truly in demand those days.

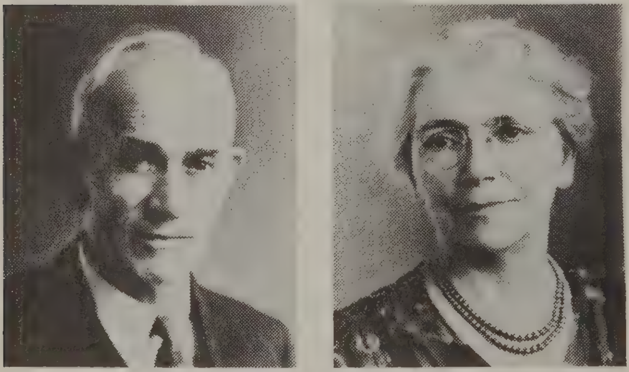
During this period, James gradually acquired properties in town in addition to several farms in the county. The added responsibility as landlord and landowner made his days busy ones.

Margaret and James Decker were always interested in and supportive of community development, Margaret, a member of the United Brethren Church, was generous in contributing her services.

After a long illness, Margaret (Keller) Decker, died 3 July 1902. Several years later, Mr. Decker married Melvina Maxwell Bailey, who preceded him in death.

In 1910, Mr. Decker purchased an Overland 4-door sedan, one of the first cars owned in Butler. Incidentally, the posted city speed limit at that time was eight miles per hour.

In the next few years, more and more people bought cars, and the garages began replacing the livery barn. James Decker closed his livery business in 1915, rented his buildings, and retired to his home on West Oak Street in Butler. Later that year, he became ill and died 20 February 1916. He was sixty-six years old.



Alfred and Dora Vernier

ALFRED ULYSSES VERNIER, born 11 June 1876, in Stryker, Ohio. His mother, Julie Bourquin Vernier, born in France, 26 June 1850, came to America in 1865. His father, Charles Vernier, also born in France, also came to America, that same period.

In 1895, Al, as he was known by his friends, came to Butler, Indiana to join his brother J.C. in the hardware business.

Dora Alda Decker, a daughter of James Elmon and Margaret (Keller) Decker, born in Hudson, Indiana, 23 September 1878. Her paternal grandparents were Isaiah and Calcina (Bevier) Decker of Steuben County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Hannah (Kline) Keller of Waterloo, Indiana.

Dora Decker's early years were spent in Ohio. In 1894, her family moved to Butler, Indiana. She was a graduate of Butler High School in 1898.

Dora and Al were married 15 May 1900 at Butler, Indiana. At that time, Al was an employee in the men's clothing department of the Frank Farnsworth Store in Butler. Several years later, he bought and operated the Ginder Laundry, which he operated until after WW I. In 1919, he joined the Butler Company as sales representative for Michigan and part of Indiana.

Mrs. Vernier took active interest in clubs and community affairs. She was one of the early members of the Philomatheon Club, and she was a charter member of the Pokagon Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1952, Forest Chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge honored her on her fiftieth anniversary membership. She was one of the first women in Butler to drive a car, having learned in 1910.

Always interested in civic progress, Mr. Vernier served several terms on the Butler City Council. In 1967, Forest Chapter of the Masonic Lodge awarded him for his sixty-five years as a member who had served well his lodge and community. He was the oldest member of the Grand Commandery, Knights of the Templar Lodge, and in 1967, was its fourth oldest member in the nation, in terms of age alone. Al Vernier loved music and was himself a skillful Clarinetist. In his early years, he was a member of the Butler Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernier were the parents of two children: Margaret (Vernier) Roberts, pianist and teacher who until her retirement, lived in Pelham, New York, and who now lives in Auburn, Indiana, and Dr. Elmon Louis Vernier, deceased, who was retired Director of Health and Physical Education of the city school system in Baltimore, Maryland, and until his death in 1980, was a national board member of Little League Baseball Organization.

In 1916, the Verniers moved into their recently acquired home in Butler. The house had been generally known as the Fosdick House having been built in the 1880's by Ed Fosdick, one of Butler's earliest settlers.

Following a long period of illness, Dora Vernier died, 18 February 1962. After her death, Al continued living in the home on West Main Street. In April, 1969, he became ill, and his death occurred, 17 May 1969, in his ninety-third year. He had been a citizen of Butler, Indiana for seventy-four years.

FRANK ALBRIGHT, born in the Northeast corner of Grant Township in a log house. The farm was divided equally to each Elmer, brother of Frank, South and Frank North. Elmer and wife had several children. He ran a saw mill, threshing machine and farmed.

Frank and wife Anna had six children: Milan; Leona; Elmer; Lennie; William; and Eva.

Frank and Anna drove in a covered wagon to Kansas at a very young age. Milan was born in Kansas. Coming home to Indiana in the same covered wagon, they were followed by two horse riders who followed them two days and two nights. The riders would camp back a few hundred feet. On the third morning Grandpa thought it was time for them to leave so he took his rifle and shot their frying pan off their fire. The riders left and Frank and Anna came on to Indiana where they settled in a wooded area, east of Moore. They cleared some of the land and farmed and also farmed where Frank was born. Their first home was small. The outside walls were filled with clay for insulation, later a two story addition was added. The barn was built in 1878.

Later, Granddad bought a cement block machine. He and the boys handmade cement blocks and built the house that is still there in the woods. George Burns was carpenter on all the buildings.

Frank built a blacksmith shop and did lots of work for the neighbors and also taught the boys how to blacksmith and how to work.

My grandparents on mother's side, Virgil and Mary (Speaker) Blauvelt, had four girls: Lulu; Bessie; Bertha; and Samantha.

Milan married Bessie Blauvelt and had three girls: Lola; Iva; and Mildred. William married Bertha Blauvelt and had two boys: Ivan, of Plainfield; and Albert, of Auburn. Elmer never married, he did farming and helped Granddad. Milan build a blacksmith shop. Later, he built a cement block home at Moore. William built a cement block house on the southwest corner of Frank's farm, where he did construction work and worked at the blacksmith in the winter. Ivan was born in this home of William and Bertha.

William and Bertha, with Ivan, moved to Mishawaka, Indiana. Ivan married Veda Partridge. They had two boys: Jack and Jim, both married. John Boyd and Alice Brown had a large family. There is two surviving: Gilbert Boyd, 308 North Union, Auburn, and a son Wayne, on road 11A off I-69 West. Ruth (Boyd) Albright, the wife of Albert Ralph Albright, 110 West 1st Street, Auburn. We were married 2 October 1924. We lived in Dads house and I worked at DeWitts General Store at Moore from 1925-1929. I ran a huckster wagon through the week during the summer. During Fall we weighed and cared onions and potatoes, hauled coal, bought and hauled poultry. Did all things necessary to run a business. After leaving the store I hauled gravel on a Model T Ford Truck until 1929. I worked at Dickmeyer Cheverolet until 1933. Then worked at Rohm Cheverolet and Buick from 1933 through 1954. I had a heart attack and could not do any work for several years, and now I am retired.

There were huckleberry marshes back of the John Boyd farm, and also Tamarack trees grew in that area, a pine variety of tree.

Moore was and is located on Road 49 between Road 40A and Road 34. The Vandalia Railroad ran from Logansport to Butler, branch of the Pennsylvania system. Moore is located between Auburn and Butler where we received freight and passenger service. Twenty cents a ride to Auburn or Butler.

A very active and pleasant Little Community.

MERL F. MYERS, born 31 July 1911, in Waterloo, to Frank L. and Viola M. Myers. He attended school at Waterloo and Salem Center. He is the grandson of Thomas and Hannah Myers of Ashland, Ohio and Michael and Flora Kiplinger, of Waterloo.

While attending County Line Evangelical Church, he met Naomi L. Wright. They were married 13 September 1933, at Roanoke, Indiana.

Naomi L. Wright, born 9 November 1914, a daughter of Harry L. and Amy G. Wright, of Waterloo. She is the granddaughter of William and Elizabeth Wright, of Continental, Ohio and John and Julia (Medley) Ladd, of Metz, Indiana. She attended school at Ashley and Salem Center.

Merl was a former employee of New York Central Railroad and Weatherhead. Naomi was employed at Waterloo Dairy and Tri-State College. They are both retired and enjoy gardening. They are members of Mount Zion Methodist Church.

The Myers have three children: Coleen M. (Myers) Fee, born 15 July 1936; Karen (Myers) Boynton, born 20 November 1943; and Larry A. Myers, born 20 September 1950.

Merl and Naomi Myers have seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Myers currently reside in Waterloo, Indiana.

COLEEN M. (MYERS) FEE, born 15 July 1936, the daughter of Merl F. and Naomi (Wright) Myers, of Hudson, Indiana. She is a granddaughter of Frank and Viola Myers, of Waterloo and Harry and Amy Wright, also of Waterloo.

On 17 October 1964, Coleen married Robert L. Fee, who was born 19 January 1940 to John and Mabel (Houlton) Fee. Robert's grandparents were John and Margaret Fee, of St. Mary's, Ohio and Vernie and Rose (Mills) Houlton, of Butler, Indiana.

Coleen was a student of Waterloo High School and is employed at DeKalb Central Schools. Robert attended Garrett High School and was employed at Cooper Tire and presently is a BF Goodrich worker.

The Fees are parents of Rich Greenfield, born 7 December 1954; Linda Walker, born 8 July 1956; Kerry Foster, born 10 February 1958; and Tony L. Fee, born 22 July 1966.

They are members of Waterloo Methodist Church and enjoy fishing, traveling and their six grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Fee reside in Waterloo, Indiana.

MERTON DEWITT, born 30 June 1906, Keyser Township, DeKalb County, to Jay W. and Martha Mattie (Mason) DeWitt. Paternal grandparents were John and Maria (Lautzenheiser) DeWitt, maternal grandparents were Joseph Joe and Agnes (Jones) Mason. He has three brothers: John; Thomas; and Joe; and one sister: Evelyn Koble.

Merton received his early education in the Richland Township Elementary School and Garrett High School, continuing his education at Purdue University.

He married Margaret Dawson, born 11 November 1911, at Corunna, Indiana, died 16 October 1944, on 4 March 1929, at Connersville, Indiana, daughter of George and Lulu (Miles) Dawson. Paternal grandparents were William ad Laura Jane (McClellan) Dawson, maternal grandparents were George and Cora (Johnson) Miles, both of Corunna, Indiana.

Merton worked eight years for the Auburn Auto Company, thirty-six years as rural Mail Carrier out of Corunna, Indiana Post Office and ten years at Hubbard Spool Company, at Garrett, Indiana.

To this union were born four children: Neil, born 28 August 1929, died 12 May 1931; Larry Allyn, born 2 August 1934; Myra Louise, born 30 June 1936, wife of Charles Smith; and Donald Eugene, born 20 July 1942.

JACKSON A. LONG, born 30 December 1868 in DeKalb County on the site of the present City of Garrett, in a log house that stood where the present drug store stands. His father was Samuel Harrison Long, born in Summit County, Ohio, 3 October 1842. His mother was Marietta (Wiant) Long who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, 10 March 1838, the daughter of John and Lydia Wiant. They were married, 3 May 1866 in Summit County, Ohio.

The parents of Harrison Long were Christian and Barbara Ann (Fike) Long who moved from Summits County, Ohio to Noble County, Indiana in about 1844. In 1852, the father bought forty acres of land where the city of Garrett now stands, and they lived there until the Garrett Land Company bought his land at forty dollars an acre, the deed being issued on 22 October 1874. Six hundred and four and a half acres were acquired from twelve landowners all of whom resided in log cabins.

Harrison Long worked at the Carpenter trade. At the age of twenty, he enlisted in August of 1862, as a private with Company A of the 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He engaged in several important battles of the War. At the time of final surrender he was at Raleigh, North Carolina and from there marched to Washington where he took part in the Grand Review, being mustered out the the United States service on the Eighth day of June, 1865.

Harrison Long had six children: Perry; Jackson; Lydia; Ida; Artie; and Orville. The two older children were already married when, on 11 April 1894 he and his wife and four younger children left DeKalb County and located in Benzonia, Benzie County, Michigan where he rented a farm. Subsequently he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. After his wife's death, he married Mrs. Mary Francis Stafford of DeKalb County, 23 May 1858. He died at Beulah, 16 October 1925.

Jackson Long was married to Lillian May Grosh on 16 November 1893, the daughter of Samuel and Isabella (Opdyke) Grosh. Mr. Grosh was a buhr dresser for the grist mills of the time. Mrs. Grosh was a school teacher in her early years and after her husband's death at the age of 53, she started a rooming house in their home in the south part of Auburn.

Jackson and Lillian (Grosh) Long were the parents of five children, namely: Mrs. Ora E. (Edna Long) Donley; Mrs. Hubert (Hazel Long) Bowman; Mrs. Leal (Nellie Long) Woolever; Donald Raymond Long; and Mrs. Walter A. (Helen Long) Higgins.

Jackson Long spent his life in farming. After marriage he took over the operation of one hundred and sixty acres, known as the Hayes farm, which his parents had rented. When they moved to Michigan, in 1894, he continued to take care of the farm for ten years. Later he bought sixty acres, known as the Huffman farm. This farm was boggy, but he tiled it, doing much of the work himself. A creek, known as the Peckhart Drain, ran the entire length of the farm. Twenty-five acres were in timber. By fencing off the creek he had forage and water for his livestock thus freeing the fields for farming. He made use of woods for building a fine, large barn. At the age of eighty, he still climbed to the top to oil the hay carriage.

At the age of seventy-seven, he needed to have a major operation and it was necessary for him to dispose of his livestock. He rented the farm to Mr. C.C. (Tib) Muhn, who, with migrant workers, prepared the fields for the raising of tomatoes. After two years of rest he had the urge to return to farming and to getting the fields back in proper rotation. He bought a team and during a season plowed all of the ground and got it back in the proper order.

Jackson died, 19 February 1952.

Donald and Viola Long

DONALD RAYMOND LONG, born 16 February 1901, west of Auburn, the son of Jackson A. and Lillian (Grosh) Long. His paternal grandparents were Samuel Harrison and Marietta (Wiant) Long. His maternal grandparents were Samuel and Isabella (Updike) Grosh.

Tillie Viola, born 16 May 1911 at New Salisbury, Indiana in Harrison County, twelve miles north of Corydon, Indiana's First Capital. She was the only child of Louis and Sophia (Hartman) Dinkelaker of Depauw, Harrison County, Indiana.

Donald and Viola were married on 11 February 1932 at the Methodist Church parsonage near New Salisbury by the Reverend C.L. Rice.

Donald attended the Rakestraw Common School west of Auburn in DeKalb County and then graduated from Auburn High School in 1920. He graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne as an Accountant in 1924. His first employment was with the Gladiator Manufacturing Company on North Indiana Avenue in Auburn where he was Office Manager. After working for six years without a vacation, he decided to take a trip through the Western States. Times were changing and the Company's sales were declining as some of the company's products were becoming obsolete. The company closed during the depression.

The State was still active in building roads and bridges and in 1931, he started working for the Stroh Construction Company as accountant and materials purchaser. His first job was on a stretch of highway near Hillsdale, Michigan. Next was a seven mile stretch of highway 56 west of Hanover, near Madison, Indiana. Highway work was also beginning to decline by that time.

On 7 April 1933, he was selected to become manager of the DeKalb Distributing Company, Incorporated, the malt beverage wholesaler for DeKalb County. He held this position for thirteen years until there was a change in the political party. Mr. and Mrs. Long lived for two years with his parents then bought a home at 104 North Dewey Street in Auburn.

Mr. Long helped in taking the 1950 census, working under Otto Waterman, of Waterloo. He covered three separate territories.

He ran for DeKalb County Auditor on the Democratic ticket in 1946, but due to the Republican landslide of that year, the ticket was largely defeated.

On 16 October 1950, he started to work as desk clerk for the Auburn Hotel, where he held employment for twenty years, deciding to retire on 16 October 1970. His main hobby was gardening.

Tillie Long attended Morgan Township High School, Harrison County, graduating on 25 April 1929. She attended New Albany Business College, then decided to work as a nurse after taking a correspondence course from a Chicago school. She applied to the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital in Auburn and worked there for a year getting additional training and experience and receiving a certificate. Her hobbies are landscape gardening, creative cookery, music and reading.

Donald and Tillie Long are the parents of two daughters: Jeanette Elaine (Long) Inlow and Judith Marlene (Long) Knupp, Mr. and Mrs. Long were charter members of the DeKalb County Historical Society. Mrs. Long is a charter member of the Women's Committee of the Museum and a fifty year member of the Auburn Methodist Church.

ROY ROBBINS, born September 1907, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Leon D. and (Viola) Cool Robbins, the youngest of seven children, all deceased. He attended school in Jackson Township and high school in Auburn. He helped his father with the Robbins Dairy and Ice Cream factory on South Main Street in Auburn. Later, he was employed by the Auburn

Automobile Company.

Irene Margaret Gunsenhouser, born 24 July 1908 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, the daughter of Jacob and Cora (Rhoads) Gunsenhouser, an only child. She attended Jersalem school in Franklin Township and graduated from Butler High School in 1926.

Roy and Irene were married 7 June 1928, at Auburn and went to live on a farm north of Butler on State Road 1, which was near the Jerusalem Church and school. Roy gave up farming in 1948 and the family moved to Butler, where Roy was employed by the Tombow Floral Company. Later, he became employed by the Universal Tool and Stamping Company of Butler and retired in 1969. He also owned and operated Robbins Shoe Repair Shop until illness forced him to sell the business to his son, Dennis, who later moved it to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

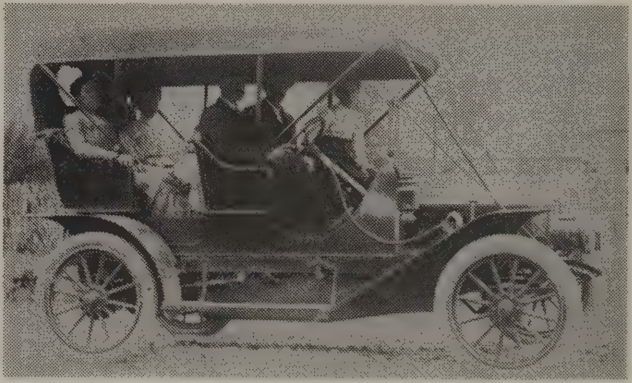
Both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are members of the Butler United Methodist Church. Mr. Robbins was a member of the Butler Masonic Lodge and Mrs. Robbins is a member of the Eastern Star, and also a 50 year member of the Hamilton Rebekah Lodge. Mrs. Robbins is also a 50 year member of the Franklin Township Homemakers Club. Mr. Robbins served one term on the Butler City Council.

On 7 June 1978, they celebrated their Golden Wedding with their family and friends at the Butler United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are the parents of five children, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Marceline (Robbins) Davis, who is married to Kenneth Davis and lives in Butler and an LPN nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Sue (Robbins) Ulm who is married to Grant Leon Ulm and lives in Fort Wayne, a housewife and active in their church and community affairs. Allen Robbins who is married to DeLane Pruitt and lived in Mesquite, Texas, an employee of the Mobile Oil Company of Texas, Anita (Robbins) Shultz who is married to Ronald Shultz and lives in Butler, she is an employee of the Magnavox Company of Fort Wayne. Dennis Robbins, lives in Plantation, Florida an employee of the Gould, Incorporated Company.

In 1970, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins moved from West Oak Street to East Cherry Street in Butler where they resided when Mr. Robbins died 3 February 1981.

JOHN WALTER STOOPS, born 7 April 1834 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel and Rachel Stoops. The Stoops came from Ireland, we think. According to 1850 census, John was a shoemaker. He came west at an early age and never contacted relatives in the east. We know he settled in Wayne County, Ohio, where he married Mary Ann McFadden, daughter of Edward McFadden and Elizabeth (Walter) McFadden. Mary Ann was born in Ashland, County, Ohio, 25 December 1837. They lived in Wayne County, Ohio a number of years where four children were born. Franklin Walter, 13 February 1859, Charles Oscar, born 1869, died 1952, Orcha Aurella (Stoops) Reesch, born 1864,died 1911, an infant son born and died 21 May 1861.


Stoops' car

They moved to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1861. In 1882, they purchased a farm near St. Johns in Keyser Township. Mr. Stoops died in 1882. His wife remained on the homestead where she died, 25 October 1917, in her son's, Charles, home.

Charles married Etta Lige. One son was born, Ralph, in 1900, died 1935. He always had poor health but was a talented cartoonist. John had also purchased a farm in 1875 in Jackson Township where his son, Frank resided. The original log house was here until around 1930.

Franklin Walter Stoops married Eve Alida Moody September 1881. She was born 20 April 1860, died 11 December 1895. He then married Cora Washler, born 2 January 1878. Her parents were John and Martha (Hackensmith) Washler. To this union was born one son, Walter Frank, born 1913, died 1975.

Frank farmed and ran a steam threshing rig which he traveled many miles to thresh grain. He also, taught school in a one room school. In 1920, they moved to Auburn and lived on Cleveland Street. While in town he was employed in a factory on North Indiana Avenue.

Frank owned one of the first automobiles in DeKalb County. They returned to the farm in 1927. Cora was a hard working women. During the depression to stretch the income, she churned butter, made cottage cheese and buttermilk and delivered it right to your door, also supplied the City Market. She was a familiar sight in her Model T Ford Coupe. Frank died in

February 1936. The next year, she returned to her home on Cleveland Street until her death in September 1944.

WALTER FRANK STOOPS, born in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 29 January 1913, to Franklin Walter and Cora Mae (Washler) Stoops. Their only child. He attended MacGinnis school until they moved in 1920 to Cleveland Street, Auburn, returning to the farm in 1927. Where as he grew he assisted his father to do the farming until Franks death, in 1936, then he took over the home farm and operated several others.

On 20 April 1936, Walter Frank Stoops married Alta Francis Griest, born in Hicksville, Ohio 31 May 1917. Alta's parents were Ralph Griest and Eva (Warfield) Greist. Her paternal grandparents were Lewis Griest and Alta (Crawford) Griest. Maternal grandparents, George Warfield and Sarah (Ames) Warfield. To this union were born three children. Sharon Adele, born 1939, died 1943; Patsy Ann, born 13 December 1940; and John Frank, born 19 April 1944.

Walter did general farming and operated one of the first combines in the county. It was a small pull type, compared to what the farmers use now.

Then in May 1949, the family moved to Mesa, Arizona for his health returning in May 1950 and took up farming again and worked part time as a mechanic. He was active in the IOOF Lodge and enjoyed fishing for recreation in Michigan and Florida.

Before her marriage, Alta worked at the Auburn Rubber Company and painted spots on cows for $.20 per hour, then at the Brandon Hat Shop on Main Street, where they actually made hats, with pay at $2.50 per week.

After her marriage, Alta helped her husband with farm activities, including a large flock of laying hens and sold Pioneer seed corn.

In 1959, went to work for J.C. Penney for 12 years, then two other retail stores. Alta was active in the Rebekah Lodge for about 20 years having joined in 1950. At present time, she is active in the Hospital Guild spending many hours at the Curiosity Shop as the assistant manager.

Walter Stoops died, 10 March 1975 in Florida.

John now farms the family farm and is employed at Napa Automotive in Auburn, Indiana.

He spent his military service in Crete, Nebraska and Detroit, Michigan. Both were Nike bases.

On 20 April 1969, John married Susan Ruth Brand, daughter of George Brand and Merlee (McClish) Brand. She was born 18 November 1950 in Phoneix, Arizona.

They are the parents of two children: Corinna Jane Stoops, born 1 December 1972; and Lynda Francis Stoops, born 13 August 1976. They attended the Auburn schools, both are active in music, also 4-H Projects including the Pony Club.

On 1 September 1965, Patsy Ann Stoops, married Larry Stalter, son of Dale and Dorothy (Keefer) Stalter. At that time, they were residents of Holiday Lakes. They are the parents of three sons: Eric John, born 9 December 1966; Kenneth Dale, born 18 February 1970; and Brian Allen, born 29 September 1973. They attend the Garrett schools. Mr. Stalter spent his military service in Vietnam and now is employed by Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. Patsy was employed at Mid-American Electronics where she had met her future husband. She has been employed in several things since. For other activities she was active in the Rebekah Lodge for several years. Now she belongs to the Hospital Guild and works in the curiosity shop, also the Auburn Extension Club.

John's wife, Susan, is a very busy lady, participating in her children's activities, and doing farm work. She specializes in strawberries. In 1975, John and his mother received the Governors award for the Jackson Township farm being in the family for over 100 years.

GEORGE WARFIELD and wife, Sarah, better known as Dollie, and granddaughter, Alta Griest, moved to DeKalb County from Hicksville, Ohio, on 27 March 1927. The roads were a foot deep with mud, they had to use a wagon and a team of horses. George had sold his Grist mill which he had established and operated for many years. He purchased the Charles Perkins farm in Stafford Township. Sarah was well known for rag rugs that she wove on a loom made by her brother, Noah Ames, in 1898. This loom still exists and is usable. George was born 21 September 1871, to William Warfield and Lucy (Haagerman) Warfield. His mother, Lucy Haagerman, was of German descent being born the day after the ship had landed. Sarah was born 11 March 1877, to John Ames and Sarah (Dutterer) Ames. George and Sarah were married 31 December 1894. They had one child, Eva Geoa, born 4 June 1897.

On his sand farm in Stafford Township, he raised truck crops which he and his granddaughter, Alta, took to Barr Street Market, Fort Wayne, Indiana, also went door to door in the small towns nearby.

In 1934, he moved back to Ohio until 1952. He purchased a house on West 9th Street in Auburn. There his daughter, Eva and husband, Edwin Knowles, resided with her parents. Eva and Edwin were retirees of the Auburn Rubber Company and Auburn Printing Company. Eva was well known for her handicraft, especially her Raggedy Ann Dolls which have gone to almost every state and Nova Scotia.

George died, July 1959, and Sarah died, 17 February 1956. Edwin Knowles died, March 1969.

RICHARD L. PROSSER and Kay F. (Lynch) Prosser were united in marriage at Kneipp Springs, Rome City, Indiana, 28 October 1957. They presently live in Auburn and attend the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. They have six children: Roy Eugene, born 10 March 1959; Brian Lynn, born 26 September 1962; Bruce Allen, born 27 April 1964; Kurt Richard, born 2 March 1968; Linda Kay, born 16 August 1971; and Kent Lee, born 29 March 1974.

Richard is the son of Leonard and Beulah (Rowe) Prosser, born 5 February 1933. His paternal grandparents are Roy C. and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser, of Jackson Township. His maternal grandparents are Ora and Etta Rowe, of Fairfield Township. Richard attended school at Jackson Center, McGinnis and St. Joe. He has been in the plumbing trade for thrity-five years and is a member of Plumbers and Fitters Local 166.

Kay (Lynch) Prosser, daughter of Eugene J. and Thelma (Smith) Lynch, born 20 July 1937, Anderson, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Thomas and Emma Lynch, of Anderson and her maternal grandparents are William and Ida (Witt) Smith. Kay attended Muncie and Wolcottville schools and has been a housewife and mother and is presently employed at the Whistle Stop Pizza.

PAUL KING, born 18 April 1937 in Noble County, the son of Eldon (deceased) and Helen King, now Mrs. James Sipe. Jennia Mae McCoy, born 3 February 1938, in Noble County, to Dale (deceased) and LaVelda (Keller) McCoy. Paul and Jennia Mae were married 13 October 1957, at Green Center in Noble County. Paul attended Albion High School and upon graduation, had a herd of cows to care for at his mother's farm. Jennia Mae attended Churubusco High School and was employed at Lyall Electric in Albion.

They purchased their first farm in DeKalb County, 25 December 1968, and in 1973, bought the Floyd Keller farm east of Butler, down from the Big Run Church.

Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of five, all who have graduated from Eastside High School. Terry Lee, born in 1958 and married Patricia in 1980 and has two daughters, Amanda Mae, born in 1981 (deceased 1983) and Lesa Ledale, born in 1982, and a step-son, Steven Boyer. They are expecting another in May 1986.

Rosemary (King) Abell was born in 1959, married Larry Joe Abell in June of 1977, and has two sons. Gary Eugene was born in 1977 and Adam Shane in 1979, and has two step-children, Troy and Tammy.

Larry Dale was born in 1960 and married Ann in 1983. They have two sets of twins, girls born in May of 1984, Rebecca Ann and Melissa Ann, and boys born in April of 1985, Kyle and Kristopher, eleven months apart. He has two step-children, Shannon and Jeremy.

Paula Jo (King) Hankey, born in 1961, married Clyde Hankey in 1981. They have one son, Dave, born in 1984 and are expecting another child in April of 1986.

Kerry James King was born in 1964, he is still living at home and is employed at Silcone in South Milford.

Throughout the years, DeKalb County 4-H has been a very big project in the King's lives, which has lead them to having the only Grade A Dairy Goat Milking Farm operation in Indiana.

ARTIMUS BARNEY HEFFELFINGER, bought fifty-three acres in Butler Township on the east side of a creek in the area now known as Holiday Lakes. In 1908, George Heffelfinger, his brother, bought forty-five acres on the west side of the creek. The soil was mostly sandy loam. There was a house, barn, shed and chicken coop on Barney's farm. The house was remodeled in 1920, the Heffelfinger family living in a shed until it was completed. Dr. Carpenter years later built a home where these farm buildings stood.

Barney was a truck farmer, raising melons, strawberries, cabbage, tomatoes, onions and potatoes. Once a week, in season, he brought a load of produce to the Baltimore and Ohio Shop in Garrett and sold it to the men who were employed there. He was well-known for his musk melons. Since experimenting was one of his hobbies, he crossed the seed of the big flat-tasting melon with a very sweet small melon. The result was a sweet large melon with a distinctive flavor all its own.

As truck farming required more moisture than the rains provided, he dammed up the creek and made the first overhead irrigation system in DeKalb County by pumping water through pipes which sprayed it on the produce. The system was operated by a gasoline engine.

Since he had to haul the produce to Garrett, he bought the first truck in the county and it was a Nash. When he no longer used it, this truck sat for years in Garrett where Dave's Auto Parts is now located.

In 1920, McAfee Gravel Company tested Barney's farm for gravel. This was done by digging five foot square holes which were seven feet deep on several locations on the farm. Finding it rich with gravel, they purchased the farm from Barney and he moved his family to Allen County.

Barney and his wife, Mary (Hollopeter) Heffelfinger had seven daughters and two sons. Three daughters, Iva, Vonell, and Laura attended Garrett High School. Iva graduated, went to college and became a grade school teacher and taught in several DeKalb County schools. She married Stanely Potter of Auburn and resided for years at 215 West Fourth Street in Auburn.

Keith Miles Heffelfinger, the youngest son, hired out on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1941 where he worked for thirty-five years before retiring. He and his wife, Ruth (Hess) Heffelfinger, bought a twenty-acre farm in Keyser Township located at 1012 County Road 40 in 1949. There they raised three sons and a daughter, David, Mary, Mark, and Keith James. Prior to the Vietnam War Keith James was also employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He also served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

The farmhouse on the Heffelfinger farm was erected in 1895, A log schoolhouse was erected on this place prior to the Civil War and was used for both school and church services.

JOHANN GEORGE DIEDER, born 26 December 1775, son of Johann George and Mari Catherine Dieder.

In the family history we find this certificate, translated from the original German, which reads as follows:

"Born by Johann George Dieder, with his wife, as marital helper, Mari Catherine. Johann George Dieder, the 26th of December 1775 at the 11th hour in the night in Delbehaden, now known as Tulpehocken, Township, Berk County in the state of Pennsylvania. He received the Holy Baptism by minister Schultz, the 5th of January 1776. Baptismal witness: Joseph Krenz and his wife, Anna Eva. God Bless your entrance and exit, Your plowing and sowing, Your morning and evening sacrifice, Let the mountains bring you peace and the hills rejoice, So that your children will grow up as the cedar trees of Lebanon. Amen."

Johann George was of German descent and is believed that he lived in Maryland, Adams and Franklin Counties, Pennsylvania. In 1825, he was listed in Pennsylvania Taxables for two cows in Guilford Township, Franklin County. George and Mari were the parents of seven children.

In 1727, fine ship loads of people from Germany and Switzerland, a total of 1000 persons. In search of religious freedom, came first of Holland, then upon the invitation of William Penn came to Pennsylvania, arriving in Philadelphia, 30 September 1727 on the ship, Molly, from Rattendam.

Since there was a lack of formal education on the part of most persons, most information was given to recorders who possibly spelled names as they sounded to them, thus we have: Dieder, Dieter, Diter, Diether and Deter. Hans Jerg Dieter became Johann George Deter.

GEORGE DETER, born 22 February 1806, Adams County, Pennsylvania, son of Johann George and Maria (Croft) Deter. Paternal grandparents were Johann George and Mari Catherine Deter. Johann George, the grandfather, served in the Revolutionary War, as a private in Captain Michael Wolf's Company. Being reported on duty at South Amboy, New Jersey, 26 August 1776, with the Berks County Militia.

George Deter obtained 80 acres of land southeast of Corunna, Indiana, near Lintz Lake, sometime before 1848. The land was mostly covered with timber, some of which was used to build his home.

Elizabeth Sanders, born 10 December 1805, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was married to William Bishop in 1831. They moved to farm in Jackson Township, 1845. They were the parents of seven children: John; Fanny; Michael; Christina; Jacob; E[illegible] and Elizabeth. William died 4 January 1846, leaving Elizabeth a widow.

In October 1848, George Deter married Elizabeth (Sanders) Bishop. They are the parents of one daughter, Susanna, she married Norris Wilson Friend.

George Deter died 15 September 1866, Elizabeth died 22 August 1891, age 85 years. They were affiliated with the United Brethren Church and are buried in the Sixteen Cemetery.

FAYE AILEEN (NICHOLAS) BOLINGER, born 27 June 1914, daughter of William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas. Paternal grandparents were Salvine Garrett and Marrietta (Beaird) Nicholas, paternal great-grandparents were Garrett and Harriete Nicholas, George and

Bolinger Family

Susanna (Snyder) Beaird. Maternal grandparents were Norris Wilson and Susana (Deter) Friend, maternal great-grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Bishop) Sanders Deter, Michael and Eliza Miller. I have three sisters and one brother, Iona Ellen, Nellie Mae, Ruby Ruth and Forrest Ray.

My first grade teacher was Jenny Lash. Esther Roop and I started the first grade together and continued through the eighth grade, at East Richland School. For many of those years, I rode in a horse drawn school hack. I finished my schooling at Garrett High School graduating in 1932.

My first employment was household helper, receiving $1.00 to $3.50 per week, during the depression. I started working at a garment factory in Garrett, then went to Wayne Tayloring in Fort Wayne, where were made army overcoats. In 1943 to 1953 I worked for General Electric, Taylor Street Plant.

I married Albert Bolinger, 21 September 1951, in the Sixteen Zion Lutheran Church, by Reverend Trout. Albert is the son of Marion and Edna (Sewell) Bolinger. He had two brothers and two sisters: Wayne; Oliver; Pauline; and Phyllis.

We have resided in Richland Township most of our married life, having bought a farm in 1959. Albert was employed at Dana Corporation in Auburn, retiring in 1974. In 1983, we decided to rent the fields. A son, Larry Allen, born 5 April 1955. He married Elaine Hodge, 23 August 1975. They are the parents of a son and daughter: Ryan Allen, born 3 April 1976 and Shelley Marie, born 24 February 1979.

As a child, a special time that I remember was on Tuesdays, when the huckster, Herb Fee from Waterloo, made his rounds past our house. Many times, my cousin Paul Schurr walked across the fields and through the woods to be there when the huckster arrived because he gave each child a stick of candy.

SUSANNA MARIE NICHOLAS, born 10 February 1931, in Richland township, daughter of Forrest Ray and Adah Fay (Goe) Nicholas. Paternal grandparents were William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas, paternal great-grandparents were Norris Wilson and Susanna (Deter) Friend and Salvina Garrett and Marieta (Beaird) Nicholas, paternal great great grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Bishop) Sanders Deter, and Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend, and George and Susanna (Snyder) Beaird). She has one brother, Gerald J. Nicholas.

Susanna attended West Richland School for 8 years, Maxine Johnson was her teacher the first four years, and Estel Shippy the next four years. She graduated from Garrett High School. She enjoys sewing, knitting and crocheting. She has lived in Richland Township most of her life.

Susanna was married 27 August 1949 to Vernon Ray Johnson in South Dakota. Vernon is the son of Floyd and Selma (Moomaw) Johnson. He has five brothers: Elden; Wayne; Frank; Lowell; and Daryl; and one sister, Evelyn.

Vernon and Susanna have four children: Ray, Jr., married Clarena Allen. They have three sons, Michael, Brian and Karen or Kerry. Shirley married George Drew, they have five children: Debra; George; Mary; Daniel; and Amanda. Keith married Deborah Derrow and they have two children; Jamee and Matthew. Karen married Mitchell Cope and they have two sons: Shannon and Nicholas.

WILLIS JAMES MATSON, born 23 January 1913, in Franklin Township, son of Merritt, born 14 April 1884, died 18 January 1944 and Ermie (Miller) Matson, born 13 June 1891, died 25 May 1978. Merritt and Ermie were married 14 May 1908. They are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Paternal grandparents were George Taft, born 24 January 1851, died 15 October 1923 and Matilda Jane (Ridge) Matson, born 5 December 1864, died 22 November 1939. George and Matilda were married 25 June 1882. They are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. Paternal great grandparents were John, born 13 February 1806, Ruthland County. Vermont, died November 1876,and Margaret (Waterman) Matson, born 26 January 1812, Onoudago County, New York, died July 1895. They were married 20 September 1833. In 1833, John moved to DeKalb County.

Merritt and Ermie farmed, raised tomatoes for the canning factory, also raised onions and potatoes. They built a rabbitry and at one time had 800 Rabbits.

Willis was in the Civil Conservation Corp. in 1933-34 and spent considerable time in Yellowstone Park area. He is a past commander and life member of both, Veterans of Foreign

Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He served in the European Theatre, during WW II, has the Purple Heart, Combat Infantrymens badge, bronze star, three battlestars and good conduct medal.

Willis married Doris Hagerty, 7 December 1935 at Church of Christ parsonage, Angola, Indiana, by Reverend J.O. Rose, an old friend of both families. They are the parents of five children: Lee William, born 21 April 1937, married Elaine Norman, Monton, Michigan. They have three daughters: Teresa; Lisa; and Rebecca. Ellen Marie, born 20 April 1939, married Raymond Lamb. They have three children: Donald, Katrina and Dane Cupp. Nancy Lou, born 14 July 1942, married Ronald Sowles. They have two children: Gregory and Sabrina. Willis James, Jr., born 28 August 1943, married Wendy Lou Sarazan. They have one son, Cristian. Larry Allen, born 1 May 1950, married Kathleen Keller. They have three children: Timothy, deceased; Larry, Jr.; and Lindsey.

JOHN DAVID SELLERS, was born 8 December 1877 in Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Aaron and Martha (Ridenour) Sellers. His paternal grandparents were David and Louisa Sellers. His maternal grandparents were John and Susannah Ridenour.

Lillie May Tracht, born 13 November 1875 in Defiance County, Ohio, the eldest child of George and Mathilda (Hofmeister) Tracht. Her paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Heist) Tracht. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Fredericka Hofmeister.

John and Lillie Sellers moved with their family to Indiana in 1919 and settled on a farm in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where they lived until their deaths. Mr. Sellers died, 2 April 1962 and Mrs. Sellers died 11 March 1971.

They were the parents of four children:

Ralph Edwin Sellers, born 25 December 1900. He married Hilda R. Habig, 30 June 1923. They reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana and are the parents of two children, Richard and Carol Ann.

Forest Deming Sellers, born 26 April 1904. He married Dorothy Alice Bard, 20 June 1926. They are the parents of three children: Beverly, Margaret and James. Mrs. Sellers died 27 May 1981.

Howard Emerson Sellers, born 1 October 1906. He married Marveline Cook, 10 December 1932. They are the parents of two children, Gordon and Cheryl. Howard, Marveline and children moved to Florida in 1959 where he died 15 November 1982.

Lois Mae Sellers, born 16 December 1910. She married John David Smith, 3 October 1937. They are the parents of three children: Paul, Thomas and Sue Ann.

Mr. Sellers with his son, Howard, operated a dairy and delivered milk to the town of Auburn for approximately ten years, beginning in 1924.

Forest Sellers and Lois (Sellers) Smith are still residents of DeKalb County.

John D. Smith

JOHN DAVID SMITH, born 1 November 1911 in the same house in which he still lives. This house being located on an established Century Farm, in Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Mr. Smith's forefathers were early settlers of DeKalb County. His parents were Marion M. and Cora Belle (Widney) Smith.

Marion M. Smith, child of David T. Smith and Julia A. Plum Smith, was born 9 January 1879. Marion Smith married Cora Belle Widney, daughter of John Widney, on 16 January 1902. They were the parents of three children: Harry P. Smith, now deceased; John David Smith; and Ruth Mary (Smith) Grogg.

David T. Smith, paternal grandfather, born 5 April 1837, in Pennsylvania and came with his parents, David H. Smith and Margaret (Treash) Smith to Butler Township, DeKalb County, in 1848. David T. Smith married Julia A. Plum, daughter of of Jeremiah Plum, Ex-Sheriff of DeKalb County, and Jane (Scott) Plum, on 4 May 1875. In December 1875, they purchased the farm east of Auburn, where John D. Smith still lives.

On the maternal side of John's family, Cora Belle Widney was the daughter of John Widney, who was the fifth child of Samuel Widney, an early settler of DeKalb County, coming here in 1836. John Widney married Nancy Knight, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Boyles) Knight on 1 January 1857.

John David Smith married Lois Mae Sellers on

3 October 1937. Lois Sellers was born on 16 December 1910 in Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of John D. Sellers and Lillie (Tracht) Sellers. Shortly thereafter, her parents moved to Defiance County, Ohio, where they lived until moving to Jackson Township, DeKalb County, in 1919.

Mr. Smith has farmed all of his life, purchasing additional land in Union township, all of which lies east of the city of Auburn. In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Smith gave some land to the city of Auburn for a park. This land is located east of Auburn, where the water tower is located and is named Smith Acres Park.

Mr. Smith has been active in church and civic affairs. He is an Elder in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and sings in their choir. He has a baritone voice, which has made him active in music for 50 years, singing in 1945-46 with the WLS Barn Dance at Chicago's 8th Street Theatre, numerous concerts, weddings, minstrels, and local Messiah performances. Served as a Director on the DeKalb County Community Concert Organization.

His civic duties found him serving as a director of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Cooperative for 20 years, first as director and ten years as president, retiring in 1969. He helped organize the County Soil Conservation Service, and served as its first Chairman in 1947. He served the ASCS government organization for 25 years, and was recently elected a county supervisor for three years. He served on County FHA Advisory Committee for two terms. He is a Charter Member of the National Cattlemen's Association and has served as Director of the Indiana Angus Association. Mr. Smith has been Beef Cattle Superintendent for the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair for many years. He was in 4-H as a teenager and won a trip to Washington, D.C. in 1930. His family represents three generations in 4-H.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: Paul D. Smith, born 3 February 1939, a farmer and officer of the Smith's farm corporation, who lives in Steuben County, Indiana. Paul married Carol L. Reinoehl, daughter of John and Marjorie (Hartman) Reinoehl, on 24 August 1968.

Thomas Lee Smith, born 12 May 1943, a farmer and officer of the Smith's farm corporation, lives in Union Township. Tom married Catherine Ann Walsh, daughter of Frank J. and Sally J. (Cheek) Walsh, on 6 July 1968.

Sue Ann Smith, born 3 June 1945, married Paul T. Walter, on 18 December 1971. They are both teachers and live in Hillsdale, Michigan. Mr. Walter's parents are Reverend Paul C. Walter and Emma (Haldeman) Walter.

Roy E. King Family

ROY ELMER KING, born 25 September 1913, one farm south of Ashley, son of Clarence Arthur, born 1 February 1882, DeKalb County, died 2 June 1956, south of Ashley, and Hester Nora (Reinoehl), born 11 September 1886 and died 13 October 1979. Hester and Clarence had two children: Irene Mae (King) Bailey and Roy Elmer.

Paternal grandparents were Jeremiah, born 15 March 1854, DeKalb County, died 26 July 1928, DeKalb County and Lydia A. (Mull) King, born 30 November 1860, Kosciusko County, Indiana, died 8 October 1935, DeKalb County. They were married 13 April 1880. Early in their marriage, they joined the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and remained members until their deaths. In 1881 Jeremiah bought acreage in Smithfield Township, south of Ashley, establishing the King homestead. The farm has remained in the family down through the generations, now owned by his great grandson, Darrell Roy King. Jeremiah and Lydia had a family of six children, only four lived through adulthood: Clarence A.; William G.; Riley V.; and Mayme S.

Paternal great grandparents were Isaac, born 23 March 1827, Columbiana County, Ohio, died 7 June 1905, DeKalb County and Nancy (Newcomer) King, born 18 July 1826, Columbiana County, Ohio, died 15 October 1905, DeKalb County. Isaac was a pioneer of the King family in DeKalb County. After he came to Indiana, he married Nancy, 18 October 1849. They settled in Franklin Township and raised a family of seven: Mary Ann; Jason; Jeremiah; George; Alonzo; Calvin; and Laura Catherine.

Maternal grandparents were Solomon and Martha (Eckhart) Reinoehl, of Fairfield Township.

Roy married Pauline Harriette Putt, 18 March 1934, daughter of Frank and Maude Bell (Brugh) Putt. Pauline, born 11 July 1913, Fairfield Township. Roy and Pauline are third generation members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Roy owned and operated the original King homestead for over forty years before he retired in 1977. Pauline operated the King flower shop in their home for ten years, specializing in artificial flower arrangements.

They are the parents of four children: David Edger, born 25 November 1936, works with Standard Educational Corporation in Chicago, Illinois; Daniel Evan, born 8 July 1938. He married twice, first to Vera Jean Smith and they were the parents of three children: Brian Allen; Debra Kay; and Diana Elaine. His second wife was Sharon Kay Knott. He works for Dana Corporation in Auburn; Darrell Roy, born 30 April 1940. Operates the family farm. He married Pamela Jane Ward, they have three children: Scott Alan; Tami Lynn; and Randy Roy; Jennie Kay, born 7 July 1945. She married Larry John Phillips, lives in Fort Wayne. They are the parents of two children: Michael John; and Michelle Yvonne.

HANS ADAM SHILLLING, was the first Shilling immigrant to come to this country among one hundred and fifty others. He came from the region of the Rhine in Germany, 11 October 1733, and located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. As those immigrants including Hans Adam Shilling had to take a stiff oath of allegiance to England upon entering Pennsylvania, this made it very difficult to enter the rebellion of the colonies. In spite of this fact, John Shilling, son of Hans Adam Shilling, was among the first to enter this rebellion. He was registered in the Continental Army, the original army of the colonies and George Washington's own army.

Hans Adam Shilling, born 1732, died 1796, making him sixty-four years old when he died. His name appears in heads of family at that time. It is found in the records of Cumberland County that two of his sons, John and Jacob, and their wives, Barbara and Katheleen, sold a farm of one hundred and fourteen and three quarters acres for seven hundred pounds in 1794, which they had purchased in 1772. They were Hopewell Township farmers.

Adam Shilling, son of John Shilling, born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, 11 February 1792, and came to where Spencerville, Indiana is at this time and died, 17 October 1881, at 89 years of age. This Adam Shilling was the father of Solomon Shilling and grandfather of the deceased Adam and wife Malinda Shilling. This Adam was the father of the present day Howard and wife Ethel Shilling of St. Joe, Indiana. They are the parents of two sons: Richard; and James, who each had two sons, Edward and Donald of Spencerville, and Jerry and Mike of South Whitely, Indiana.

Adam, the great-grandfather of Howard, was a farmer and also preached the gospel. He had a scholarship to Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, in 1853 which he purchased for fifty dollars. It was a three year scholarship. When he came to what is DeKalb County, Indiana, he brought a draft for $5,000 for which he bought land for his eight children, four boys and four girls, giving each boy 160 acres and each girl 80 acres. These ancestors raised cattle, also bought and sold them. To market them, they drove them down the road, just a little different than they do today.

The one hundred and sixty acres that he gave his son, Solomon, is now the present 160 acres that Howard and wife, Ethel now live on and is located in section 19 in Spencer Township. It is now being farmed by their son, James. This house is listed as, "A Hoosier Homestead Farm of Indiana Historical Bureau, owned by same family for 150 years. Seal of the state of Indiana 1816."

Solomon then built a log house on the north eighty of this section of land. On this same strip of land is located what the state forrester says is the state's third largest three in Indiana. It is a white oak and supposed to be five hundred years old. It is twenty feet around, two feet above the ground.

JOSEPH E. SHILLING, born 18 June 1818 in Tuscarawas Township, Stark County, Ohio, where on 16 April 1840 he married Anna Catharine Hornberger, born 5 May 1821. About three months after their wedding, the couple moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, the deed for their land dated 8 August 1840, recorded in the Auburn Court House.

Joseph's roots in the United States run deep. They date from 1732, with the arrival of his great-grandfather, Hans Adam Shilling, at the Port of Philadelphia.

Joseph's grandfather was John Shilling, born September 1753 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, died September 1804 in Letterkenney Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, served as a Private in the War of Independence from 1777 to August 1783. John Shilling married Barbara Oberlin, whose father, Adam Oberlin, also served in the Continental Army, he was a Sergeant in Captain Gear's Company of the 9th battalion of Pennsylvania. To the marriage of John and Barbara were born seven children: Catherine, Adam, John, Margaret, Samuel, Jacob and Peter...all of whom, by 1825, re-settled in Stark County, Ohio.

Adam Shilling, eldest son of John was born 11 February 1792 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: he married Mary Roan of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, she was born

Christmas Day 1791, died 18 November 1864 in Stark County, Ohio. long after his marriage, Adam apparently, attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. A wealthy man, Adam gave to each of his sons 160 acres of farmland in DeKalb County, Indiana and 80 acres to each of his daughters. John, the eldest son, inherited the Stark County Homestead. But seven siblings established residence in DeKalb County, they were: Catharine, born 1813, married Peter J. Spangler, 27 June 1833; Joseph; Mary Polly Shilling, born 1 February 1819, married George Houck, 21 June 1838; Barbara Anna, born 1825, married William Kitzmiller, 12 March 1840; Solomon, born 15 March 1823, married Esther Bliler, 16 November 1848; Elizabeth, born 1826, married David Gratz, 29 May 1849; Daniel, born 4 February 1828, married Elizabeth Fryborger, 6 December 1851.

Like his father, Joseph E. Shilling was a bookish man, knowledgeable too, about techniques to maximize profits from agriculture and live-stock. A charter member of Auburn's Old Settler's Association, Joseph was one of some 20 co-owners of the Auburn Woolen Mills, that helped bring prosperity and employment to Auburn, that deed 'in trust' recorded 9 December 1875 in the Auburn Court House.

To Joseph and Anna were born 5 children: Clarinda Adaline, who married Levi Showalter; Elizabeth Ann, married another Showalter; Mary Jane, married David Naftzger; Isaac Newton, married Mary Gilmore of Steuben County, Indiana; Lyman Benton, married Elizabeth Johnson.

Joseph E. Shilling died in Auburn, 6 October 1882, age 64. His wife died, 6 April 1906, age 84. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Lyman Shilling Family

LYMAN BENTON SHILLING, younger son of Joseph and Anna Catharine, born 26 April 1850 on the family farm, attended public schools in Auburn.

As a young man, he taught himself to "play the fiddle," he often provided music for lively Saturday night dances in town.

An amateur ornithologist, he is remembered by his grandchildren for his love of all creatures, great and small, and for deeply held conviction that everything in nature is inter-related.

He was the first of his family to abandon farming as a life-time occupation. From young manhood, his not-to-be-denied fascination with the horseless carriage led to his employment with the Eckhart Carriage Company, it poised on the threshold of the Automobile Age.

On 14 April 1872, he married Elizabeth Johnson, born 21 October 1849, called "Libby" in family circles. Of her parentage and background nothing is yet positively known.

Libby is remembered as a mild-mannered 'personality in her own right'. All her life, she, a quiet scholar, pursued her interest in Classic Greek Language and Literature, a subject she is said, by her children, to have taught in the Auburn Schools. She was also a pianist of considerable skill, who taught her children the rudiments of the piano...for their own pleasure.

In the Ralston Subdivision, now Douglas Street, Lyman and Libby had built for their use a modest 2 story Victorian home, where they lived most of their married lives. There, for almost 20 years, they tended Lyman's widowed mother, Ann Catharine, until her death.

From the Methodist marriage of Lyman and Libby four children were born: Blanche, born 17 June 1873, married Judge Daniel M. Link, 29 April 1899, Daniel, born 4 November 1872, and by him had two children, a daughter, Marion, and a son, Tom Marshall; Edwin Eugene Shilling, born 8 November 1875, married Molly Packer, born 17 February 1886, an orphan, no children; Carl Sylvester Shilling, born 8 October 1881, moved to Chicago early in 1911, 7 February 1919, married Elizabeth Agnes Rech and by her had two children, a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth and a son, Paul Frederick; Mae Leona, born 9 May 1886, married Earl Parker of Clearwater, Michigan, one son, Ralph.

On 27 August 1917, pneumonia claimed Libby's life. Her body was one of the first to be entombed in the then-new exquisite Woodlawn Mausoleum. Four years later, in August 1921, a diminished Lyman, but apparently in sound health, died suddenly in his sleep...while visiting his younger son, Carl and family.

His granddaughter well remembers his funeral service, held in the Woodlawn Mausoleum. Sunlight, streaming through an over-head cupola, created myraid tiny rainbows that flickered and danced on the blush-pink walls and ceilings...of the Classic Greek structure...that, with Lyman at her side, seemed so fitting a resting place for Libby.

CARL SYLVESTER SHILLING, younger son of Lyman and Libby, born 8 October 1881, educated in Auburn schools, all his life was a passionate student of the Arts and Humanities. Persistent family tales imply that he and his elder sister, Blanche, actively participated in an Auburn Repertory Theatre but have not been confirmed. As a young man, he took a correspondence course in draftsmanship that dictated his career as a civil engineer.

Carl was 31 when he left Auburn for employment with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, as a draftsman in their downtown office in Chicago. On 7 February 1912, he married Elizabeth Agnes Rech, she was born 24 August 1891, daughter of Frederick John and Mary Eleanor (Reichert) Rech of Chicago.

To the marriage were born Ruth Elizabeth, 30 October 1913 and Paul Frederick, 16 April 1918. We grew up in a modest home in a quiet neighborhood on the northwest side of the city, Portage Park, and, as children, were generously exposed to the Fine and Performing Arts.

Carl's several careers as a civil engineer were always related to the railroad industry. For more than 15 years he was associated with the Pettibone Mullikan Company, suppliers of equipment for the nation's railroad network, as Chief Draftsman.

Temporarily unemployed during the Great Depression, he worked, at home, at his drawing-board, where he conceived what was called, in the industry, a revolutionary type of car bearing that vastly reduced hot boxes on freight and passenger cars. In 1947, he retired from the Edwin S. Woods Car-Bearing Company as President, his financial future assured.

In 1949, he and Beth moved to warmer climate in Springdale, Arkansas, there to enjoy a cozy new home. But not for long. After a brief illness, Carl died, 19 March 1951, age 70. Beth joined her daughter's family in Elmhurst, Illinois. She died, age 88, in Cape Coral, Florida, 3 September 1979.

As youngsters, Carl and Beth's children traditionally enjoyed a two week vacation at Crooked Lake, near Angola, invariably at one or another of Sheet's Cottages, within easy call of Carl's siblings and his host of Auburn-friends, too numerous to list here.

PAUL FREDERICK SHILLING, son of Carl Sylvester Shilling and Elizabeth, born 16 April 1918 in Chicago, educated at Grinnell College, Iowa. In 1941, Paul joined the U.S. Navy and served as a Lieutenant in the Pacific Theatre. While on leave in Los Angeles, on 10 September 1944, he married Ramona E. Roth, daughter of Elton Menno and Emma Roth, was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, 23 April 1922. In 1945, Paul began a lifetime career with Sears Roebuck's West Coast Retail Credit Department. Due to deteriorating health, he retired as Credit Manager for the San Diego Retail Credit District in April 1975. The couple adopted 2 children, Richard Roth and Carol who are very dear but not of the bloodline. On 2 August 1986, Paul died in Lakeside California, the last male of a long line. Ramona died in January 1987.

Paul's elder sister, Ruth Elizabeth Brown, born 30 October 1913, graduated form Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, married Donald Bawden Brown, 5 November 1938, son of Morse Nevins Brown and Mae Ella, of Chicago. Donald graduated from the School of Business Administration at Northwestern University. In mid-December 1943, he enlisted in the Navy supply Corps, as an Ensign; was honorably discharged on 25 January 1954. At war's end, he joined the main office of Sears Roebuck, in Chicago, as a nation-wide furniture buyer. When he retired, January 1971, he and his wife, Ruth, re-located to Cape Coral, Florida.

Ruth and Donald are the parents of two grown children: Barbara Ann, born in Chicago, died 30 July 1940; and Robert Shilling Brown, born 15 February 1948, Broadview, Illinois. Both are college educated. Barbara has a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana. Robert has a Bachelor of Arts Degee from Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois and a Master's Degree in History from Illinois State University at Bloomington.

Barbara Ann Brown, married William L. Howarth, of Springfield, Illinois, 16 August 1963. He is frequently published author and Professor of English at Princeton University. Barbara is Head of the English Department at Princeton Day School. Their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Howarth, is a Freshman at the University of Wisconsin, and her brother Jeffery Todd Howarth is a sophomore at Princeton High.

Robert Shilling Brown, born 14 February 1948 in Broadview, Illinois, currently lives in New Braunfels, Texas, where he is an independent insurance broker. His wife is Nancy Sue, daughter of Fred and Martha Dearborn of Little Rock, Arkansas; married 8 August 1969, Nancy has since acquired 3 Master's Degrees in Educatinal Psychology. Currently, she is Director of Psychological Testing in the primary schools in New Braunfels, Texas. Robert and Nancy are the parents of Shannon Elise, born in 1972, Kevin Dearborn, born in 1975, Jason Robert, born in 1984, and a child to be born in mid-November 1986.

DORSEY L. ROOP, born to David and Delcie M. (Deetz) Roop, died 1980. He married Emma Jeane Giradot, daughter of Harry and Cordella (Nessel) Giradot, 8 April 1944, in Auburn. Both were born in DeKalb county, attended the Elementary Schools in Richland Township and graduated from Waterloo High School.

They resided thirty-six years south of Corunna on State Road 327. In the early 1900's, George Treesh lived on this property and operated his blacksmith shop there. Later the buildings housed many laying hens through the years and the eggs were sold to Napoleon Egg Auction. The house was built from tile manufactured in the tile factory which once operated across the highway form Mrs. Roop's parent's home.

Dorsey was employed by the Auburn Foundry and also had a radio and TV service repair shop.

Dorsey and Emma Jeane had two children: Connie, who is Mrs. Tom Stahl, resides in Fairfield Township. Tom and Connie have a son and a daughter; Jerry, is a postal employee, lives in Auburn and has two daughters. Mrs. Roop now resides in Auburn.

MELVIN CRAGER, born 27 April 1908, in Floyd County, Kentucky; son of William and Laura (Shepherd) Crager. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Vina (Shepherd) Crager, of McGoffin County, Kentucky. His maternal grandparents were Albert and Visie (Marshall) Shepherd of Gunlock, Kentucky.

Laura (Handshoe) Crager, born 13 October 1912, in Floyd County Kentucky; daughter of Buddie Handshoe and Rhodia Mae Fitchpatrick. Her paternal grandparents were Brice and Betty (Shepherd) Handshoe of Elmrock, Kentucky. Her maternal grandparents were High and Sallie Ann (Conley) Fitchpatrick of Elmrock, Kentucky.

Melvin and Laura were married, 10 March 1925 at Heuysville, Kentucky. Melvin attended school in McGoffin County, Kentucky. Laura attended school at Elmrock and Floyd County, Kentucky.

Melvin was a farmer in Kentucky, until moving to DeKalb County in 1950. He found employment with the Auburn Foundry, in Auburn, Indiana from which he retired after twenty years of service. His starting wages were around $75.00 per week, at that time. After retiring he farmed and raised cattle.

Both were members of the United Baptist Church of Stroh, Indiana.

Melvin had three brothers, John, Joe, and Jimmy. He also had three sisters, Minnie (Crager) Allen, Sadie (Crager) Howard, and Millie (Crager) Owsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Crager are the parents of 12 children: John, Corunna; Raymond, Corunna; Burnis R., Corunna; Steve E., Kendallville; George, Sturgis, Michigan; Carlos, Hindman,Kentucky; Annis (Crager) Squire, Waterloo; Dorlas (Crager) Oliver, Waterloo; Bonnie (Crager) Conley, Corunna; Viola (Crager) Morales, Ashley; Agnes (Crager) Boleyn, Heuysville, Kentucky; Dorothy (Crager) Mosley, Waterloo. (Deceased)

Mr. and Mrs. Crager live on their farm at Sedan. From 1977-1983 they lived part-time on their farm near Decatur, Mississippi.

Mr. Crager, died 10 August 1986. Mrs. Crager resides on the family farm at Sedan.

PATTI JO "ERNIE" (TURNER) GRAHAM, was born 22 January 1951 at Methodist Hospital, in Fort Wayne, daughter of Don Raymond and Mary Adine (Thompson) Turner while the family lived in New Haven. she had two brothers, David Rex Turner, born 26 January 1950 and Jeffrey Lynn Turner, born 24 June 1952. David now resides in New Haven and Jeffrey resides in Auburn.

Patti, nicknamed "Ernie" after her paternal grandfather, was a 1969 graduate of DeKalb High School. She attended Indiana University at Bloomington for one year, then transferred to the Fort Wayne campus where she received B.S. in elementary education in 1974. She is presently working on her M.S. degree. After graduating from college, Patti devoted the next ten years to her family. In 1984, she began teaching second grade at Carlin Park School in Angola where she is presently employed.

Michael Wayne Graham, born 18 December 1948 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Indiana, son of Lewis Wayne and Rebecca Rose (Worthington) Graham. They resided in Kokomo at that time. His sisters are: Vickie Lee Strong, born 10 July 1946, Patricia Lynn Black, born 28 April 1950, and Debra Kay Workman, born 5 July 1952.

Michael is a 1967 graduate of Tipton Indiana High School, and Tri-State University where he received a B.S. degree in Business Management in 1975. While still a student at Tri-State, Michael became the assistant manager of the food service at Tri-State. He later, along with a partner, Dennie McClelland of Angola, purchased Wellman's Restaurant, 1971, and LaConcina Restaurant, 1972, changed the name to The Alamo and opened an Alamo in downtown Auburn in the old Schaab Department Store on main Street. Michael later sold his interests to establish a catering service in Auburn, Michael's Catering, Incorporated, where he is presently the owner-operator.

The couple met in 1970, at a Tri-State social function and were married 26 August 1972. The Graham's have two children: Benjamin Michael, born 1 February 1976; and Cara Elaine, born 5 January 1978, both at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Indiana.

Michael and Patti are active members of the Assembly of God Church in Angola where they teach various classes.

Judy Graham

DOUGLAS LYNN GRAHAM, born to Earl Donovan and Verda May (Anglemeyer) Graham on 29 July 1938 in Allen County, Indiana. Douglas' paternal grandparents are Earl Anderson and Lucy May (Clark) Graham and his maternal grandparents are John Whistler and Sarah Milinda (Moyer) Anglemeyer. They both resided in the area around Nappannee, Indiana. Douglas married Judy Ann Overmyer, 27 August 1960 at the Plymouth Congregational Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Judy, born 8 January 1941 to Raymond Franklin and Ruth (Jenne) Overmyer in Allen County Indiana. Judy's grandparents were Jesse Raymond and Peral May (Christeon) Overmyer and Edward Chauncey and Mary Edith (Minnich) Jenne from the Columbia City and Fort Wayne areas. Douglas was raised on a farm south of Cedarville in Allen County Indiana and graduated from Leo High School in 1956. Judy was raised on a farm north of Leo in Allen County, also graduated from Leo High School in 1959. They both graduated from Purdue University. Douglas as an Agricultural Engineer in 1961 and Judy as a Mathematics teacher in 1963. Judy also earned her Master's degree from Indiana University in Business Administration in 1977. They lived in Indiana and Illinois before settling down in DeKalb County to raise their family on a farm in Jackson Township. They bought the Albert Habig farm in the southwest corner of Jackson Township, along highway 427 in 1970 and moved on to it in the spring of 1971 with their three sons. Andrew Dallas, born 9 January 1963 in Lafayette, Indiana; Blake Alan, born 20 October 1964 in Lafayette, Indiana; and Corey Lynn, born 24 July 1970, in Gibson City, Illinois. Andrew graduated from DeKalb Central High School in 1981 and Purdue University in 1985 in Aeronautical Engineering. he is presently working for Garrett Turbine Engines in Phoneix, Arizona. His company makes the engines that his mother uses on some of the airplanes that she flies. Blake graduated from DeKalb Central High School in 1983 and is in the honors program in Physics at Purdue University. He will graduate in 1987. Corey is a sophmore at DeKalb Central High School and is in their marching band which placed in the top ten in the state of Indiana in 1985. He is also a competitive swimmer which means that he practices swimming an hour before school and two hours after school every day. Douglas has worked for several companies, Central Soya and M & W Gear in Illinois and DriAll and Mix Mill in Indiana. He has established his own business, Graham Enterprises Incorporated, in DeKalb County. His work is basically from the Auburn area where he designs buildings and works on technical projects for local businesses. Douglas is a registered professional Engineer licensed to Practice Engineering in many states.

Judy is a professional pilot who has worked for Ed Shenk at his airport in Butler Township as well as at the DeKalb County Airport. She has taught many of the local people how to fly. She has taught both Andrew and Blake to fly and will teach Corey when he is old enough to have his license. Everyone in the family has their pilots license but Corey. Judy has also flown many of the local people to other parts of the country for business and pleasure. She has flown in the Powder Puff Derby in 1976 when they raced from Sacramento California to Wilmington Delaware. She placed 31st out of 200 entrants for the final Powder Puff Derby. She has also flown the Angele Derby which flies from one country to another. She flew that race in 1977 from Columbus Ohio to Freeport Bahamas in the family airplane. She has also flown for a commercial scheduled airline, Britt Airways out of Muncie, Indiana.

The family raises Angus cattle on their farm because of the land terrain lends itself to pasture more than tilling. they have a local farmer to do the crop farming and all the boys help make hay for the cattle. The family also built an experimental house on their land and are living in it. The house is made of styrafoam and concrete and has an indoor pool. The family has been active in the Presbyterian Church with Judy serving as a trustee and Douglas as a deacon and an elder. Judy died in November, 1986.

MAX LIKENS & Son Masonry Construction of Waterloo was originally formed by Max Likens and Guy Helbert of Auburn and was called Helbert and Likens Masonry Construction in the year of 1956. The business was taken over by Mr. Likens when Mr Helbert moved to California in 1957. At this time, the business became known as Max Likens Masonry Construction. Mr. Likens, son of Grover and Marguerite (Hampshire) Likens, had formerly worked at Warner Gear shortly after returning from the Navy in 1945. He left there after a short period of time and went to work for Keith Wilson of Butler in the masonry/construction business. He and his wife, Ruth, who was Secretary at the Waterloo Elementary School from 1965-1975, lived for a while on Rope Street, northeast of Waterloo, and later moved to a home on U.S. 6 one mile east of Waterloo. They lived there until 1979, when they moved with their three sons to County Road 28, one mile east of Waterloo. During this period of time, Mr. Likens was assisted in the masonry business during the summer months by sons, Mark, Marty, and Scott. In 1976, son Scott joined in the business after graduation from DeKalb High School, as a tender and was taught the trade by his father. It then became known as Max Likens & Son Masonry Construction. After Max Likens died in 1981, his son, Scott, continued the business until the fall of 1985, when he discontinued the business to join Auburn Concrete Construction Company in Auburn, doing construction work. Presently, Scott, his wife and son reside in Auburn; Marty, wife and son, live in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Mark, wife and two daughters reside in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Likens has been Secretary at the McIntosh School in Auburn from 1975 and as of writing this is still employed there. She recently sold the family home and is now residing in Auburn.

Many beautiful fireplaces and other pieces of masonry work can be found in homes and businesses in and around DeKalb County and the surrounding areas. They will stand for many years as a reminder of the family craftsmanship and fine skill in the masonry business.

PAUL ROSS CHERRY, born 24 February 1951, in Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, son of Dr. Harold R. Cherry and Ruby M. Cherry. The Cherry ancestors came from Ireland to America in the mid-1800's. Jeanette Ellen Cox, born 1 August 1951, in Rushville, Ruch County, Indiana, daughter of Ruthelaine Rodenburg and step-daughter of Robert Rodenburg. The Rodenburg's have farmed in Union County, Indiana all their lives. Paul's father Harold R. Cherry has been a minister for 40 years and holds three earned masters degrees and an earned Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Both Paul and Jeanette Cherry attended Huntington College of Huntington, Indiana, beginning in 1969 and graduating in 1973. Jenaette majored in Elementary Education and was a cheerleader and Student Senate Secretary. Paul majored in History and minored in Business and won seven varsity letters in soccer and track. He ran on a relay team that set a school and conference track record and was named to two all-star soccer teams. In 1973, he had a tryout at Soldier Field in Chicago with the Chicago Bears NFL football team as a placekicker.

Paul attended Ohio Northern University Law School and graduated in 1977 in the top 15% of his law school class. He took and passed both the Indiana and Ohio bar examinations hoping to begin law practice in Northeastern Indiana.

Paul has practiced law his entire career with his office in Auburn, Indiana from 1978. He is a partner in the law firm of Kruse, Kruse & Cherry. In 1980, he was appointed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and in 1982 and 1986 he was elected as DeKalb County Prosecuting Attorney. In his first two years as elected Prosecuting Attorney he conducted five murder trials including a death penalty case. Paul has received the ''Sagamore of the Wabash'' award from Governor Robert D. Orr at the governor's mansion in Indianapolis.

Paul and Jeanette, married 1 June 1974, and have three children: Tyler Ross, born 30 October 1979; Megan Myree, born 7 November 1982; and Erin Elaine, born 25 August 1984. They live in Auburn and have been active in both the Hopewell United Brethren Church and the Bible Baptist Church. Paul serves on the Huntington College Board of Trustees, the governing body of the college. Jeanette is active in Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority. Paul is an active distance runner.

MAHLON E. RIEKE, was born at Iliad, Montana, in 1916 while his father was homesteading property there. He was two years old when his father decided to return to the Midwest starting his fledgling company in Chicago in 1921.

Mahlon moved to Auburn with the family in 1923 when he was seven, and has spent most of his life here.

He attended Auburn Schools, graduating from

Auburn High School in 1935. He attended Purdue University majoring in Mechanical Engineering. While at Purdue he was president of Sigma Nu social fraternity.

After college, in 1939, he returned to Auburn and went to work at what was then Rieke Metal Products Corporation as a draftsman in the engineering department.

He and his brothers, Glenn and Irvin, designed and developed many of the products that have made the company famous and prosperous, along with some of the machines used in their production.

Mahlon has served as chairman of the DeKalb County United Fund Drive and on the Board of Directors of DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He is a member of Greenhurst Country Club at Auburn, local Elks Club, the American Legion and the Summit Club of Fort Wayne.

But his favorite past-time, designing and building boats, remains his chief hobby and recreation.

He and his wife, Magaret, have four children: Mahlon E. Rieke II, Duane, David and a daughter Diann.

Mahlon loved working with his hands, and in his spare time he formed a company called Vanguard Power Boats that built boats. The company made runabouts, utility boats, cabin cruisers and specialized in hydroplanes and racing boats.

Boat-building was a labor of love, although Mahlon kept four employees active in addition to himself.

In 1942, with the advent of WW II, Mahlon enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. During basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina, he set a new world record for accuracy with the M-1 rifle, posting a score of 328 out of a possible prefect score of 340.

After "boot camp," Mahlon went to Officers Candidate School and Reserve Officers Schools at Quantico, Virginia, then to demolition and engineering school at Camp Lejune, North Carolina. From there he was sent to Saipan to join the Second Marine Division, Combat Engineer Battalion, and saw action at Saipan and Okinawa. Holding the rank of First Lieutenant, he served as commander of an Engineer company that built roads and bridges and handled demolition work.

After the war, he returned to Auburn and restarted his boat building business. A few years later, he joined the sales department of the Rieke Corporation. In time, he was promoted to assistant Sales Manager, then to executive vice-president and finally to the presidency. He was also President and Director of Rieke Canada, Ltd. and a member of the Board of Directors of Oren-VanAman Company, Incorporated, Division of Rieke Corporation.

IRVIN H. RIEKE, born in Chicago, 10 August 1901, and attended school at Oak Park, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. In 1910, his father moved the family to Montana to homestead. There he attended school at Iliad, and helped with the ranching.

Due to succeeding crop failures, the family moved back to Chicago in 1919. Irvin was employed as a mechanic by the Yellow Cab Company on Rush Street.

In the Spring of 1920, Irvin returned to Big Sky country of Montana alone to plant the spring wheat crop. But again, due to drought, it was dismal failure and the following June, he returned to Chicago.

In the meantime, his father had started a machine shop on Lake Street, which was titled T.W. Rieke Tool and Die Works. Upon Irvin's return, he helped his father in the shop and went to night school at Crane Technical Institute.

And so it was, The Rieke Company was born and began to grow. Young Rieke grew along with it and learned from the school of hard knocks the trials and tribulations of a young company.

The company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois, but was later dissolved and re-incorporated under the laws of Indiana and was moved to Auburn. Irvin moved with it and more and more played an important part in its operation, first as a punch press operator, then as a machinist, a foreman, and superintendent of the plant.

He was elected President of the company in 1930 and served in that capacity until 1947. He then became Chairman of the Board and served in that post until 1965.

Irvin has been instrumental in developing many patents now held by the company, but probably the most outstanding of them was his contribution to development of the Flexspout pail closures. Irvin also designed machinery which has been patented and is now in use in many customer plants.

Of his other interests, Irvin owned and operated the Ox Bow Ranch at Wolf Creek, Montana, consisting of more than 25,000 acres of beautiful mountainous countryside. He acquired it in 1934 and sold it in 1970.

Irvin has been very interested and quite active in aviation most of his life. He obtained his first pilot's license in 1932. He holds a multi-engine instrument rating for most all types of land planes.

He has owned and operated Gillis Aviation at

Billings Airport, Billings, Montana for the past several years, having the Piper Aircraft distributorship in approximately a three-state area.

His ranch in Montana is equipped with all types of home-made machinery. Many of his innovations in farm equipment have been studied and copied by large farm equipment manufacturers.

Irvin and his wife, Hilda, live in a new ranch home located on the beautiful Yellowstone River, approximately 10 miles from Billings, Montana.

They have four children: Rex, Tex, Ted, and a daughter Pattie Sue. From a previous marriage, Irvin also has a daughter, Dorothy Waluk, living in Auburn.

Glenn and Thelma Rieke

GLENN T. RIEKE, son of Mary and Theodore W. Rieke and the former Chairman of the Board of Rieke Corporation, was born at Fort Benton, Montana, 19 July 1911.

The first years of his boyhood were spent on the semi-desert land of his father's homestead at Iliad, Montana. The family moved to Chicago in 1918 where they lived for a period of five years, during which time the Rieke Corporation was born, before coming to Auburn, Indiana, in 1923.

Glenn graduated from Auburn High School and Purdue University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1934. At that time, his life's ambition was to specialize in bridge design and bridge building, but there were no bridges to be built during the Great Depression of the 30's, so upon graduation he took a job as a draftsman in his father's business.

From there he expanded into other facets of the business, he designed and developed new products and machinery, and became president of the company in 1947. He was named Chairman of the Board in 1965, a position he held until retirement in 1978.

During his lifetime, Glenn has served on the boards of the City National Bank of Auburn, the Lincoln National Bank of Fort Wayne, as sole administrator of Rieke de Mexico, in Mexico City, a former director of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association and Trustee of Tri-State University, of Angola, Indiana.

As a former president of the Y.M.C.A. he was instrumental in establishing the Y.M.C.A. Foundation, now known as the Auburn Foundation. In 1960, he led a drive to build a new Hospital for the area. The 94 bed facility was opened in 1962 and Glenn was its' first president, a position he held for two terms. He currently is a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Foundation, Incorporated, which raises and holds funds to meet the medical needs of the people of DeKalb County.

He also was instrumental in establishing the Rieke Corporation Foundation, whose primary objective is to help worthy causes in the community.

A Boy Scout in his youth, he has gone on to serve that organization in some capacity throughout his adult life. He is a holder of the Silver Beaver Award, a distinguished adult award in scouting.

He has been an aviation enthusiast, receiving his pilot's license at an early age and owned and operated the Auburn Airport from 1939 to 1964.

Thelma Agnes Layden, the third child of Lawrence and Ima (Hall) Layden, born on her fathers farm in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, 11 July 1910. A graduate of Klondike High School and International Business College in 1930, whereupon she took a job as bookkeeper and secretary at the Rieke Metal Products Corporation plant of West 15th Street in Auburn,

Glenn and Thelma were married, 29 June 1935. Since that time she has served as his private secretary. They reside on a farm south of Auburn where they raised their two sons, Layden and Eric. They have seven grandchildren.

LAYDEN THEODORE RIEKE, son of Glenn and Thelma Rieke, born in Auburn, 14 March 1938. He graduated from Auburn High School, attended Purdue University, St. Petersburg Junior College and graduated from Tampa University, Tampa Florida.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, graduated from Officers Training School and was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas, in maintenance.

While in San Antonio he married Suzan Webster, a Nurse in the U.S. Air Force. Suzan was from Williston, North Dakota, the daughter of Willard and Nellie Webster.

Layden spent one year at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, at Saigon, South Vietnam, during the Vietnam War.

After leaving the service he and his family came to Auburn. He worked as a purchasing agent for Rieke Corporation and later years has owned his own business.

He and Suzan have four children: Steven, Lara, Brian and Lisa.

ERIC THEODORE RIEKE, son of Glenn and Thelma Rieke, born in Auburn, 25 May 1941. He graduated from Auburn High School, attended Butler University, St. Petersburg Junior College and graduated from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Supply Department at several Air Bases in the United States. During the Vietnam War he spent one year at Tan Son Nhut Air Base at Saigon, South Vietnam, as a computer operator.

After leaving the service he returned to Auburn and joined the Sales force for Rieke Corporation. He is presently Sales Manager for the company and lives in Auburn.

Eric and Nancy Borden, daughter of Carl and Marian Borden, of Greencastle, Indiana, were married in 1965. This marriage ended in divorce in 1984. Their daughters are: Jennifer, Julia and Penny.

Solomon Reinoehl Family

SOLOMON REINOEHL, born 6 August 1843, Richland County, Ohio, died 24 September 1916, son of David and Rebecca (Weirich) Reinoehl. Solomon married Martha Eckhart, born 2 August 1866, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Froehlich) Eckhart. Martha, born 11 October 1847, died 27 December 1928. To this union were born eight children: Mary Alice Reinoehl, born 1867, died 1948, married Levi C. Shaffer. They owned and operated a picket and cider mill east of Helmer, Indiana in Steuben County. They later moved to Helmer and added a lumber yard and mill work shop. They had four children: Erma (Shaffer) Butler, Fern Shaffer, died in infancy, Earl and Esther (Shaffer) Butler Taylor; Job Albert Reinoehl, born 1868, died 1957, taught in the Fairfield schools for seven years. He married first to Myrtle Lenore Shaffer and second to Alice Richardson Weisman. He and Myrtle had two children: Vesta (Reinoehl) Royer and Waldo Reinoehl; Cora Rebecca Reinoehl, born 1870, died 1953, married first to Samuel Clayton Urey, a DeKalb County native. They had three children: Harold, Clarence, and Martha (Urey) Cullen. After Samuel's death, Cora married for the second, Martin Alva Long, a farmer, minister and teacher. They had five children: Jessie, died in infancy, Florence (Long) Brooks, Wilbur Long, died in infancy, Wilma (Long) Fesler, and Ina Mae (Long) Taylor. Most of Cora's children were born in DeKalb County, but settled elsewhere; Isaiah Oziah Reinoehl, born 1873, died 1939, taught in the Fairfield Township schools for several years and was, also part-owner of the Kendallville Hardware. He married first to Vida Ella Sherlock, a DeKalb County Native, and second to Lucinda Chadwick. He and Vida had a daughter, Martha Maurine; William Elmer Reinoehl, born in 1875, died in 1956, operated the Reinoehl Grocery Store on North Randolph Street in Garrett for twenty years. He married Ola Pearl (Stonecypher) Whelan. They had no children from this marriage; Charles Myron Reinoehl, born 1878 died 1957, married Blanche Mae Huet of DeKalb County, they had two daughters; Violet (Reinoehl) Jamison and Virginia (Reinoehl) Rowlett. Charles taught school in the Fairfield Center schools before moving from the area; Rosa Viola Reinoehl, born 1880, died 1964, married Albert Edward Sherlock, a DeKalb County native and settled on a farm in the Corunna area. They were the parents of two children: Edwina (Sherlock) Aldrich and Hubert; Hester Nora Reinoehl, born 1886, died 1979, married Clarence Arthur King, son of Jeremiah and Lydia (Mull) King. They resided on a farm south of Ashley and had two children: Irene Mae (King) Bailey and Roy Elmer King.

MARION L. NEWCOMER, born and raised in Franklin Township, son of Charles E. and Effie (Muhn) Newcomer.

Marion bought a farm adjacent to his father's, in Franklin Township. Marion raised grain cattle on that land for fifty-four years.

Marion married Juliet Goodale, 28 February 1923. Juliet, born 4 January 1894, Spring City Tennessee. They had three children: Bernadine L., born 12 May 1924, married James R. Oberlin of Hamilton, Steuben County, Indiana, Mabel P., born 9 October 1926, married Charles R. Baxter of Hamilton, Steuben County, Indiana, Pauline, M., born 29 January 1931, married LaRue Schad of Blooming, Illinois. All three children were high school graduates.

Mr. Newcomer, was a sixty-three year member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, in which he held most of the offices, member of the Heaton No. 60 IOOF in Angola, Indiana, also Canton Lodge IOOF, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

JAMES R. OBERLIN, born 5 September 1923 in Hamilton, Steuben County, Indiana. Graduated from Hamilton High School, in 1941. James assisted his father in raising Onions, onion seed, potatoes and also selling fish bait and garden produce around Hamilton Lake.

James left home at the age of eighteen, to live in Auburn, Indiana and worked at the Thealander Clutch Company until 1943. Then took a job with International Harvester Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Truck Plant and continued there until retirement in June of 1975.

James married Beradine L. Newcomer, 29 August 1943. Two sons were born to this union: Douglas James Oberlin, born 11 April 1953. He graduated from DeKalb High School. He then attended Purdue University and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Kenneth Charles Oberlin, born 18 February 1955. He also graduated from DeKalb High School. He is now an auto mechanic for Sanderson's Auto Sales. He is a very active member of Calvary Chapel of Auburn.

WAYNE CURRY, born 14 January 1918, Auburn, Indiana, son of Charles S. and Ona (Triplett) Curry, both deceased. Wayne has two brothers and one sister: Harold R.; Maurice H.; and Helen L.

Wayne lived in Ashley, Indiana where he attended school and graduated from Ashley High School in 1936. After working at various jobs in Auburn, he bought and developed the lot at the corner of Indiana Avenue and North Street, launched his own business, "Curry TV Sales and Service," in 1954. In 1971, he sold the business and presently owns and operates an antique business, out of his home, west of Waterloo, on U.S. 6.

Wayne married Vivan Fike, 25 September 1960, in Pleasant Lake, by Reverend Mast. Vivan, born 22 July 1927, Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Ray and Tracie (Treesh) Fike, both deceased. Vivan has three sisters and one brother, Donnabelle, Doris, Evelyn and Donald.

After attending public schools, in Kendallville, her family moved to Corunna in 1940. She continued her education at Corunna School, she graduated from Eighth Grade in 1943. Vivan worked at Messenger Corporation, being paid $.40 an hour.

By a previous marriage, she had two sons: James Chorpenning, born 1947 and Robert Chorpenning, born 1954.

To this union of Wayne and Vivan was born one son: Tim, 2 December 1961, Auburn, Indiana. Tim attended Waterloo Elementary and graduated from DeKalb High School, 1980. He worked at Lyall Electric and Bostwick-Braun Company for a short time. He is hoping to get a college degree in Art. He enjoys wildlife, fishing, camping, bowling and photography.

Wayne is an avid sports fan, enjoying baseball, basketball, football, golf in the summer and bowling in the winter. Vivan enjoys golf, bowling and indoor gardening.

JOHN FARVER's family emigrated from Alsace-Lorraine area and landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 29 October 1767 from the ship of "Minerva." Captain John Spurrier was the acting Master. The Farver name in German was Faber.

John Farver married Rebecca Wolf and to this union were born nine children: one daughter, Mary, married Daniel Paullins, who moved to Spencerville, in DeKalb County in 1847. Daniel ran a shoe shop near the dam on the St. Joe River. Times were hard and lean. Daniel was also a gunsmith.

Isaac married Polly A. Myers. Isaac and Polly, of Ashland County, Ohio, corresponded with Dan Paullins of Spencerville and purchased the Paullins shoe business at that location. Isaac and Polly moved to Spencerville in 1852 and ran the shoe shop until about 1880.

Isaac served in the Civil War with Company C, 35th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. In 1880, Isaac retired from the shoe business and purchased a farm in Jackson Township, where he spent the remainder of his days. Isaac also did furniture and cabinet making besides his shoe work and farming.

To the union of Isaac and Polly, five children were born: Rebecca F., married John Means, they had six children: John H. married Malinda Walters, they had six children: James M., married Lila Hines, they had two children: Josiah Lemuel married, M. Lucy Bailey, they had six children and Christine S. married Curtis Washler, they had seven children.

CHARLES HUFFMAN, married Sarah Greiling or Kreling, they came from Stark County, Ohio to DeKalb County in the 1840's. They settled on a farm in Jackson Township. Charles was a stonecutter and mason besides farming.

To the union of Charles and Sarah were born nine children: five children died at an early age; Cora married Andrew Sponhower, they had eight children. Andrew and Cora had a showplace homestead in Section 26 of Jackson Township. Elizabeth C. married Elmer Bishop, they had three children: Adah married Mathias Arnold, they had one child: Etta, married Emmett J. Armstrong, they had four children. Emmett and Etta lived most of their lives on the old homestead. The children of Emmett and Etta are: Lillie, married Charles Bishop, they had seven children, Pearl married Ray Farver, they had four children, two died in infancy; Charles, married Flossie Warstler, they had four children; and Ray, married Verna Warstler, they had no children. Ray and Verna live on the old homestead at present writing. It seemed that no neighborhood butchering, threshing or wood-cutting could be done unless Emmett "E.J." was on deck to help. Emmett and his brother, Jim, did cement contracting and die several of the first cement road bridges in the area.

After the death of his wife, Sarah, Charles married Mrs. Susannah F. Harper of Stark County, Ohio.

JOSIAH LEMUAL FARVER and LUCY FARVER family was raised in Jackson Township most of the time on the farm purchased by Isaac. They were the parents of six children: Esta, married Earl Stimman, they had two children; Ray, married Pearl Armstrong; Floyd married Gladys Seibring, they had three children; Harold , married Nellie Stafford, they had two children, from his first marriage and from his second marriage he married Bessie Andee and they had two children; Alta, married Samuel Potts, they had two children; and Zella, died in her teens. This group of families lived most of their lives in DeKalb County.

Ray Farver married Pearl Armstrong, they ran a canning kitchen in the town of Spencerville from 1920 until 1928 at which time the depression closed them out. Ray also did some custom butchering trucking while living in Spencerville.

Ray, Pearl and two sons moved to Jackson Township in 1928 and did truck gardening, selling the produce on the Fort Wayne farmers markets. In 1933, they moved north to Steuben County.

Ray and Pearl were the parents of four children: two died in infancy; Harry married Dorothy Brattain of Spencerville; Earl married Beverly Cook of Angola and they had two children.

GUY I. MAUSTELLER, born 8 September, West Milton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Milton High School in 1940 at the age of fifteen. He then took schooling in Civil Engineering. He entered military service with the Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged 10 December 1945, after serving in New Jersey, the Pentagon Building in Washington D.C., and the Pacific Theater of operations. He remained in the reserves until 1953, and after a short recall, was placed on Honorary Status for life. He came to Indiana in 1953 and was associated with the Peerless Manufacturing Corporation.

Guy came to DeKalb County in September on 1969 and was employed by Chorpenning Hardware, Plumbing and Heating Company. He later managed the Butler Heating and Air Conditioning Company. He joined the staff of the Butler Company where he presently serves as Vice President and Credit Manager.

He married Glenda June Davis, at Fort Wayne in 1962. Glenda, born 4 September 1935 at Fort Wayne. She attended Lutheran Schools and graduated from Concordia High School. Glenda was a home body until the children were through school. She is presently employed as a bookkeeper for Chapman Auto Parts of Butler and C. and S. Electric in Waterloo.

Guy's interest and participation in community affairs led to his successful election to the office of Mayor of Butler in 1980. He is presently serving his second four year term.

Their children are: Guy, Jr., in Pennsylvania, coordinator for Sprout and Waldron Company; Deborah, in Fort Wayne, Beautician; Kathy, in Kendallville, housewife and professional cake baker and decorator; Steve, in Texas, advertising signs; Jim in Auburn, Computer Analyst; David in Texas, Air Force Instructor; and Ronald, of Butler, Machinist.

Guy and Glenda are members of the Lutheran Church and active in many local service organizations and lodges. Guy is also coordinator for Butler with the County Civil Defense and Captain of the Civil Defense Auxiliary Police.

HERBERT D. BILLINGS, born 28 January 1902 in Granite Iowa, died 8 March 1976, son of Daniel Francis Billings and Elizabeth Champney. His paternal grandparents came from Montreal, Canada and Albany, New York. His maternal grandparents came from England in the fall of 1867 and settled in Portage, Wisconsin. In 1871, the family came by covered wagon to Cherokee, Iowa.

Herbert moved from Kingsley, Iowa in 1922, with Harry Steele to Butler, buying a forty-acre farm south of Butler, where Dowley Drop Forge is located now.

On 4 October 1923, he married Beulah Carlotta Spake. Beulah was born 17 February 1906, daughter of Everett Liggett Spake and Martha Ann (Gingrich) Spake. Also born to that marriage were: Harmon, Moren, Anna and Norma. Everett's folks were from Pennsylvania, Daniel and Maria (Newcomer) Gingrich.

Herbert was a farmer and worked several years for the post office. Beulah worked ten years for the Marshall Clothing Company.

In July of 1929, a son was born that died at birth, son Vaughn Boise, born 12 February 1936. He was a graduate of Butler High School and in 1955, he went to work for Universal Tool and Stamping Company where he is now a Vice-President. Vaughn married Helen Jane Bacon in January 1958 and they are parents of three children: Dawn Renee, born 19 August 1958, graduate of Ball State and married Kevin Vories in 1983, living in Lincoln, Nebraska; Lance Aaron, born 27 October 1960, graduate of Ball State, working in Paulding, Ohio; Steven Eric, born 23 March 1963, graduate of Ball State, working at Universal Tool and Stamping Company; Karen Sue, born 15 September 1938. A graduate of Butler High School, married Robert Ziegler, 5 August 1956. Robert and Karen were divorced in 1968 and she married Jerome David Schaab, 15 February 1980. Karen has worked for Universal Tool and Stamping Company for twenty-five years. Three children were born to Robert and Karen: Michael Scott, born 3 November 1958, graduate of Indiana University, living in Angola, working in Sales; Michelle Marie, born 26 October 1959, graduate of Ball State, married Scott K. Racy, 5 June 1982. She is manager of ladies apparel, The Express, in West Palm Beach and lives in Plantation, Florida; Joy Lee, born 25 February 1961, graduate of Eastside, married Clint Taylor, 5 June 1982. They live in Cape Coral, Florida with their children: Jenna Marie, born 13 July 1984 and Drew Michael, born 20 October 1985.

GEORGE HEBBER HAYNES, born 6 February 1897, died 4 August 1978. Ida May (Yarde) Haynes, born 31 October 1901, died 9 October 1961. George and Ida married 24 December 1919. They lived all their lives in the Garrett area, northwest of town.

To this union were born five children: John Edward, born 5 February 1921, died 12 October 1980, married Anna Ruth Neff, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 22 April 1945. John was in alternative sevice during WW II. After his discharge, they moved to Indiana, 29 March 1946, to a small house just down the road from the family farm. Three years later, they moved to the farm on County Road 40A, east of 327, now known as John E. Haynes, Incorporated. John and Anna were the parents of four daughters: Anna Rebecca (Haynes) Banis, Norfolk, Virginia; Anita Ruth (Haynes) Knechel, Lombard, Illinois; Sarah Kathleen (Haynes) Swietzer, Auburn, Indiana; and Karen N. (Haynes) of Lansing, Michigan. Anna and John have four granddaughters and one grandson. Two foster sons, Woodrow Wallace Trostel, and Franklin Arthur Trostel live in Portland, Oregon. They each have two children: Wayne Everett, born 12 April 1928; Richard Lee, born 26 March 1930, died 3 June 1980; James Martin, born 17 March 1937; Mary Alice (Haynes) Wolf, born 14 February 1941.

LAVON MARTIN BENDER, born 8 August 1932, northeast of Waterloo, Indiana, son of Albert Monroe and Mary Mildred (Deitzen) Bender. His paternal grandparents were Frank M. and Susan (Schutta) Bender. His maternal grandparents were Nicholas and Celina (Schartgen) Deitzen. Celina (Schartgen) Deitzen, born 10 July 1871 in Luxenburg, Germany, emigrating to America in 1886 at the age of fifteen. LaVon attended Franklin Township school for his first eight years of schooling. Five years at Taylor's Corner and three years at Franklin Center, graduating from grade school in 1946. He then went to Ashley High School, graduating in 1950. Upon graduating, he went into partnership farming with his father, Albert, until 15 January 1953, when he was drafted into the Army for two years of service, which was during the Korean conflict. LaVon returned 13 January 1955 and continued farming with his father, Albert.

Rosemary Agnes (Miller) Bender, born 23 February 1936, northeast of Waterloo, daughter of Raymond F. and Catherine M. (Dapp) Miller. Her paternal grandparents were Frank A. and Therese (Zircher) Miller. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Magdalene (Schiffli) Dapp. Henry Dapp, born 16 January 1860 in Alsace, France, emigrating to America in 1880 at the age of twenty. Her paternal great grandparents were John and Sophie (Koehler) Miller. John Miller served military duty in the Civil War. Rosemary attended Ashley grade and high school, graduating in 1954. Upon graduation, she attended Warner College of Beauty Cuture in Fort Wayne, graduating as a Beauty Culturists with an Indiana license to practice beauty culture. She served her apprenticeship working for Ruth Hire in Waterloo, then worked fourteen years at the Colonial Beauty Shop in

Angola, then opened her own shop in their home where she still operates her shop.

LaVon Bender and Rosemary Miller were married 27 July 1957 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo, where both were baptized as infants and have been active members all their lives. To this marriage were born two children: Kevin Michael, born 4 February 1959 and Jacqueline Marie, 2 June 1962. Both attended Ashley grade school and DeKalb High School. Kevin graduated from DeKalb High School in 1977 then attended Purdue University graduating in 1981 with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education. Upon graduation, he went to work as an Agriculture Loan Officer for the Camden State Bank at Camden, Indiana, where he is still working as a Vice President of the bank. On 5 July 1986, Kevin and Denise Hummel were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Delphi, Indiana. They now reside at rural Delphi. Denise is a first grade teacher at Twin Lakes School Corporation at Monticello, Indiana; Jacqueline graduated from DeKalb High School in 1980. On 1 October 1980, she started working for Federal Land Bank Association, North Eastern Indiana, as a Branch Assistant. On 1 September 1985, Albion Production Credit Association and the Federal Land Bank of Northeastern, Indiana, consolidated staff at that time she was hired as a Branch Assistant Accountant. At this time she is engaged to marry Troy Freeman of Auburn. They are planning a 25 April 1987 wedding at St. Michael's Catholilc Church, north of Waterloo, Troy is a Rieke Corporation employee.

LaVon and Rosemary had lived their entire life in DeKalb County, north of Waterloo. LaVon has farmed his entire life except for the two years he served in the Army, now farming five hundred fifty acres.

ABRAHAM BUSS, born 4 March 1816, at Mountfield Parish, Sussex, England, son of William and Lucy (Woodbury) Buss. He died at his home in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 9 April 1890, his age being seventy-four years, one month and five days. He was baptized in childhood according to the rites of the Church of England.

At the age of fourteen, he went to live with a gentleman named, Benjamin Smith, a member of the English Parliment. On 1 April 1830, Mr. Smith accompanied by Abraham, his brothers and sisters, embarked for america on the ship Columbia. They arrived in New York on 5 May, after thirty-five days at sea.

They traveled, seeing many points of interest, New York, Montreal, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, on 10 May 1831, a year later they arrived back in England.

In August 1841, ten years later, Abraham left London with his sister, Delia and her husband, John Butt. In New York, they stayed with Mr. Butt's brother, Richard, who later married Abraham's sister, Jane, till October. Then they went to Indiana to look for a home.

Abraham is said to have been able to halt a runaway team of horses on the carriage of the English Queen Victoria 1837-1901 and was awarded a purse with money.

He served in the Queen's Navy and is reported to have been shipwrecked once. The life raft drifted on the ocean for several days and the water supply was exhausted. With no hope of rescue in sight, the unhappy sailors were about to sacrifice one of their number to be able to survive, one man who was rather plump seemed to be a logical choice. Fortunately, for him, the raft was sighted by a passing ship and they were rescued.

While in the navy, his ship docked in Boston Harbor. News of the world was always appreciated and it was the custom to invite the ship's crew into homes to hear the latest. Abraham was a guest in Boston where he met Lucy Woodbury, a visitor in the home. He returned to his ship, but the next time it was in Boston, he left to inquire about Lucy and never returned to the ship. She had returned to her home in Castile, Wyoming County, New york and he went a courting.

They were married, 19 July 1852. He was thirty-six and she was twenty-years old.

He had traveled over much of Europe. In 1849, he went to California "Gold Rush Days" and later to South America.

The newly married couple came to Indiana where he had been several years ago and had lived in Fairfield Center, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, but Lucy had relatives in Charles City, Iowa, so they went west.

Two children were born in Iowa; John, born 1853, died in infancy, Frank, born in 1855. They moved back to Indiana, they had four children born here; Lafayette, Eva Anna, born 8 March 1860, Celia and Oscar.

They lived in Auburn for a while and Abraham helped to clear the forest trees to make room for Auburn's main street.

He bought a farm in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County and spent the rest of his life there. His wife, Lucy, died in 1880. She was forty-eight years old.

Abraham lived ten years longer, died in 1890 age seventy-four years. He was buried in Waterloo Cemetery.

Abraham Buss was a successful farmer and shrewd business man. He was thirty-six years old when he came to America to make his home.

At his death, he had provided well for his family. To each of his sons, he had given a farm and to each of his daughters, he had given enough money to buy a farm.

While living in Fairfield Township, a cousin, Kizia, had come to live with the family. One day some strangers from England called. They had come to find Abraham Buss. Kizia sent them away with out any information as to the nature of their errand, but they were heard from again. After the death of Abraham, in 1890, son, Frank, passed away three years later, and daughter Celia, married Levi Kessler.

Daughter, Eva, born 8 March 1860 and her unmarried brother, Lafayette continued to live on the farm. Lafayette died suddenly in 1898 from the fatal sting of an insect.

JOHN SUTHERLAND, married Eva Anna, born 8 March 1860, daughter of William and Lucy (Woodbury) Buss and they had two children: Myrtle Mae and Jay Abram. Myrtle married George Fassbinder of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, they were the parents of three children.

Jay Abram, born 2 October 1902, attended grade school at Shipe School, Fairfield Township from the eighth grade and entered high school at Ashley High School, Smithfield Township and graduated in 1921/1922 school year as salutatory of the class.

After graduating from High School, he went to Florida to live with an uncle and remained in Florida for two and a half years. While in Florida, he opened up an advertising agency called "The Dime Ad Service." He operated the agency for two years then returned to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with his sister and took a job with a big department store, Rosenbaum's, as assistant toy buyer. Was employed there for about three years, then came back to Fort Wayne and took a job at a big store, The Dessular Brothers as buyer.

His mother was still on the farm living alone. She became sick, so he quit his job and came back to the farm to take care of her. She passed away in July 1929.

Then Jay married Hazel Žolman, 15 March 1930. Jay and Hazel bought the farm, but rented it to Leslie and Esther Leins for one year. Jay took a job with Rollie Muhn, as sales person, who owned and operated the "Toy Factory," which was located just south of Waterloo, Indiana. Jay was in charge of the display at "The Toy Fair" in New York City, New York which was held every year, for the purpose of different companies showing their products for sales people as buyers to select merchandise for their stores. It was a "Traders Fair." After the show, they opened a toy store at the "New Burke Glen Park" on the William Pen Highway, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania which he and his wife operated until the close of the park in the fall. They returned to Fort Wayne, Indiana and Jay was still employed with Rollie Muhn. Soon after there was a fire that destroyed the toy factory and the tragic death of Martha, in the fire, wife of Rollie Muhn.

Jay and his wife moved to the farm and engaged in farming.

In 1934, they had their first daughter, Evanell Ann and 1938 another daughter, Darlene Marie. Evanell married Argyl Lee Shenk of Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. They were the parents of two sons: Dennis Lee, Butler Township, DeKalb County. Douglas Alan, Butler Township, DeKalb County. Douglas married Denise Louise (Lienerth), they are the parents of Stephanie Ann and Matthew; Darlene, married John Daniel Scranage of Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Ashley, Indiana. They are the parents of six children: John Daniel II, Mark Jay, Steven Ray, Joan Marie, Anne Marie and Beth Marie. John Daniel II, married Robyn Lynn Wells.

Jay was a successful farmer and farmed until his death, 17 October 1967. While farming, Jay was County Supervisor for the ASC farm program in DeKalb County. He passed away the day he retired.

LUCY WOODBURY, daughter of John and Nancy Woodbury, cousin to Mrs. William Roberts of Wilmington Township and niece to the late Ephriam Woodbury, well known to the old habitats in and around Auburn. She was born at Castile, Wyoming County, New York, where she lived until her marriage, which occurred, 19 July 1852. About twenty years ago she connected herself with the Lutheran Church at Fairfield Center, continuing a zealous member until her death. While feeling a preference for the Presbyterian denomination, yet her very nature was so imbued with those great christian principles, that every field found a devoted laborer in the cause of the Great Master. She knew no creed nor classes, but labored with love and kindness and earnestness. After repeated efforts to maintain a Sunday School at the Center, Mrs. Buss concluded to try one at her home and her husband entering into the enterprise through great love he bore her. The barn floor was arranged and word sent out in the neighborhood for the children and parents to attend. Every Sabath brought increased numbers, and when time came to discontinue it on account of the weather, a more successful organization could not be found in the county. When spring returned, the whole neighborhood solicited her to reopen her school, but her poor health would not permit it. Thus by the purity of her motives, her genuine christianity and the power she exerted through love and kindness, she embalmed herself in the hearts of all with whom she came in contact and leaves not a single enemy to speak aught against her fair name.

Died, 27 January 1880, at the residence of her husband in Fairfield Township, Lucy, wife of Abraham Buss, in the forty-eighth year of her age.

Mrs. Buss was the mother of six children, one of whom died while an infant. Those remaining: Frank, aged twenty-four; Lafayette, twenty-two; Eva, nineteen; Celia, seventeen; and Oscar, ten, are kind, sober, affectionate and industrious children, evidencing the care and training of a christian mother. She has passed beyond the shining river. Though sadness lingers in her wake, though loving hearts are sad and bereaved, there is left behind a bright remembrance of purity, devotion and loving kindness that shall bind her kindered until all shall be joined anew in everlasting peace.

Franklyn Biddle Family

FRANKLYN BIDDLE, born 24 October 1871, Navarre, Ohio, son of Daniel and Catherine (Swan) Biddle of Navarre, Ohio.

Ida Mae Becknell, born 19 June 1875, Canton, Ohio, daughter of Peter Daniel and Barbara E. (Wourst) Becknell, of Paris Township, Stark County, Ohio. Paternal grandparents were Charles, born 1786, Stralsound, Germany and Anna Maria (Swoveland) Becknell. Anna was from Stark County, Ohio.

Franklyn and Ida Mae were married 24 June 1893, Stark County, Ohio. Frank entered employment of B & O Railroad in 1898 as locomotive fireman. Promoted to engineer and in 1918 was critically injured when he was thrown violently in an engine. He was unable to work for ten years, but eventually returned to the railroad. They had fresh fish railed from Canton, Ohio to peddle in Garrett. He raised "fancy" breeds of chickens for a hobby.

Children: Nova Mae, born 3 July 1894; and Zeitha Alice, born 11 September 1900. They resided in Garrett. Ida died 21 May 1935, buried in Christian Union Cemetery. Frank married her sister, Cora Maser, in 1936. Frank died 24 December 1938 and is buried at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. They were members of the Garrett Church of Christ.

BERNARD MORAN REDMOND, born 22 December 1880, Middleburg, Virginia, son of James Louis and Maria Virginia (Colline) Redmond, resided in Winchester, Virginia.

Bernard's paternal grandparents were Tillman and Mary (Sherman) Redmond, she was half American Indian of Marshall, Virginia. Tillman was an intinerant Baptist preacher.

Bernard's maternal grandparents were Upton and Amanda Virginia (McDonald) Collins, of Marshall, Virginia. Upton was a civilian train engineer, who was responsible for hiding a supply train in a woods in North Carolina from the Yankees. During the night, he died of an apparent heart attack at age thirty-one. They packed his body in charcoal and returned him home by oxcart.

Bernard's middle name was the last name of the doctor that delivered him at Middleburg. Bernard Bun, was brought to Garrett by his uncle, James Collins, to work on the railroad.

Margaret Mae Kircher, born 1884, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Francis Marion and Mary (Hartford) Kircher, resided in Garrett, Indiana.

Maggie's paternal grandparents were William and Ellen Jane (Temple) Kircher from Auburn, Indiana. Maggie's maternal grandparents were Tom, born in England, and Marquette (Ferguson) Hartford, born in Ireland.

They had five children: Virginia, born 1905, married Albert Lumm, had one son; Frank Allen, born 1910, married Helen Ricketts, no children; Kathlyn Louise, born 28 January 1914, married Franklin Cole, had four children; James, born 1920, married Mathaleen Walt, had four children; and Collins Kircher, born 1925, married Mary Helen Miller, had two daughters.

Bernard and Maggie lived at 601 E. Quincy Street, Garrett. Their family has spent many fond memories of the good times spent at their cottage on Lake Gage.

Bernard died in 1947, Margaret Mae died in 1946, both in Garrett, Indiana. They are buried at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, Indiana.

Franklin and Kathlyn Cole

FRANKLIN RALPH COLE, born 28 October 1915, Garrett, Indiana, son of Albert A. and Nova Mae (Biddle) Cole of Garrett, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Alfonso Ralph and Lorinda (Wineland) Cole, of Garrett, Indiana; maternal grandparents were Franklyn and Ida M. (Becknell) Biddle of Garrett, Indiana.

Kathlyn "Kate" Louise Redmond, born 28 January 1914 in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Bernard M. and Margaret Mae (Kircher) Redmond of Garrett, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were James L. and Maria V. Redmond, of Virginia; maternal grandparents were Francis "Frank" M. and Mary (Hartford) Kircher of Garrett, Indiana.

Franklin married Kathlyn, 12 June 1938. They both attended Garrett High School. Franklin worked at family owned ice plants, Garrett Police Department, and custodian at St. Joseph School, he is now retired. Kathlyn has been manager of Kitchen for Garrett Community Hospital, now retired.

There were four children born to this union: James Lowell and Joseph Allen, twins, born 26 May 1942; and John Arthur and Joanne Mae, twins, born 23 February 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Cole now reside in Garrett, Indiana. They are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett.

ALFONSO RALPH COLE, born 15 November 1851, Indiana, died 13 May 1937, son of George W. and Mary E. (Rager) Cole of Albion, Indiana. Alfonso's paternal grandparents were from New York and maternal grandparents were from North Manchester, Indiana.

Lorinda Wineland "Rindy," born 7 June 1863, near St. Joe, Indiana, died 1940, daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wineland, of St. Joe. Paternal grandparents are John B. and Jane Wineland of St. Joe.

Alfonso Cole Family

Ralph and Lorinda were married 1 October 1882. Ralph was a farmer and drove the horse drawn water wagon to settle the dust on the dirt streets of Garrett. Lorinda was an excellent cook, relatives still rave about her chicken, noodles and biscuits.

There were five children born to this union: Vesta Lenore, born 28 July 1883; George S., born 24 July 1886; Albert A., born 22 January 1890; Rayford Ralph, born 1 January 1892; Fairie Elizabeth, 12 September 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ralph Cole lived just south of the Garrett swimming pool, large cement block house. Their orchard was situated where the swimming pool and tennis courts are now.

Albert and Nova Cole

ALBERT A. "AL" COLE, born 22 January 1890, Garrett, Indiana, son of Alfonso Ralph and Lorinda (Wineland) Cole. Paternal grandparents were George W. and Mary W. (Rager) Cole, of Noble County. George Cole, a lieutenant of the 47th Regiment Indiana Volunteers was killed in the Civil War, at the Battle of Champion Hill, Mississippi, 16 May 1863, age 36 years. Maternal grandparents were Simon and Elizabeth (Johnson) Wineland, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Nova Mae Biddle, born 3 July 1894, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Franklyn and Ida M. (Becknell) Biddle of Garrett, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Daniel and Catherine (Swan) Biddle of Navarre, Ohio. Daniel was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the Civil War. His leg had to be amputated. Maternal grandparents were Peter Daniel and Barbara W. (Wourst) Becknell, from Stark County, Ohio.

Albert played in the Army Band from 1908 - 1911. He owned and operated the Garrett Ice and Coal Company with plants in Kendallville and Angola. He closed the business in March 1952, a victim of refrigeration. He purchased the Dairy Queen at 121 North Randolph in November 1952 and operated that business for several years before closing it. Nova's hobby was fishing at the family cottage at Lake Gage.

They had two sons: Franklin Ralph, born 28 October 1915; and Lowell Russell, Tony, born 2 February 1920. Al and Nova lived at 419 South Harrison, Garrett. They were members of The First Church of Christ. Albert died, 17 August 1969, Nova died, 7 January 1974, they are buried at Calvary Cemetery.

JOSEPH ALLEN COLE, born 26 May 1942, Garrett, Indiana, son of Franklin Ralph and Kathlyn Louise (Redmond) Cole, of Garrett, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Albert A. and Nova Mae (Biddle) Cole, of Garrett, Indiana; maternal grandparents were Bernard Moran and Margaret Mae (Kircher) Redmond, of Garrett, Indiana.

Bonnie M. Myers, born 19 December 1941, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Orlo James, deceased, and Audrey Gail (Tooman) Myers, Hollis. Audrey married Marion Hollis. Paternal grandparents are Orlo C. and Myrtle (Hevel) Myers, Garrett, Indiana; maternal grandparents are William Guy and Mary Elizabeth (Heffley) Tooman, Miller City, Ohio.

Joseph and Bonnie, married 16 September 1961, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, Indiana. Bonnie and Joseph attended Garrett High School, where they met. Joseph has been employed with Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne, since 1961. Bonnie was employed with Lincoln National Life, Fort Wayne, now a homemaker and a mother.

Joseph and Bonnie had six children: David Joseph, born 16 February 1963; Robert Allen, born 15 April 1964; Thomas James, born 26 May 1966; Michael John, born 6 February 1968; Amanda Maria, born 23 October 1977; and Matthew Adam, born 21 April 1979.

The Cole family resides in Garrett, Indiana. They are members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Their hobbies include restoring the home and classic cars, gardening and fishing.

Kircher Family Home

FRANCIS "FRANK" MARION KIRCHER, born 26 October 1853, Germantown, Montgomery County, Ohio, son of William and Ellen Jane (Temple) Kircher. Ellen born in Ohio. William lived with the family for some time. He had operated a flour mill in Auburn in the 1870's. Francis, died December 1914, buried Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, Indiana.

Mary Hartford, born 4 March 1858, New Jersey, daughter of Tom and Marqurette (Ferguson) Hartford. Tom Hartford was born in England and Marquette (Ferguson) Hartford was born in Ireland. Mary had one sister, Kate, she married John G. Gus Kircher, no relation to Frank. Kate is buried in mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Francis and Mary were married 2 September 1880. They had one daughter, Margaret Mae, married Bernard Redmond. They were the parents of five children.

Frank was a resident of Garrett since it was founded in 1874. He was an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad all those years. He was an active fraternal society worker, a politician and a patron of horse racing and baseball. He was an engineer on fast passenger trains from 1880 till his illness. In 1910, he was elected county chairman of the democratic party and re-elected in 1912. He was often a delegate to the district and state conventions. He would have served as Garrett's next postmaster had he retained his health. For many years, Mr. Kircher took considerable interest in race horses and owned the pacer, Billy Foster. This horse won numerous stakes and was a pride of local turf followers.

Mamie had been in invalid a number of years and resided with her daughter and family in the home at Quincy and Britton Streets which Frank had built.

Officiating minister at Frank's funeral was the Reverend A. D. Garmen of the Auburn Lutheran Church.

DR. ETHAN ALEXANDER ISH, born 1877, died 1947 and his wife, Mary Sidwell Ish, born 1883, died 1943 were natives of Kansas and Iowa. They were both Osteopathic physicians. Later, Dr. Ethan Ish received his M.D. degree from Rush Medical School in Chicago.

Dr. Ish started his practice in LaOtto and moved to Waterloo just prior to WW I. He was an Army Captain and served overseas.

After the war, Dr. Ish took up the practice of Dr. Fretz, and throughout his almost 30 years of practice worked out of the same office in which he died in 1947. The office was east of Wayne on Van Vleek St.

Dr. and Mrs. Ish had two children, Dr. Roger Ethan, born in 1920, and Naomi Pauline, born in 1922. Naomi (Ish) Safford and her husband Mark, lived in San Marcos, California. They lived many years in Denver, Colorado. She is a graduate of Indiana University School of Nursing. Her husband graduated from the University of Colorado as a Civil Engineer. They have two children, Matthew, born in 1958 and Mary born in 1960. Both are graduate Biologists employed by the National Park Service.

Dr. Roger Ethan Ish graduated from Indiana University school of Dentistry in 1944. He served in the Navy until 1946 when he returned to Waterloo and established a practice with Dr. W.R. Newcomer. He married Jane Elizabeth Stingle in 1944. She is a graduate of Indiana University and was a teacher of home Economics. They have three children, Robert Ethan, born in 1944, Barbara Jane, born in 1949 and David Alan, born in 1957. Robert lives in Carbondale, Colorado, and is an elementary teacher. He is a graduate of Defiance College and Community College in Denver. He also served in the U.S. Navy during the Viet Nam War. He is married to Eilene Apple and they have one child, Kelly Michelle, born in 1975.

Barbara is married to Gary D. Henderson and they live in Waterloo. They have three children, Jennifer Lynn Reynolds, born in 1970, Jason Michael Reynolds, born in 1974 and Joshua David, born in 1979.

David Alan, born in 1957 is a graduate of Indiana University and is a Child consultant at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, where he lives.

Dr. and Mrs. Ish moved to Auburn in 1985 and he continues to practice in Waterloo.

ROBERT MORTON STINGLE, born 1888, died 1980, was born in West Lafayette, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University in 1912. He was employed in Adrian, Michigan where he met Vera Mable Lewis, a teacher, whom he married in 1916. A daughter, Jane Elizabeth Ish was born in 1919.

In 1923, he and W.M. Hall formed a company in Ashley, Indiana. They operated as a canning factory and growers of tomato seed for over twenty years. Another factory was built and operated in Waterloo. The company was known as the Hall-Stingle Company.

In 1955, the Stingles moved to Waterloo, where they built a house next door to their daughter and son-in-law. Dr. and Mrs. Roger Ish and family. After the sale of the factory, Mr. Stingle was employed in the office of T & H Products, and Propane companies in Kendallville. Vera Stingle, born 1887, died 1965, had been a substitute teacher for many years and also was active in community and church activities.

PAUL ANDREW GERIG, born 18 June 1919, son of Menno Gerig, and Zula Sponhower, born on the home farm of Hopewell Church and school house on County Road 68. This farm was known for the huckleberry marsh which granddad and grandma Sponhower operated as long as they were able, then the Gerig family took over.

Paul was born along with the baby boomers, after the first world war. Dr. Shook of Spencerville was away on a call when Paul was due to arrive in the world so he was born without the aid of a doctor. Dr. Emmie of Harlan arrived to finish whatever Dr.'s do after a baby has taken its first breath.

Menno and Zula's children were: Eunice, Lois, Paul, Metthias, Maurice Zenas, Ardon, Dale and Ada Ruth. Ardon and Paul are the only ones living in DeKalb at this time. Eunice and Metthias deceased.

Paul went to Jackson Township school No. 9 or Boots School as it was called. Paul acquired eight years of education at this place. There were two other children in the first grade September 1925. They were by name, Francis Bishop and Harry Watson. The teacher that year was Biney Zimmerman. At one time in this school there were only three boys along with the probably seventeen girls.

Early memories were of Granddad Andrew and Cora Sponhower being gone each winter to Florida. Grandad's notion was of going south with the birds.

Paul graduated in 1937 from Spencerville High School. For three years after graduation, Paul engaged in farm work, working in the modernizing of Highway 427, working at Auburn Rubber Company and six months in the CCC's at Pokagon State Park.

Then came Hitler's Rampage, and as the call came it was to an aircraft sheetmetal school in Chicago. Then eighteen months in Grand Rapids, Michigan making aircraft wings for the United States, British and Dutch Navies. At Grand Rapids, there was a rooming buddy by the name of Lue Walters from St. Joe, Indiana. At his instant suggestion the two joined the United States Army Air Force. They each served three years and three months. Lue with a ferry squad in the Pacific theatre of operation. Paul three years in England. On 7 December 1945, they were both discharged. Lue in California and Paul from Fort Custer, Kentucky.

When Paul returned, he was engaged to an English girl from the County of Lancashire. So after getting employment with Fruehauf in Fort Wayne, he took a leave of absence which turned out to be one hundred days and on 19 June 1946, was married to Miss Mary Wilson.

Paul and Mary had one child, Janet Mae. Her husband is James Byers and there are grandchildren: Jonathan and Jeanie.

Now, after retiring from Fruehauf where he was employed as machine shop layout man for thirty-six years, Paul and Mary have spent five winters in Central Florida. They are now residing in Auburn and Florida. Paul and Mary attend the Auburn Missionary Church.

NELSON GRIFFITH, born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, 24 January 1812, son of Asa and Jane (Blair) Griffith, native of York County, Pennsylvania of Welsh and Irish descent. In 1817, his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio. Mr. Griffith was married 19 March 1837 to Sarah Ann Cobbler, daughter of Philip and Charlotte (Wolf) Cobbler. On April 1839, he moved to DeKalb County, Indiana and entered 80 acres of land in Jackson Township, where he lived 14 years.

In 1837 Nelson served as County Commissioner from Richland Township. He served as Chairman 1874 and 1875.

In 1853, he sold his farm and purchased 160 acres. At the time he bought his land it was mostly heavily timbered, but he cleared and improved it and it was considered one of the finest farms in Richland Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith had ten children: Lewis C,; Annie; Clark W.; Philip A.; Lottie; John and Aaron, twins; Dewitt; Harriet; and David K.

Politically, Mr. Griffith was a Democrat. He has served as Assessor of his township 6 years.

Mr. Griffith died 17 May 1893 and is buried in Cemetery a short distance south of Corunna.

Mr. Griffith served on the Executive committee representing Richland Township as of 15 June 1882. On 5 June 1884, was elected as Vice President of the Pioneer Association.

In the 1974 reprint of 1880 Atlas of DeKalb County, Indiana, Mr. Griffith from Richland Township, is listed in the Business Directory as a Farmer and Breeder of Italian Bees.

AARON P. GRIFFITH, born 1854, DeKalb County, son of Nelson and Sarah Ann (Cobbler) Griffith. Paternal grandparents were Asa and Jane (Blair) Griffith, of York County, Pennsylvania; maternal grandparents were Philip and Charlotte (Wolf) Cobbler. Aaron had a twin brother, John B.

Elizabeth A. Roberts, born 1859, Erie, Michigan, died 1897, Indiana.

Aaron and Elizabeth lived in Corunna, Indiana. Aaron worked for the New York Central Railroad, run from Toledo to Elkhart.

To this union were born seven children: Guy Clinton, born 15 November 1882, died 27 March 1919, buried Butler Cemetery, aged thirty-seven years; Lewis Dewitt, died 1884, buried Kendallville, aged fifty-eight years; Nellie; George S., born 1889, died 1911, buried Corunna, aged twenty-two years; Jay, born 1891, died 1897, buried Corunna, aged six years; Bessie M., born 1893, died 1907, buried Corunna, fourteen years; and Alma, born 1896, died 1897, buried Corunna, aged one year.

Guy Clinton Griffith married Ethel May Latson, 26 January 1905. Ethel May Latson, born 1 April 1887, died 11 March 1952, buried in Butler Cemetery. Guy and Ethel were the parents of eight children: Edra May, born 7 June 1906; Wanda I., born 12 November 1907, died 6 May 1908, buried in Butler Cemetery aged six months; Roy C., born 27 December 1908, died 9 December 1909, buried Butler, aged one year; Pauline L., born 29 September 1910, died 15 May 1910; Lila M., born 10 January 1913; Wilma M., born 7 November 1914, died 17 February 1914, aged three months; Raymond Alfred, born 16 February 1916; Edwin Willis, born 27 December 1917.

RAYMOND ALFRED GRIFFITH, born 16 February 1916, son of Guy C. and Ethel M. (Latson) Griffith. Paternal grandparents were Aaron P. and Elizabeth A. Griffith; his maternal grandparents were Joel Latson and May Wyatt. He is a direct descendant of Nelson Griffith who settled in DeKalb County, 1839.

Carma Altea Roberts, born 18 December 1917, Fremont, Indiana, daughter of Clark Roberts and Doris Marietta Houlton. Paternal grandparents were Thomas H. Roberts and Emaline Harbaugh; her maternal grandparents were Jink Houlton and Myrta Kepler. Carma is a direct descendant of John Houlton, Sr., one of the first settlers of DeKalb County.

Raymond and Carma, married 18 October 1936, at Waynedale, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are the parents of two children: Milton Gary, Redlands., California; and Judith Ann Baier, Molina, Colorado. They have five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have retired to Angola, Indiana and to Leesburg, Florida.

Simon Rohm Sr. Family

SIMON ROHM, SR., migrated from Eastern Pennsylvania to Western Ohio and bought up a land grant piece of land dated 1840 of which, land is still in the hands of the immediate family. He sold the Ohio land and came west to settle in Indiana. He took up a section of land in the so-called Fort Wayne Coldwater Pike, now known as 427 between Auburn and Waterloo.

The home was a log house, that was torn down, in later years, a large brick home replaced it about 1912. This is what was called the Pioneer Farm. There was a huge barn supposed to be the first frame barn in DeKalb County and was one hundred feet long by forty feet wide, built in 1844. It burned to the ground, 27 July 1962.

Simon Rohm and Mary Harsh were married and to this union were born five boys: John, Henry, Amos, Simon Jr., and Ezra and three girls: Lydia, Mary Jr., and Lucinda. Simon, Sr, died in 1880 aged fifty-four years. The mother died 1922.

Simon Jr. purchased fifty acres from his mother when he was married and built his home across the road from his mother and helped care for her.

By this time, the farm had diminished in size as it was sold off by parts and parcel, to about one hundred thirty and one hundred forty acres. Ezra married and built a nice home and farm buildings on the northeast corner of the farm and helped with the farming.

In 1910, they started the Rohm family reunions held in what was known as Mary Rohm's Grove. Many came by the interurban street car which stopped in front of the house. A very convenient mode of transportation. These reunions continued until about fifteen years ago.

GALE GAFKEN, born 15 August 1923. He was the son of William and Bessie (Crooks) Gafken of Auburn. Gale attended the schools in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School with the class of 1941. He spent some years in military service.

Betty Floedith James, was the daughter of Myrle and Floy Bernice (Hensinger) James. She was born on 29 August 1926, in Allen County. She graduated from Butler High School with the class of 1944.

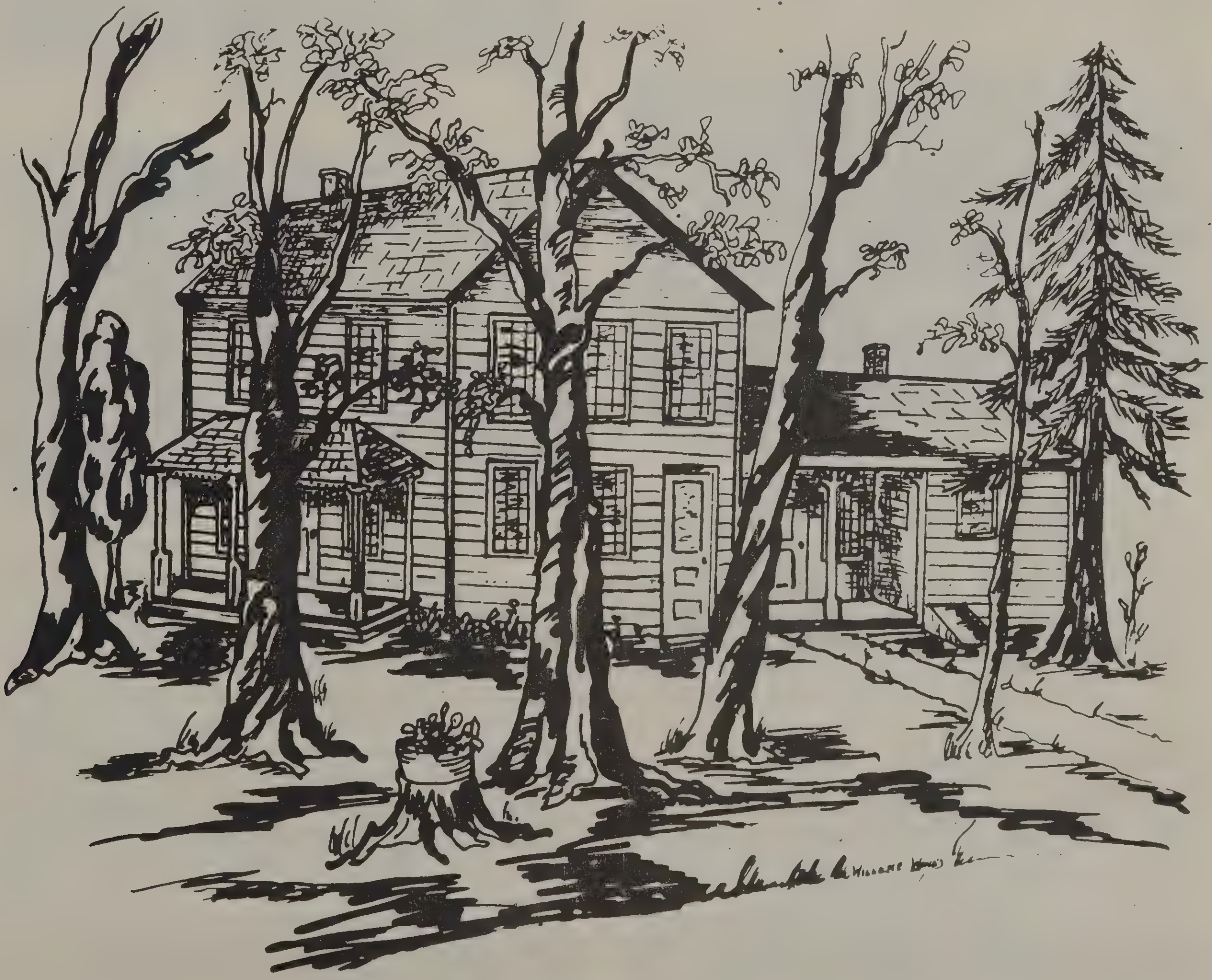
Gale Gafken and Betty James were married on 22 August 1945. They have a family of three sons and a daughter: Roger William Gafken, born 14 July 1950. Roger attended the Auburn schools, graduating with the class of 1968. He graduated from Grace College. Becky Krater, born 1 October 1951. She is the daughter of Ken and Hazel Krater. They lived in Altoona, Pennsylvania. She went to school at Grace College and graduated with the class of 1973. Roger W. Gafken married Becky Krater, 15 June 1973, in Altona, Pennsylvania. They have a family of four children: Nathan Barrett, born 3 April 1975; Rachelle, born 13 September 1977; Charity Elizabeth, born 7 July 1979 and Andrew Scott, born 21 May 1984; David Myrle Gafken, born 3 January 1955 and attended DeKalb schools graduating with the class of 1973. He graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractor. Janet Grate, born 15 March 1955, the daughter of Harold and Donna (Walker) Grate. SHe attended school at DeKalb graduating with the class of 1973. David Myrle Gafken and Janet Grate, married in Auburn at the Bible Baptist Church, 5 June 1976. They are the parents of four children: Nichole Andrea, born 21 August 1978; Britney Meredith, born 2 May 1980; Lucas David, born 26 December 1981 and Olivia, born 27 December 1983; James Alan Gafken, born 9 May 1958. He attended DeKalb schools and graduated from DeKalb High School with the class of 1975 and graduated from Texas College of Chiropractics in 1986. Domnita Liberatore, born 13 May 1958. She attended school at DeKalb. She is the daughter of Dominic and

Bernita (Kale) Liberatore, of Laport, Indiana. James Alan Gafken and Domnita Liberatore, married 27 December 1980 at the Bible Baptist Church in Auburn, by Pastor Wayne Smith. They are the parents of two children; Ashley Ann, born 27 December 1983 and Adam James, born 25 May 1985; Jewell Beth Gafken, born 8 November 1962. She graduated from Faith Christian Academy, 1981 and attended Ivy Technical Institute and Bob Jones University.

SHELDON S. HINE, born 1792, died 1846 of Connecticut and Erie County Ohio, was the first Hine to own land in DeKalb County. While he never lived in DeKalb County, his son, Horatio S., born 1821, died 1896, came in 1856. His family moved here four years later.

Horatio S. Hine, first married Cynthia Brooks, daughter of Deacon Lonson and Mary (Smith) Brooks, who died young leaving him with three children: Sheldon H., Charles, and Frank. He then married her sister, Jane Brooks and they had three children: Nellie, Brooks, and Lemon. Horatio came to Richland Township, town of Lawrence, later changed to Sedan, in 1856. He built a house, barn and saw mill and had a few fields under cultivation. He furnished some of the timber for the Air-Line Division of the Lake Shore Railroad which passed through their farm.

In 1860, his wife, Jane and the six children came to live. She received her education at Oberlin college in Ohio. After rearing the six children, her attention turned to nature studies. Her numerous articles on the many and varied birds are regarded as classics. In 1911, she made a collection of short descriptive articles on the birds of "Our Farm" which State Fish and Game Commissioner, George Miles, included in his annual report. The article contained 25,000 words on different birds she had studied along with 60 colored pictures. An advanced copy was furnished by the state for placement in the cornerstone of the new DeKalb County Court



Sheldon Hine Home

House.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church, Literary Clubs of Waterloo and Auburn and known as the "Indiana Bird Woman." Children were especially attracted to her as she told pioneer and nature stories. She passed away in 1916 and was buried beside her husband Horatio A. in the family plot in Waterloo Cemetery.

A family story tells of Horatio being baptized at a winter revival meeting. A hole was chopped in the ice on the lake and he was totally immersed, only the minister let go and he slipped under the ice. The crowd was paralyzed except for the town drunk, who jumped in and pulled him out. Horatio swore then and there he wanted to be buried when the time came, on a hill overlooking water. The Hine lot in Waterloo Cemetery is just such a place and holds six generation of Hine's.

Hine descendants had lived in the "Our Farm House" for 111 years until it was sold in 1972. A small portion of farm land is still held and farmed by Hine descendants.

Sheldon H. and Catherine Hine

SHELDON H. HINE, born 1849, died 1918, remained in DeKalb County marrying Catherine, daughter of early settlers John and Elizabeth (Gonser) Houser, of Smithfield Township: They raised four children: Horatio S., Clyde, Maynard F. and Lulu. He helped his father in farming, and then, bought 70 acres at the west edge of Grant Township. He moved his family there in 1879. He carried mail for the Waterloo post office from 1902-1918 on Route 1, north of Waterloo. He was active in public life being justice of the peace and county treasurer.

Horatio S. born 1872, died 1965, was a builder, a carpenter and one time County Assessor. He married Maude Warner of Waterloo. They had two children, Sheldon S. and Almina Katherine. Sheldon S. married Gertude Snyder. His early schooling was in Waterloo, and he graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne. He was a commercial photographer for Lincoln National Life Insurance for many years. He was a writer and inventor of lights and cameras. He served in the Navy from 1942 -1948, where he was in the Department of New Devices, earning the rank of Lt. Commander. He and his wife now live in Fort Wayne, after being in Venura, California for 20 years. Almina Katherine, married Charles Hause. She was Librarian in Libertyville, Illinois, and an avid genealogist. They reside in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Clyde born 1874, died 1959, married Della Kiplinger of Waterloo. He served in the Spanish American War and was a teacher in the Grant Township Schools. He received his D.D.S. from Indiana University and was a dentist in Tuscola, Illinois for over 50 years. They had three children; Dr. Maynard K. Hine, Maude (Mrs. Willard Nelson), and Cleo Hine deceased. Dr. Maynard K. Hine held the position of Dean of Indiana University Dental School and Chancellor of I.U.P.U. at Indianapolis for many years. He married Harriett Foulke.

Lulu, daughter of Sheldon H. Hine was married to Robert Smith of Tuscola, Illinois.

Maynard Hine Family

MAYNARD F. HINE born 1876, died 1964, son of Sheldon H. and Catherine (Houser) Hine was born at Sedan. When three years of age his family moved to 70 acres located one mile east of Sedan in Grant Township. His early schooling was at Mud School in Grant Township, with high school spent at Waterloo, where he graduated in 1898.

He helped his father on the farm. In 1898, he served with Company I, Sedan Squad, as Corporal in the Spanish American War in Florida.

Maynard married Mabel Scattergood, born 1875, daughter of Charles W. and Philena (Reynolds) Scattergood. They were married in 1901 and remained on his father's farm, as his parents had moved to Waterloo. He purchased the farm a few years later.

They had one son, Howard, born in 1914. The family was active in the Showers Corners Church and the Maple Grove Church. He served on the Waterloo School Board and was in charge of the Waterloo Shipping Association. He was also active in the Spanish American War Veterans and was the last Spanish American Veteran in DeKalb County when he passed away in 1964. He was buried in Waterloo cemetery.

Howard Hine Family

HOWARD A. HINE, well known farmer of DeKalb County, son of Maynard and Mable (Scattergood) Hine. He was born in 1914. He went to East Richland School for six grades, then into the Waterloo School to finish his high school education.

Howard continued farming part of the land which had been in the family since 1837; also, land his grandfather purchased in 1878; and land his father had purchased in 1940.

He married Doris Holman, daughter of Ray and Mary (Gilmore) Holman of Butler in 1940. They are the parents of three children: Judith, Maynard D. and Mary.

Judith, Mrs. James Ross, of Florida, attended Waterloo School and North Manchester College. She taught business in Michigan for three years until her marriage. Maynard, now running the home farm, married Constance Dibble and they have two sons, Chad and Timothy. Maynard attended Waterloo School and graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for Magnavox for ten years and left the company to take over the family farm at his father's retirement. He has been active in the conservation work and was named in 1985, the DeKalb County Farmer of the Year, by that Department. Mary, Mrs. Karl Mess III, attended Waterloo School and Indiana University graduating with a Bachelor and Master degrees in Business. She is Assistant Vice-President at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne. They have two daughters: Sara and Carolyn.

Howard has been active in Northeastern Indiana Radio Club for many years and works with the DeKalb County Civil Defense. He is semi-retired, helping on the farm, building and repairing much of the machinery used on the farm.

DAVID JOHNSTON, born 1805, died 1879, born in Pennsylvania. Place of birth and names of parents not known. In 1829, in Stark County, Ohio, he married Margaret Kamp, born 1821, died 1881, daughter of Adam Kamp and his wife, Catharina Null. Both are buried in Scipio Cemetery on State Road 37 in Allen County, Indiana. This cemetery is just a few miles south of their farm in DeKalb County.

In 1846, the family of David Johnston, left Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio to move on to the farm they purchased in Newville Township, DeKalb County, now owned by the Lester Boylan family. There are twelve known children; Adam William, married Julia Ann Minnich, six children; James McConnell married Hannah Stayley, five children; Catharine Sidney, married Timothy Chapman, twelve children known including three sets of twins, however, only two of these children lived to become adults; Elizabeth Martha, married Reverend Edwin R. Coburn, no children, however, they did raise two children without adopting them; David Darius, born 1838, died 1915, Westley Peter, married first to Emily McGrew, two children. She is buried at Metz, Indiana with other members of the McGrew family. Westley married second, Lucinda Smith, two children. Westley is a Civil War veteran; Kanady Thomas, born 1842, died 1863, a Civil War Veteran; Ameda Margaret, born 1844, died 1848; Alwida Sophia, born 1846, died 1846; Joseph Kamp, married first, Sarah Deardorff, two children, married second, Sarah D. Hamilton, two children; Ethelinda Coltilda, married David Perry, five children; and Alpheus Webster, married Catharine E. Donat, six sons, none married.

DAVID DARIUS JOHNSTON, fifth child of David and Margaret (Kamp) Johnston, born 1838, died 1915, married first to Matilda McGrew, born 1844, died 1879, daughter of Findley Sr. and his wife, Betsey A. (Sharrock) McGrew. Matilda buried at Metz, Indiana. They had four children: Edward M., born 1864, died 1918, married 1886, Louisa Belle Clem, born 1868, died 1930. They had four sons: Roy David Johnston, Sr., born 1889, died 1947, married in 1913 to Emma Genevieve Bowers, born 1892, died 1960. They had fourteen children; Berton, born 1869, died 1886; Glen W. born 1871, died 1936, married Margaret Hiltebrandt. They had seven children, Myrtle Belle, born 1873, died 1944, married Clarence Lehnke, born 1873, died 1944. They had two children.

David Darius Johnston married for his second wife, Asenath Bainbridge, born 1848, died 1928, daughter of William C. and Louvisa (Crocker) Bainbridge. Asenath was the widow of Oliver Perry Carmer, born 1841, died 1881. They had two sons. Asenath and both husbands are buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

JOHN MC CONNELL, born 1812, died 1893, parents unknown, married Elizabeth Snider, born 1814, died 1898, daughter of John and Charlotte (Sellers) Snider. They are buried at Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana. There were five children, including George Hiram, born 18 January 1846, died 15 October 1929. On 3 July 1870,. George Hiram McConnell married Alice Rebecca Tongue, born 22 October 1852, died 18 May 1929. Alice was the daughter of William Tongue and wife, Ida Brand. After Mr. Tongue's death, Ida married in 1856 to Joseph Bowman. She is reported to have had three children, but Alice is the only one known at this time.

There are six children of George Hiram McConnell and his wife, Alice R. Tongue: Cora, who married John Martz; Elnora, who married Laurence Monrow; John F., who married Mamie Christine Geiger; Florence, who married Bert Nicholas; James, who married Maude Cobb; and Walter, who married Nellie May Nicholas.

FRANKLIN A. BOWMAN, born in 1867, died in 1939, son of Joseph Bowman and his second wife, Ida Brand Tongue, married 14 September 1895 at Butler, Indiana to Verna May Kinney, born 1878, died 1933, daughter of Jeremiah and Mariah (Smith) Kinney of Morenci, Michigan. Frank and Verna May met at the DeKalb County Farm, while Frank was a farm hand there. They had eleven children: Robert George, born 1895, died 1975, married 1917 to Ethel Casselman, seven children; Winifred, born 1897, died 1899, died as result of a fall; Amy May, born 1899, died 1933, married first to Michael Mitchell, second to John Raffal, born 1896, died 1967; "Wilson" Coyle, born 1902, married first to Zelpha Gilbert, born 1897, died 1977, one daughter, his second wife was Eva; "Myron" Clark, called Buck, born 1904, he married in 1944 to Catherine Smith; Mable Elizabeth, born 1908, married Virgil H. Campbell, one son; Duane Edward, born 1910, died 1965, married first to Florede Pence, five children, second wife, Mary Jane Patterson, three children; Joseph Ezra, born 1912, died 1963, married first to Charlotte Ecker, one son, married for second wife, Mary Ellen (Johnston) Smith, no children; "Verna" Kathryn, born 1913, married Raymond Marks, three children; Frank Denver, born 1915, died 1915; and Carl DeLoss, born 1918, died 1945, died in World War II, married Waneta Sprague, three daughters.

V. WENDALL GRAFFIS, son of Estel and Olive (Zimpleman) Graffis, born in Fulton County, Indiana 9 January 1912.

Lottie Fern, daughter of Wilbur and Mary Alice (Manuel) Shirey, born 1 November 1914, in Delaware County, Indiana.

Wendall and Lottie, married 15 May 1938, in New Lisbon, Indiana, Henry County. Richard Wayne, "Rick," born in Auburn, Indiana, 22 August 1945. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1963, Culver Military Summer School in 1962 and Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1965. He served as Corpsman in the Navy.

The Graffis' came to Auburn in September 1942. Wendall worked for Forest Gerig as his licensed embalmer and funeral director. He also worked in his furniture store. They resided 401 East Nineth Street.

Wendall and Lottie came to Waterloo in 1950. The heirs of the Curtis L. Childs family had the building housing his antique shop at 325 North Wayne in Waterloo for sale, since Wendall had worked five years in Remington, Indiana for the Frank Howard Corporation and eight years for Mr. Gerig, he decided to strike out on his own. They bought the building at 325 North Wayne and after a two month remodeling effort, they opened the Graffis Furniture Store in September of 1950.

In October of 1951, the Graffis' moved from their residence in Auburn to the former residence of Grace Byers, in the Citizens State Bank building on Marion Street.

In November of 1952, they opened the Graffis Funeral Home at the same address. This business effort thrived and in 1961, they purchased four acres from Maude Shoemaker at the corner of 427 south and Center Street. Contractors, Baker and Altman built the new Graffis Funeral Home, a one story brick with full basement and four car garage.

The Graffis family owned and operated the furniture store and funeral home until January of 1977 when the two businesses were sold to Ron and Karen Feller.

Lottie and Wendall built a new brick home east of the funeral home where they are enjoying retirement.

"Rick" works for the R.R. Donnelley (printing) Company in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He has two children, Matthew, born 3 January 1972 and Christina Faye, born 9 August 1976.

The Graffis' have been active in church and civic organizations. They have seen many changes and improvements in the forty-four years they have lived in DeKalb County.

DONALD D. JOHNSON, born 7 October 1926, Fort Wayne, Indiana. His parents were Vaughn and Emma Johnson.

Lenora L. Boger, born 6 August 1927, Auburn Indiana. The same residence in which she lived until 2 August 1986. Her parents were Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger. Paternal grandparents were William and Serena Boger, maternal grandparents were Charles and Dora Witt.

Don and Lenora married 7 October 1950, in a lawn wedding at the Boger home. Don graduated from Elmhurst High School, 1944 and Lenora graduated from Auburn High school, 1945 and Purdue, 1949 majoring in home economics.

They spent their first 2 years of marriage in Richmond, Indiana, where Don drove an oil truck for Marathon and Lenora was a home demonstration agent for Wayne County.

They moved to Auburn in 1952, to start farming on the Boger farm and have been there since.

Don began farming in partnership with his father-in-law and bought the farm in 1970. Specialty on the farm is hog production and certified seed. Lenora has been a 4-H leader, volunteer sewing instructor and help-mate with the farm activities.

They are members and active in the First Christian Church in Auburn, both serving as elder. Don was a solicitor for the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Secretary of the Fair Association and most of all has clerked sales for many years for the Kruse Auctioneering Company, highlighted by clerking the antique car auctions all over the United States.

Don has one brother and three sisters in the Fort Wayne area and Lenora has a sister Luella in Fort Wayne and a brother Lawrence, President of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Don and Lenora have four children: Cathie L. Houze, born 14 April 1952, living in Bloomington, Indiana, married 31 August 1974, to Dr. Norman J. Houze. They have two daughters: Daphne, born 17 November 1979, and Alyssa, born 8 September 1981.

Jeff, born 28 April 1954, farms in partnership with his father and drives school bus. He married Tina Altman, 15 September 1979. They have two children: Lyndsey, born 16 May 1983 and Nicholas, born 15 July 1986. Tina is a lab tech at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and they now reside on the family farmstead.

Lorie, born 22 May 1956, married Cary Bishop, 12 November 1983. She is a social worker and her husband is office manager at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. They have a daughter, Kate, born 27 January 1986. They live in Auburn.

Kent, born 30 May 1958, is employed at R.J. Tower Company. Kent married Shelley Richmond, 20 June 1981. Kent has an auctioneer and realtors license. Shelley teaches choral music at DeKalb High School. They live in Auburn.

GEORGE HENRY REINOEHL, with his wife, Eva, and son, Henry, sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "Good Intent" and arrived in America 9 November 1749. They settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Lebanon County. George Henry became a naturalized citizen and remained loyal to the colonies during the Revolution. Being members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and became trustee. Owning nearly all the city lots in Lebanon, dividing them among fourteen sons and one daughter. The town of Reinoehlsville remains there today.

The first Reinoehls came to America from Wurtenburg, Germany. They were producers of edible oils. Rein-meaning pure, ohl meaning oil, from this work supposedly got the name Reinohl.

Peter Reinoehl came to DeKalb County in 1863 and built a log cabin on a tract of land southwest of Helmer. He returned to Pennsylvania to get his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Henry. Nearly one year had elasped during this time and upon arrival at their cabin in Fairfield Township, they found a family of Bears had made their residence. It was the Bear family from Ohio living here while they cut logs and were building their own cabin. They became firm friends and faced challenges together.

Peter and Elizabeth Reinoehl raised twelve children in the log cabin and Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

HAROLD EDWARD REINOEHL, born 27 December 1914, at St. Joe, Indiana, son of John H., born 8 September 1869, died 20 April 1938 and Cora A., (Stomm) Reinoehl, born 7 February

Harold Reinoehl Family

1877, died 16 May 1916. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Hovarter) Reinoehl. His maternal grandparents were Henry, born 24 March 1833, died 28 February 1907 and Mariah (Getts) Stomm, born 13 February 1840, died 1 October 1882.

Hilda Mae Smith, born 20 May 1920, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Paul C., born 20 May 1891, died 29 June 1968 and Blanche (Lung) Smith, born 5 January 1897, died 10 January 1980. Her paternal grandparents were David Edward, born 19 December 1862, died 5 April 1927 and Addelaide (Shade) Smith, born 28 July 1864, died 30 April 1958. Her maternal grandparents were Noah and Sarah (Hawk) Lung of Auburn, Indiana and landowners in Fairfield Township.

Harold and Hilda, married 21 August 1938 at Hudson, Indiana by Reverend Grimm, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ.

Harold graduated from Ashley High School and Manchester College with a degree in Elementary education. He taught two years at the Hartman School and then the one room schools were closed and he began teaching at the new Fairfield Center School, in 1938. Harold coached elementary athletic teams for twenty-five years and won a championship tournament with Ashley in 1960. The last several years of teaching he was acting principal. He retired in 1978 after forty-two years of teaching. When Harold wasn't teaching, he was farming his one hundred eighty acre farm with the help of this son, Max.

Both Harold and Hilda are active members of Hudson's St. Johns United Church of Christ. Harold has served as a deacon and at present, is an elder.

Harold's mother died when he was very young. His aunt and uncle, Jacob and Cora Perkins, cared for him until his father remarried to Effie T. Hamman.

Harold has two brothers: Henry, born 6 August 1903, died 1 January 1976 and Willis, born 29 May 1908, died 10 November 1980; Two half brothers: John H. Reinoehl, born 1 August 1923 and Paul Sam Reinoehl, born 24 April 1925; two half sisters; Olga Mae (Reinoehl) Taylor, born 11 May 1920 and Ruth Lydia (Reinoehl) Parr, born 15 April 1927, died 9 June 1978.

Hilda has six sisters and five brothers; Pauline McBride, Lloyd (deceased), Isabelle Leas, Richard, died at birth, Betty Cox, Beth Hoskins, Jeanne Knisely, Janey Tracey, Gilbert, Van, and Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl are the parents of two children: Max Edward, born 30 October 1942, an employee of Auburn Gear. Max and wife Sharon (Rinehold) Reinoehl live on a farm near Ashley. They have three children: Todd, Tamara and Troy. Todd married Terri Presley and they have a daughter, Jamie Lynn; Judith Elaine Ditmars, born 13 January 1945, a school teacher and graduate of Ball State University and St. Francis College, lives in Auburn, Indiana with husband, Richard and sons, Eric and Kurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl are living on the farm they purchased forty-six years ago, one mile east of Story Lake.

Paul Smith Family

PAUL CLAYTON SMITH, born 20 May 1891, on the farm his grandfather settled on in Fairfield Township, son of David Edward, born 19 December 1862, died 5 April 1927 and Addelaide (Shade) Smith, born 28 July 1864, died 30 April 1958. His paternal grandparents were Harrison Smith, born 23 October 1824, died 23 January 1902, son of Enos, born 9 January 1775, died 10 October 1860 and Clarissa (Jones) Smith. They settled in DeKalb County, Fairfield Township, in 1844. Harrison Smith married Elizabeth Rohrer, 12 August 1852.

Blanche Ethel (Lung) Smith, born 5 January 1897, died 10 January 1980, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Hawk) Lung. Noah, born 21 December 1862, died 1948. Sarah, born 29 January 1864, died 1931. Noah Lung owned a large farm in Fairfield Township and lived in Auburn for many years. Blanche's paternal grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Showers) Lung. Her maternal grandparents were Adam and Nancy (Johnson) Hawk.

Paul and Blanche were farmers and lived on the Lung farm for several years. After the death of his father, he purchased the Smith farm and lived there until his retirement. They were both natives of DeKalb County and residents of Fairfield Township most of their lifetime.

Paul had one brother, Merl Smith, and three sisters: Martha Wuff, Mabel Smith and Vera Potts.

Blanche had four sisters, Mabel (Lung) Emme, Lulu (Lung) Mertz, Jennie (Lung) Lower, and Edna (Lung) Persing. One brother, Arthur Lung.

Paul and Blanche were the parents of twelve children: Mrs. Howard (Pauline) McBride, born 7 May 1914, her children, Norman and Ross; Lloyd Smith, born 30 November 1916, died 28 August 1931; Mrs. Harold (Hilda) Reinoehl, born 20 May 1920, her children, Max and Judith; Mrs. Larry (Isabelle) Leas, born 2 December 1921, her children, Lauretta, Lauraine (deceased), John and Sue; Richard, stillborn; Mrs. Betty Vernia Cox, born 3 March 1926, her children, Steven, Valarie, and Vianna; Mrs. William (Beth) Hoskins, born 24 January 1928, her children, Janice and Jerry; Mrs. Jean Knisely, born 3 November 1929, her children, Vicki, Denny, Lesa and Alan; Gilbert Smith, born 30 January 1932, his children, Tina, Eve, Paul and Don; Van Smith, born 16 October 1934, one child, Tony Smith; Mrs. Janet Tracey, 25 July 1937, her children, Ricky, Greg (deceased), and Darrell; Wayne Smith, his children, Jeanne, Lynn, Randy and Cheryl.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on the farm that his grandfather bought in 1844, when he and his father Enos Smith, born 9 January 1775, died 10 October 1860, moved to Fairfield Township. He owned one hundred seven acres. All the Smiths were buried at the Fairfield Center Cemetery. Years ago, they were called graveyards and a wooden marker was used. The marker deteriorated and it is no longer known where Enos was buried in Fairfield.

ANDREW SMITH, of German decent, was born in the year, 1828, in York County, Pennsylvania. With his parents, he moved to Cuyahoga County and then Ashland County, Ohio, where he matured to adulthood. On 26 December 1850, Andrew married Mary M. Kramer. To this union were born five children: Theodore Allen, born 22 September 1853, Dennison R., born in 1855, died at an early age, Daniel Kramer, born 8 January 1859, Lincoln McClellan, born 26 September 1861, Clara, born 1869 and died in infancy.

Andrew and Mary Smith with their family moved to DeKalb County from Ashland County, Ohio in 1863 and settled on one hundred sixty acres in Butler Township, later became Keyser Township. Andrew was a farmer, and also owned a sawmill, to which he lost one arm. Andrew and Mary were members of the Dunkard Brethren Church, and later the Progressive Church, both located at the Auburn Junction. Andrew Smith died 8 May 1908 and Mary Smith died 11 March 1919. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn, along with their daughter, Clara.

Lincoln McClellan Smith, son of Andrew and Mary Smith was a farmer, and married Ellie Jane Dilley, daughter of Vincent and Sarah (Maurer) Dilley, 22 April 1896, in DeKalb County. Lincoln lived on his father's farm all his life. Lincoln and Effie Jane had four children: Worthington Ray, born 23 April 1898; Ashton Vincent, born 16 May 1904; Ethel Leona, born 14 April 1911, Mildred, born 23 August 1912. Lincoln Smith died 7 January 1928. Effie Jane died 29 May 1964. Both are buried in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Worthington Smith Family

WORTHINGTON RAY SMITH, son of Lincoln and Effie Jane Smith was a Case Implement Dealer, farmer and carpenter. He married Goldie Mae Kristofferson, step-daughter of Perry F. Zeis and daughter of Eva Zeis, on 5 May 1917 at Hillsdale, Michigan. To this union were born eleven children: Katherine Marcele, born 7 March 1918, married William O. Decker, 1 March 1941, five children; Norman Lee;

Raymond Eugene; Edward Lynn (deceased); Marilyn Louise and Wayne Craig; Alice Lelah, born 28 August 1919, married Reverend Boyce W. BlackWelder, 19 July 1943, three children; Charles Boyce, Dorothea Dawn, Rhoda Elizabeth; Effie Victoria, born 7 October 1920, married Clarence A. Mahlum, 13 October 1951, no children; Theodore Kramer Blake, born 21 January 1922, married Lois Myers 6 June 1948, six children; Robert Paul, Barbara Ann, Beverly Jean, Roger Lee, David Alan and Diana Sue (twins); Warren Calvin, born 25 October 1923, married first, Norma J. Hornett, no children, married second, Martha P. Walker, 15 August 1964, three children; Willard Ray, Carl Warren, Dorla Joy; Mary Ellen, born 21 November 1924, married Harold L. McInturf, 4 July 1943, two children; Jerry Lynn and Darlene Kay; Donald Laurel, born 4 December 1926, married Nancy M. Monroe, June 1950, two children; Sheryl Ann and Laurinda Sue; John Delmar, born 19 September 1931, married Mary L. Schlegal, 4 September 1954, three children; John David, Janice Josephine, Dennis Ford; Dale Byrum, born 31 January 1933, married Sally Shafer, 28 October 1958, two children; Scott Kevin, Michael Allen; Edgar Arlin, born 30 June 1935, married Wanda C. Baker, 11 May 1957, two children; Timothy Allen and Barry Jay; Shelba Jeane, born 16 May 1938, married James L. Zolman, 21 September 1958, three children; Mark Emerson, Brian Leroy and James Leroy.

All of Worthington Ray and Goldie Smith's children are living with the exception of Effie Victoria, who died 29 August 1973 and buried in the Waterloo Cemetery and Dale Byrum, who died 21 February 1978 and buried in Christian Union Cemetery.

Worthington Ray and Goldie Mae Smith were members of the Church of God and raised their children in the church. Worthington Ray died 21 September 1957 and Goldie, his wife, died 12 January 1979. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

PETER ROBERT ERICH TZESCHLOCK, born 5 April 1946 in St. Blasien, West Germany, son of Rudolph Otto and Luise (Bohler) Tzeschlock. Peter was one of six children. He came to the United States in 1968 and moved to DeKalb County in 1979 where he became a chef at the Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn, a position he still holds. Peter became a United States citizen, 20 September 1983. Peter is the father of three daughters: Monica Lynn (Tezschlock) DeRyk, born 22 May 1966. Erika Luisa, 25 December 1971 and Natasha Anna, born 29 May 1978.

On 17 January 1982, Peter married Sondra (Ennis) Stafford, Sondra was first married to John Marion Stafford, 14 February 1959. John and Sondra were the parents of two children; Syndy Sue (Stafford) Felke and Casey Allen Stafford. They both graduated from DeKalb High School in 1977 and 1979 and they presently reside in Auburn. Syndy in a Laboratory Technician for Dr. Michael Hayes, a local orthodontist. Casey is a machinist for R.B. and W. Incorporated in Kendallville. John Stafford was killed 28 June 1966.

Sondra was an unsuccessful candidate for DeKalb County Assessor in May of 1978. She works for the DeKalb County Department of Public Welfare.

Sondra (Ennis) Tzeschlock, born 18 December 1940, in Auburn, daughter of Omer Otis, born 4 March 1913 in Martinsville, Indiana and Charlotte Mae (Johnson) Ennis, born 23 October 1916, in Auburn.

Omer and Charlotte Ennis were married 26 March 1936. Sondra's paternal grandparents were James and Exie (Badgely) Ennis. Her maternal grandparents were Frank Bernard Dago, born 22 March 1890 in Garrett, died 10 October 1956, son of John and Jenny (Bianski) Johnson and Wavel Arrotha (Bucher) Johnson, born 6 October 1884 in Auburn, died 29 October 1977, daughter of John and Ella (Gulick) Bucher. Frank and Wavel were the parents of six children.

Omer, his mother and step-father, Homer Shuey, moved to this area while working for the WPA building bridges. Omer graduated from LaOtto High School in 1932. He worked at Ball Brass Foundry which he was retired from. Charlotte retired from Indiana Bell Telephone Company and she still resides in Auburn.

Family members say Johnson Street in Garrett was named for the great grandparents who came to this country and settled in Garrett. Upon becoming a citizen, they changed their name from Jankowski to Johnson.

ORA W. SHAMBAUGH, born 18 March 1903, Green Township, Noble County, Indiana. His parents were Frank and Della Shambaugh.

Pearley Reed, born 17 May 1904, in York Township, Noble County, Indiana. Her parents were Ed and Esther Reed. Ora and Pearly were married 23 December 1922, in Noble County. They are the parents of six children: Virginia, Gene, Gwendolyn, Dennis, Leona and Robert.

Ora and Pearly Shambaugh moved to Auburn, Indiana in February 1928 with their two children: Virginia and Gene.

Ora had a job with the Auburn Automobile Company. Later the Cord was built there and the

Auburn was built in Connersville, Indiana. He was paid $.35 an hour, but the hours were very irregular. They could vary anywhere from eight and seventy-five. The building was sold to Warner Gear from Muncie, thus ending the making of the cars in Auburn and Ora was out a job. He then went to work for the Auburn Foundry. The work was steady and the pay was $.55 an hour. He still wanted a better job. He heard there was an opening at the Interurban Station located on South Cedar. They offered free pickup and delivery service of freight. So Ora bought a truck for $125.00 and went to work. He was paid by the ton. After a while, he was offered the position of Freight and Passenger agent. You could ride the Interurban from Auburn to Fort Wayne for $.50, to Indianapolis for $2.97 or to Louisville for $5.30.

With the coming of the passenger bus lines and freight trucks, Ora thought he had better start looking for another job. Culbertson Hardware Company contacted him for employment. They operated a hardware store downtown plus a farm implement store on south Cedar which sold to International Harvester Farm Equipment. He worked there from 1936 to 1951, as manager of the farm implement store. Mr. Argus Fisher, who had an International Harvester Business in Butler, asked Ora if he would like to buy half interest in the business. So Ora moved to Butler and worked for Argus selling farm machinery. He then went to work for Universal Tool and Stamping Company in the tool room until his retirement in 1968. Even though Ora was sixty-five, he didn't stay completely retired, he worked twelve hours a week for eight more years at Engineered Materials, Incorporated as a tool maker.

Pearley is a homemaker and mother. She started housekeeping, washing on a scrub board and cooking on a wood stove. After moving to Auburn, she had a three burner gas plate stove. The meter box for the gas was in the basement of the house. She had to put in $.25 and the gas would usually last another three or four days. Then it was time for another quarter. She also got a new Horton electric washing machine which cost $50.00.

EARL AUGUST KOEPPE, born 25 August 1916 on his grandfather Koeppe's farm, south of Butler, Indiana. In the same house his father was born. Earl, son of George Carlton and Lenora Irene (Sherer) Koeppe. His paternal grandparents were August C. and Martha (May) Koeppe, his maternal grandparents were James and Ida Sherer. He had two sisters and one brother: Lola Koeppe married Ford Walter, Pauline Koeppe married Max Doub and Kenneth Koeppe.

Norma Arleen Rickerd, born in Albion, Michigan, 12 November 1917, daughter of Edward E. and Letha Mae (Enzor) Rickerd. Her paternal grandparents were Peter P. and Jennie (Dalton) Rickerd, maternal grandparents were Harrison and Catherine (Baker) Enzor. Norma had one brother and two sisters: Helen Mae died at ten days and her twin, Waldo Edward at fifteen years of age. Her other sister, Joan Louise Rickerd married Duane Whitman. In 1922, Norma and her parents came to Indiana, she, like Earl, moved to Auburn in 1948.

Norma and Earl were married 5 September 1937, at the Church of Christ parsonage in St. Joe, Indiana. They both graduated from the Butler High School, Earl in 1934 and Norma in 1936. Earl later took several courses in accounting and quality control at the extension in Fort Wayne.

Earl worked as a farmer, bookbinder for Higley Press in Butler, at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and in 1950, took employment with Dana Corporation in Auburn. Here he worked as an inspector, foreman and later as quality controller until his death 30 September 1965.

Norma was a stay at home wife and mother until Earl's death. She then went to work for Speigel Catalog Store in Auburn. When it closed its doors, she went to Garns Wholesale Company until it burned in 1978. At present, she is a clerk at the Eckhart Public Library. Earl and Norma were both active in the Church of Christ and Civic Affairs.

Earl and Norma were the parents of three children: Karen Kay, born 3 August 1941, married Dennis L. Baker, of St. Joe, Indiana, 1 July 1961. They have three children, Brad Lee of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jodi Lynn, a student at Illinois and Chadd Alan; Karla Kay, born in 1948, married Gary L. Morton of Auburn, 24 February 1968. They have two children: Holly Renee, and Jason Russell Morton; and Kurtis Kent, born 4 August 1950, married Ellen Dirrim, 28 October 1972. There were two daughters born, Chelsea Dawn and Abbe Lynn of New Haven, Indiana. This marriage was later dissolved and on 26 April 1986, Kurtis married Patricia Gilbert of Auburn. This marriage gave Norma three step-grandchildren, Collette, Terri and Angela Gilbert of Auburn.

MARVIN V. BASSE, born Auburn, Indiana 27 July 1936, son of Oscar and Violet Basse. In 1942, the family moved to Elkhart, Indiana, leaving behind Oscar's grandmother, Mary Rickey and brother, Ward Rickey on the family homestead. Marvin and his brother, Ferman, attended Butler Township School, which was a one-room school with eight grades. Oscar and Violet died in 1965 and were brought back from Elkhart, to be buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

After completion of high school in Elkhart, Marvin joined the United States Air Force for four years. He then returned to complete his Bachelor's degree with a major in accounting from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. It was in Bloomington where Marvin met Jocelyn and they were married in June 1961.

Jocelyn, born in Elkhart, Indiana 10 February 1940, daughter of Clarence and Anna Edelman. After graduation front Elkhart High School, she studied at the Patricia Stevens School of Modeling before studying at Boston University and Indiana University where she completed her B.A. and M.A. degree with majors in Music Education.

Upon graduation, Marvin and Jocelyn moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Marvin worked for the Armstrong Cork Company. In 1964, Marvin accepted a higher position with Armstrong Cork Company and moved to Braintree, Massachusetts. In 1967, ten years after Uncle Ward Rickey's death, who was the last relative living at the family homestead in Auburn. Marvin moved his family back to the homestead.

The eighty acre farm, nestled in a valley and divided by beautiful Cedar Creek, was purchased by Marvin's great-great grandfather in March 1880, and remained in the family since then. It is now designated as a Hoosier Homestead.

Marvin is employed as Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Summit Bank in Fort Wayne, which is the largest bank in Indiana outside banks in Indianapolis. Jocelyn is Artistic Director and Founder of the Children of Peace Choristers, a professional children's choir composed of children between the ages of six and fifteen, representing DeKalb, Noble, Allen and Whitley Counties. The choir meets for ten months a year and has had major performances in Washington D.C., Salt Lake City and Denver Colorado.

Son, John, born January 1964, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School. After studying at South Dakota State University, he is now employed at Summitt Bank, Fort Wayne. Daughter, Cynthia, born July 1962, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, also graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, she remained in the city as manager of the Greenwood Store of Berman's Leather and Fur Company.

The Basse's are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Auburn.

The direct descendants of the family in Auburn, the Homestead being purchased for a total price of $1500.00 on 19 March 1880 by Hiram Rickey through Marvin is as follows; Hiram Rickey and Hannah Rickey; Pearl Rickey and Mary Rickey; Carl and Alta Mae (Rickey) Basse; Oscar and Violet (Pletcher) Basse; Marvin and Jocelyn (Edelman) Basse and John and Cynthia Basse.

JAMES R. WATSON family moved to Auburn twenty-one years ago, they were pleased to find a small, friendly town similar to the one in which they were all born, Wabash, Indiana. His parents, Gordon L. and Golden (Moody) Watson were originally from Lafontaine, Indiana, and Greensburg, Indiana, respectively. They lived in Wabash where Jim, born 8 January 1927 and his younger brother, David, were born. Jim's dad was a Primitive Baptist minister and civil engineer. Maternal grandparents are Carl B. and J. Vera (Stone) Irelan, originally from Idaville, Indiana and Wabash, Indiana, respectively. Carl owned a coal and builders' supplies company, which was located on the old Wabash-Erie Canal locks in Wabash, and Vera had farming interests. Carolyn, born 30 July 1926, and two older sisters, Marcile, Mrs. H.W. Hahn, and Lois, Mrs. H. L. Speicher, were born in Wabash.

Carolyn and Jim dated while in high school. In fact, they realized later that they had been in the same private kindergarten. Carolyn graduated from DePauw University and Jim from Indiana University. His college was interrupted with WW II naval duty. Their marriage was in 1950.

Both Carolyn and Jim followed the teaching profession. Carolyn taught in an elementary school in Wabash until Christine K. was born, 28 December 1954. Jim taught one year in Lafontaine, Indiana; then came to Wabash as a teaching principal and then as supervising principal of all the elementary schools there, while continuing post graduate education through the Masters degree and the sixth year. Jeffery L. was born, 3 April 1958. In 1960 Jim accepted a superintendentcy in Lake Zurich, Illinois, for five years with one year's partial leave so he could earn an Ed. D at Indiana University. Their migration to Auburn was in 1965, when Jim became Superintendent of Schools of DeKalb County Central United School District. Both Chris and Jeff graduated from DeKalb High School.

As of 1986, Chris with a B.A. degree from DePauw University and a Masters from Indiana University, teaches kindergarten in the East

Noble School District. Jeff, with a B.A. from Butler University and an M.B.A. from Indiana University, is assistant comptroller for Mid States Engineering in Indianapolis. In 1986, he married Laura N. Hathaway, daughter of Dr. C.B. and Carol Hathaway of Auburn. Laura, a Butler University graduate, teaches at Pike Township in Marion County. They live in Noblesville.

Though their roots were elsewhere, the James Watson family has been enriched by the people, events and environment of DeKalb County.

JOHN AND HARRIET STRACK, settled on 120 acres of land located two miles east of St. Michael's church and north ⅔ mile in the early 1870's. In those days this area was called "The Tamarae Swamp" because of the many Tamarae trees growing there. I still have one Tamarae growing on the part of Grandfather's farm which I own.

Since there were so few acres cleared and fit for crops, Grandfather soon realized that he would need other income in order to care for his family, now grown to five children, my mother, Alice bring the youngest. He owned a fast team of horses and a good wagon so he began to make trips to Fort Wayne and New Haven to bring back loads of supplies for neighbors and merchants in Auburn and Waterloo, for extra money. One time when he and I were standing in front of the Court House in Auburn, viewing the Stone Lions there, he told me that he had hauled them from New Haven to Auburn and that they had come in from the east to New Haven by canal.

By 1891, my grandparents relocated to a farm near Van Wert, Ohio, but still kept 40 acres of original 120 in DeKalb County. My mother, Alice Strack, grew up in Van Wert, graduated from high school in 1903, and married ~~my~~ father Loy S. Brenneman. Paul, born 12 July 1908. By 1910, my parents moved back to DeKalb County and lived on Grandfather's 40 acre farm. So here begins my life in DeKalb County.

My Dad worked very hard the next 10 years clearing the land, all by hand. He raised potatoes, onions, and some corn.

I began my education in an old District No. 6 Pleasant Hill School; graduated from Waterloo High School in 1925. While in High School in 1922. I became interested in making my own radio set. To everyone's surprise it worked and I was able to pick up stations all over the country. My greatest thrill came during a quiet test of all American stations and I was able to bring in Station OAR in Lima, Peru.

After high school, I attended Tri-State College and Manchester College, earned a teacher's license and began teaching in 1927 in a one-room school located across the road from St. Michael's Church. I had grades 1 through 8. In a one-room school in those days, not only were you the teacher but the janitor, waterboy, the handyman, the repairman, nurse and general consoling agent when a little one fell down and hurt his knee. My annual salary was $800.00!

I bought my first brand new Ford Roadster in 1927 for $395.00. Of course, it was a Model T.

I taught 4 years in Smithfield Township, 36 more years in Fairfield Township, and my last year in Waterloo.

In 1929, I married a Fairfield Township teacher, Helen W. Deetz. To this union four children were born: Dean Brenneman, Marlene Bloom, Phyllis Weber, and Doneta Oswalt, the last daughter presently living in DeKalb County. My wife, Helen, passed away in 1952.

In 1954, I married Ferne J. Blue, a registered nurse working at Caylor-Nickel Clinic hospital in Bluffton. I still own my father's 40 Acre farm in Smithfield Township which has been in my family 110 years.

JAMES HARVEY WILSON, born 10 June 1939, south of Fairfield Center. He remained in the township until enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1956. After 8 years, serving in California, Mississippi, Tripoli-Libya-North Africa, Virginia, Alaska, Okinawa and Viet Nam was honorably discharged in 1964. He lived in Kendallville one year, moved to Los Angeles California in 1965. Deciding life in the fast lane was not for him, in August 1980 he returned to Indiana to stay. Hobbies are country music, fishing, reading, local history, genealogy. Employed by Starcraft Industries in Goshen, doing van conversions. Children of previous marriage, Katrina Irene, married Michael Watts, stationed in West Germany with son Matthew Ryan; Christianne Yvette, married Terry Watts, stationed Grand Forks North Dakota; Michael Barry, auto mechanic, Long Beach, California; Damon Eric, student, Sunnymead, California.

James' father, William Walter Wilson, was born 1877, near Carisle Indiana, a Spanish American War Veteran, he arrived in Fairfield Township 1926, residing until his death in 1947. Paternal grandparents were Garrett Monroe Wilson and Alice Levenia McDaniel, they spent their lives around LaPorte and South Bend.

His mother, Mabel Gladys McInturf, born 1904, survives as of October 1986. Maternal grandparents, Merritt McInturf, native of Fairfield Township, was a farmer, rabbit breeder, swine raiser, and local butcher. His ancestors came from Licking County, Ohio, homestead in

1844 near U.S. Highway 6 and the DeKalb/Noble County line. When his father died in 1916, the estate was literally "split down the middle." Merritt took a log saw, cut the existing farmhouse in half, and using native-wood rollers and horses, drug it over several hills to where it sets today. For years he also displayed, a live-born, stuffed calf that had 6 legs, 3 ears, and 2 tails.

Grandmother Amanda Belva Miller's ancestors migrated from Wayne County Ohio to settle south of Helmer. A teacher's aid, loved flowers, gardening and farm life.

Kay Davis Wilson, born in 1943, daughter of George and Lucille Peters, in South Sioux City, Nebraska, where 5 generations of her family are living. Paternal grandparents George Edward Peters Sr. and Martha Josephine Wolf; Maternal grandparents, Earl Van Hickel and Frances Helen Meyer, were farmers and lifelong natives of that area. Kay is employed at Colwell General in Kendallville, her interests are crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading, flowers, and baby critters, wild or domestic. Judge Robert Probst officiated this marriage at Albion in November 1984.

Chad Michael David, born in Dallas Texas, 17 September 1971; his two older brothers, Donny and Jimmy live there. His interests are swimming, camping, football, and rock music. He's active in the Boy Scouts of America. His comment, "Why haven't I always lived in Indiana?" pretty well sums up the feelings of this family.

Jacob and Cora Perkins

JACOB WILLIAM PERKINS, born 27 April 1874, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Jeremiah Perkins and Fanny (High) Perkins. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Sarah Ann (Phipps) Perkins, maternal grandparents were Richard and Amie (Pernell) High.

Cora Alice Reinoehl, born 17 January 1876, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Hovarter) Reinoehl. Her paternal grandparents were Michael and Catherine (Fisher) Reinoehl, of Starke County, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were John and Nancy (Weirich) Hovarter, of Sugar Creek, Ohio.

Jacob and Cora, married 20 May 1893, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

Jacob Perkins had one brother Samuel Perkins and Mrs. Cora Perkins had seven brothers and four sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were the parents of three children, Hazel (Perkins) Getts, deceased; Daisy (Perkins) Pairan and Elmer J. Perkins, deceased.

Jacob Perkins died, 3 August 1949, and Cora Alice Perkins died, 29 October 1958.

Adolph Pairan Family

ADOLPH PAIRAN, born in Hasacastle, Germany, 10 January 1844, and came to America with his mother and 2 brothers after his father's death in the war. He lived in Wabash, Indiana leaving from there to serve in the civil war. He later married Catharina (Schlemmer) Pairan of Wabash, Indiana.

They had four children: Katherin (Pairan) Moody, Frederick; Minnie Pairan; Mary (Pairan) Britton; Edward Pairan. After the death of his wife he traveled to DeKalb County and became shoe cobbler in Auburn and later had a shoe shop in Corunna.

In Auburn he married Freada (Krueger) Pairan and to this union seven children were born. George Pairan, Charley Pairan, Lloyd Pairan, Earnest Pairan, Jennie (Pairan) Munger. Two children died in infancy named Arthur and Vesta.

Freada Krueger, born 14 August 1865, daughter of Hanna (Gauber) and Frederick Krueger, who were both born in Germany.

Freada Pairan died, 8 November 1909. Adolph Pairan died, 30 April 1911.

Earnest and Daisy Pairan

EARNEST PAIRAN, born 21 June 1894, at Corunna, Indiana, son of Adolph and Freada (Krueger) Pairan.

Daisy Marie Perkins, born 23 October 1900, at Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; daughter of Jacob W. Perkins and Cora Alice (Reinoehl) Perkins. Her paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Fanny (High) Perkins of Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Hovarter) Reinoehl, also of Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Earnest and Daisy were married, 12 June 1919, in the home of Reverend and Mrs. John Urey; Reverend Urey officiated.

Earnest lived his early childhood years in the Corunna and Sedan area. On 4 September 1917, he enlisted in the army and served nearly two years in World War I. Most of this time was overseas in France cooking for the 152nd infantry following close behind front lines. He was at Souilly, France, 11 November 1918 when news of the Armistice was signed. He was discharged, 9 June 1919 in Camp Sherman, Ohio. Many were the stories told of his experiences during this time of his life. He was cabinet maker at McCray Refrigeration Company, Kendallville, Indiana nine years and then became a farmer in rural Fairfield Township until retirement.

Daisy was raised on her parents farm, enjoying home life and school years and after her marriage worked in the case factory in Kendallville four years and is a very devoted wife, mother and homemaker.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pairan have been active in church work.

In 1928, they purchased the Adam Werich farm in Fairfield Township and lived there upon their retirement years.

They are the parents of two children. Wayne Rodell Pairan born 18 June 1924 and died 28 January 1927; Maurine Esther (Pairan) Skelly of DeKalb County.

Earnest Pairan died, 24 July 1982 and Daisy Pairan still resides at rural Corunna, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

MICHAEL SHANK BROWAND, born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1834, the second child of David M. and Catherine (Shank) Browand. Upon reaching adulthood, Michael moved to New Haven, Indiana, where he was engaged in farming. In 1857, Michael and Mary Jane Lamb were married. They already had two daughters and were expecting a third child when the Civil War broke out. On 8 August 1862, Michael Browand enlisted in the 88th Regiment of the Indiana Infantry, Company D. Two of his brothers from Kendallville also enlisted in the Indiana Infantry, and several cousins from Pennsylvania fought with the Union Army, one losing his life from the wounds he had suffered. Michael was wounded in December 1862, while fighting at the battle of Stone's River in the campaign against Murfreesboro, Tennessee. On or about 1 October 1863, he was taken prisoner but escaped and took part in the scaling of Lookout Mountain and the "Battle Among the Clouds."

The 88th Regiment fought the long campaign with Sherman's army when he made his move against Atlanta. On 7 June 1865, the regiment was mustered out in Washington, D.C., and Michael Browand went home.

Mary Jane and Michael Browand had nine children: six girls and three boys. One of their sons, William Aaron, was born 4 April 1876, in Kendallville, Indiana.

"Willie" grew up in Kendallville and Fort Wayne. As did his father before him, Willie served in the U.S. Army. He served with the 157th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry in 1898 during the Spanish-American War, and saw two years of active duty. For the rest of his life, Willie was very active in the Spanish-American War Veterans organization, serving five years as commander of the Kuhlman Camp Veterans.

In 1900, Willie Browand married Mabel Patton of Fort Wayne. "Billy," as he later became known, learned the barbering trade in Fort Wayne and in 1901 came to Auburn where he and Tim McDowell operated a barber shop. In 1903, Billy Browand worked for the Indiana Bell Telephone Comapny and later was employed with a construction company. But the barbering trade was still in his heart, and in 1930, Billy returned to barbering. Billy Browand became very popular in town, not only for his shaves and haircuts, but also for the tales he could spin. When he was operating his barber shop on East

Eighth Street, he was elected honorary "Mayor of Eighth Street!"

Mr. Browand was a drummer with the Auburn City band for several years and later helped organize and was the drummer and quite often leader of the Auburn Lions Club All-Nut band. They played at every conceivable event in Auburn and were popular at events in other parts of the state. Billy Browand died in Auburn in 1959.

Mabel and Billy Browand had two sons who died in infancy, and a third son, Eugene.

EUGENE BROWAND, lived his entire life in Auburn. "Gene" was an athlete at the Auburn High School, starring in track and basketball, until he graduated in 1922. After attending college at Earlham and DePauw, he married Frances Hogue and went to work for the Auburn Automobile Company in Auburn. With the demise of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Corporation, Gene stayed on to help finish up the "paper work," then received a commission in the United States Army Reserve; as the sounds of war were becoming more omnious in Europe.

Gene was called to active duty in the Army Air Corps in 1940, and was stationed at the newly opened Baer Field near Fort Wayne when World War II broke out. He served overseas for three years, fighting the war in England, Africa and Italy, and came home just after V-E Day in 1945. After receiving his discharge in 1946, Gene worked with the Republican Party of DeKalb County as County Chairman and for the State of Indiana as a State License Bureau Auditor.

Frances H. Browand died in 1971 and Gene died in 1974. They were the parents of four children. William, their third child, died in an automobile accident when he was an infant; Marian married F.J. Howell and lives with her family in Little Rock, Arkansas; Carolyn lives at New Haven, Indiana, with her husband, Terry Werling, and their family; and Robert Eugene, the oldest child, has remained in Auburn.

After completing school in Auburn, Robert attended college in Fort Wayne until, following the custom of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he entered into military service, the Air Force. While in the Air Force, Bob Browand met and married Myrtle Kibe, a girl from Pennsylvania who was also in the Air Force. After their release from service, Bob and Myrtle settled down back in Auburn, where Bob went to work for the General Electric Company in Fort Wayne and has been there ever since.

Bob and Myrt Browand's family consisted of two girls, Cheryl, married Terry Malcolm, of Garrett, and Michelle, living at home. They were the book ends to four brothers: Bill, a detective with the New Haven, Indiana Police Department; twins, Eugene a student in Oklahoma, and Edward, who died in an accident in Alaska in 1982; and Brett, who is also still living at home. Bob's three older boys likewise followed the family military tradition, Bill, served in the Air Force and Ed and Gene joined the Army. Bob and his dad, Gene Browand, as well as his wife, Myrt, have all been past commanders of the American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

EARL RICHARD BURNISTON, born 8 February 1889, at Garrett, Indiana, died 19 February 1963 at Garrett, Indiana.

Earl married, 15 May 1924 to Margaret Leona McNanny at the Presbyterian Church at Garrett, by Reverend W.M. Elloitt. Margaret, born 20 February 1907, died 1 March 1946.

When he was old enough to work, he worked in the roundhouse for the Baltimore and Ohio. He also worked for the New York Central Railroad. Later Earl and his brother, Orlan, bought a farm just southwest of Garrett. He lived there until he married Margaret McNanny. Margaret had come to Garrett, Indiana from Griffith, Indiana to stay with her aunt, Matilda. There she met and married her aunt's brother-in-law, Earl Richard, so her aunt and uncle became her sister-in-law and brother-in-law.

Earl and Margaret purchased a forty acre farm on County Road 60, Auburn, where they lived and raised nine children: James E., Mary L., Joseph R., Charles W., Robert E., Dorothy M., Ila J., Ray A., and Walter G.

Earl died of a stroke in 1963. Margaret died in 1946 of diptheria epidemic here in DeKalb County.

RICHARD E. BURNISTON, born 17 February 1811, died 22 April 1889. Richard married Sarah Haughes. Sarah, born 5 March 1822, died 11 February 1881. When working on family tree, they were found in 1860 census in DeKalb County. They came here from Hackensack, New Jersey. Richard and Sarah were both born in London, England. They were the parents of three children: Joseph Richard, born 19 June 1852 in Hackensack, New Jersey, died 2 September 1922. Sarah A., born 1854, in Hackensack, New Jersey and Laura I., born 1857. The last daughter, Laura, was born in Indiana, so they were living here in Indiana in 1857. Richard and Sarah bought property in Auburn, Indiana, 4 August 1864 at the corner of Second and Main Street. Richard was a railroad blacksmith for the

Baltimore and Ohio. They later moved to Garrett.

Joseph, married Mary E. Miser, 10 April 1884; Sarah A., married Robert H. Gilbert, 12 November 1875; Laura I., married William C. Bewely, 4 September 1883.

JOSEPH RICHARD BURNISTON, born 19 June 1852, Hackensack, New Jersey, died 2 September 1922, Garrett, Indiana.

Joseph, married 10 April 1884 to Mary E. Miser. Mary, born 8 September 1846, died 24 May 1917. Joseph was raised in Auburn, Indiana from age six or seven. When he married, Joseph moved to Garrett, Indiana. They had two children: Orland Jo, born 18 April 1887, died 16 January 1958 and Earl Richard, born 8 February 1889, died 19 February 1963. Joseph was a Baltimore and Ohio blacksmith.

Carlton D. Reinhard Family

CARLTON DALE REINHARD, born 5 September 1947, at Decatur, Indiana, son of Howard Franklin and Ilene May (Ehrman) Reinhard. Thirty seconds later his identical twin brother, Arland Gale was born. Carlton had two sisters: Arville Jean (Reinhard) Rodenbeck, born 12 February 1952 and Carla Jane (Reinhard) VonGunten, born 11 October 1956. Carlton's paternal grandparents were Adolph and Lydia (Meyer) Reinhard. His maternal grandparents were Floyd and Lola (Barger) Ehrman.

Carlton grew up in Craigville, Indiana and graduated from Lancaster High School in 1965. During his high school and college days, he worked part-time at Bluffton's Dutch Mill Restaurant where he met fellow employee, Julia Baker.

Julia, born 27 April 1947, at Muncie, Indiana, daughter of Clifford Junior and Mary Imogene (Sills) Baker. A brother, Jerry Wesley, born exactly two years later, 27 April 1949 and a sister, Diana Sue (Baker) Doxey, born 20 December 1950. Julia's paternal grandparents were Clifford Wesley and Loretta Marie (Thomas) Baker. Her maternal grandparents were Jerrold and Mary Opal (Taylor) Sills. Julia graduated from Yorktown High School in 1965.

Carlton married Julia, 5 July 1969, at the Park United Brethren Church in Bluffton, the newlyweds moved to Columbus, Indiana, in the fall of 1969, so Carlton could finish his student teaching. Having graduated from Indiana University in 1969, Julia accepted her first teaching positin at Petersville Elementary School in Columbus.

Carlton's student teaching at Columbus High School was short, to accept a second semester teacher opening in the business department of Brown County High School in Nashville, Indiana. Unhappy with his teaching assignment, Carlton accepted a teaching assignment at Edinburg High School the following year.

From June 1971 through June 1972, the Reinhards studied at the University of Colorado at Boulder where both received their Masters degrees.

Wanting to do some kind of mission work and believing that the Peace Corps offered the best opportunity for teachers, the Reinhards applied and during 1972-74, taught on the Eastern Caribbean Island of St. Vincent. Carlton taught business subjects at the St. Vincent Technical College. Julia taught at the Sion Hill Primary School the first year and assigned to the Liberty Lodge Training Center for boys her second year. This was a center for juvenile and maladjusted boys.

Carlton and Julia moved to Hamilton, Indiana in 1974. Carlton was hired as a business teacher at Hamilton High School and Julia accepted a fourth grade position at South Milford Elementary School. In 1975, Julia was hired as a first grade teacher at Hamilton. Later, she taught readiness until the birth of their son, Nathan Carlton, born 11 July 1983, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. In 1984, Julia began teaching two days a week at the Angola Community Nursery School.

In 1985, the Reinhards developed, copyrighted, and marketed "REM — The first Card Game for the computer age." The card game, which is sold nationally, was created by Carlton as he became involved with buying the first computers for the Hamilton High School.

The Reinhards are active members of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

JOSEPH CHARLES KEARNS, born 3 December 1919, son of Joseph L. and Mabel (Kahlo) Kearns. He went to the Hogue School, near the farm and then to Garrett High School, graduating in 1937. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America and served as president in his senior year. Subsequently, he was engaged in farming until his enlistment, in February 1942 with the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, 317th Group of the Fifth Army Airforce. He served in Townsville and Mackey. In Mackey, he met Frances Patrick Wyatt.

In October 1943, he was sent to New Guinea, obtained leave to marry September 1944, returned to New Guinea and subsequently served in the Phillipines. The squadron landed in Leyte, October 1944 and took part in one of the greatest paratroop drops in history. Joe was granted a forty-five day furlough in June 1945, so elected to spend it in Australia instead of going home.

The Pacific was finished while he was on an island Barrier Reef. Joe applied for discharge in Australia and was assigned to Eagle Farm Airforce, in Brisbane, until discharged in February 1946.

They had to wait until August 1947 to come home to Indiana, they returned to Australia, 1948. Joseph Patrick Wyatt, was born there in 1949 and Frances Lenore Cosette, in 1950. The family came back to Indiana in 1953. The family went back to Australia in 1955, another son, Christopher John Clark was born there in 1957 and have resided there since.

Joseph worked on the farm and at the Dana Corporation, Auburn, until his death in 1983. Frances taught at East Auburn Elementary School from 1967 to 1979. Joseph Kearns was Scoutmaster of Garrett Troop 162 for twelve years. Joseph Patrick Kearns, attended Garrett schools and Hope College, Holland, Michigan. Upon graduation, he went to Australia and has been a high school teacher there since 1971. He now is a curriculum co-ordinator in Mackay.

Cosette, upon graduation from Garrett High, went to Queen's University, Ontario. She married, has two children and is also a teacher, in Toronto.

Humphrey Kearns, went to the University of Minnesota, is a plant pathologist, married Rebeca Julin of St. Paul and had two sons.

The youngest son, Christopher, went to Indiana Universtiy, at Bloomington and is now in his final year at Royola School of Medicine, Chicago, in dentistry.

JOSEPH LAKE KEARNS, came to Garrett, Indiana when he was six years old in 1884. He was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia 6 October 1878. His parents were Elizabeth Eberle and Hackett Lake Kearns.

Elizabeth Eberle, born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, 1858, daughter of Christian Eberle, born 1833, in Frankfort, Germany and Wilhelmina Plainer, born 1838, in Wittenburg, Germany. They had eight children: Elizabeth (Eberle) Kearns Heatley, Rose (Eberle) Lambert, Jack Eberle, Kate (Eberle) Schamberg, Lena (Eberle) Wohnsettler, William Eberle, Charles Eberle and Henry Eberle.

Elizabeth and Joseph Kearns went to live with her parents and moved with them to Garrett, soon after its establishment, as an important railroad town.

Christian Eberle, died 1918 and Wilhelmina, died 1911 and are both interred in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Their four sons also worked for the railroad and the four daughters married railroaders.

When the Baltimore and Ohio shops were moved from Garrett, the boys; Jack, William, Charles and Henry moved also. Rose moved with her husband to Atlanta, the others to Michigan, Chicago, Baltimore, and Washington.

Kate Schamberg, wife of Conrad Schamberg, remained in Garrett, her son, Walter, lived there all his life. He worked for the Baltimore and Ohio, also. The Wohnsettlers, I think, moved to Noble County.

Elizabeth Eberle, mother of Joseph Lake Kearns, divorced Hackett Lake Kearns, and married Edward Mies and they had two children: Catherine and James. After the death of Edward Mies this family moved to Detroit. James Mies is a Judge in Detroit and maintains the old cottage on Lake Gage.

The Heatleys and Mies are buried in Christian Union Cemetery beside Joseph and Mabel Kearns.

Joseph Lake Kearns, lived with his mother and grandparents on the north side of Garrett, close to the railroad depot. He went to work for the Baltimore and Ohio at the age of seventeen. He attended the Will Franks school in Garrett with his uncles.

He married Jessica of Altona, Indiana and had two children: Jessie and Thora, born 1900 and 1904. Both are still living in Chicago.

Joseph Lake and Jessica were divorced, the two Jessies moved to Chicago and Thora remained with her father. Also living with them was his sister, Mildred (Heatley) Mies and her husband, Ed and Joseph's mother, Elizabeth Kearns Heatley.

Joseph L. and Mabel Kahlo, of Defiance, married in 1917. They had three sons: Jose

Charles, born 3 December 1919, Robert, born 1921, Allen and Karl Kenneth. In 1929, the family moved to the farm on County Road 56. Joseph Lake Kearns died here in 1966, aged eighty eight years, his wife, died in 1964, aged seventy three.

Robert Kearns, married Mabel Phillips of Maine. They had no children: Karl, married Phyllis Ostrander of Hicksville. They have one son, Karl Kenneth and two daughters, all married.

Joseph was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Garrett Division 253. In sixty years, he hired out to the Baltimore and Ohio, in 1895. He became an apprentice in the boiler shop and in 1899, became a fireman. In 1905, he was promoted to engineer and held that position for forty-four years, he was on the Capitol Ltd.

RICHARD WALTER SMITH, born 13 May 1928 in Corunna, Indiana, son of Orley Ormond and Helen M. (Laisure) Smith. His paternal grandparents are Reuben R. and Annie Irene (Sherman) Smith of Auburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Arley D. and Daisy May (Runyon) Laisure of Corunna, Indiana.

Betty Jane Kimmell, born 15 June 1931, in Brimfield, Indiana, daughter of Paul W. and Veda Pauline (Grunden) Kimmell. Her paternal grandparents are John Kimmell and Emma Comfort Ward of Brimfield. Her maternal grandparents are Andrew Jackson and Inez Grace (Forker) Grunden of Wolcottville, Indiana.

Richard and Betty married 19 June 1949 at the home of Orley O. Smith, Sr. They first met at the Strand Theatre in Kendallville. Richard attended Fairfield Center and graduated from Ashley High School. Betty attended Brimfield and graduated from Rome City High School.

Richard and his father farmed the Smith farm for several years. He also worked in 1952, on the construction crew that built the Indiana Toll Road. At that time, his starting wage was $2.90 per hour, on eleven hour shifts. In 1952, he purchased his first new dozer. It was a Terra Track made in Churubusco, Indiana. Purchase price was $5000.00. In 1962, Orley O. and Richard opened in partnership the Northway Tavern in Corunna, Indiana. In 1965, Richard went to work full time for Hipskind Asphalt in Fort Wayne, Indiana. First as a heavy equipment operator, later as a crew foreman until 1975, when he formed Noble Construction. From 1975-78, he opened and operated the Noble County Landfill. This was the first landfill of its kind in the area. After the death of Richard's mother in 1977, he and Betty resumed operating the Northway Tavern in Corunna. He presently farms and operates his sawmill.

Betty worked at the Auburn Rubber Company from 1956 until its closing in 1961. She then found employment from 1964-1974 with the Essex Wire Company in Ligonier, Indiana. She is presently employed with the Kendallville Nursing Home, Kendallville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Brimfield Methodist Church.

Mr. Smith has one brother: Orley D. Smith, Jr., Corunna, Indiana. Mrs. Smith has three brothers and seven sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of six children: Susan Ann (Smith) Crager, born 5 July 1951 of Corunna, Indiana; Janice K. (Smith) Ramer, born 9 August 1952, and children, Stephanie and Jamie of Kendallville, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Richard Smith and children; Michelle; Lisa and Ty of Avilla, Indiana. Michael, born 15 September 1953; Jeffrey Lynn Smith, born 2 September 1955, of Kendallville, Indiana; Deborah Joan (Smith) Houser, born 2 February 1957, and seven children; James and Heather Curtis of Kendallville, Indiana; and Janet Lee Smith, deceased, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on the Smith family farm, near Corunna, from 1949 until 1965 when they moved to their present farm at Kendallville, Indiana. They continue to operate the Northway Tavern in Corunna.

DARRELL ROY KING, born 30 April 1940, in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Roy and Pauline (Putt) King, of rural Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Clarence and Hester King, of Route 2 Waterloo, Indiana, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Frank and Maude Putt, Route 1, Ashely, Indiana, both deceased.

Pamela Jane Ward, born 27 August 1943, at St. Johns, Michigan, daughter of Rolland R. and Pauline (Kilts) Ward. Pamela's step father is Raymond Ladig.

Darrell attended schools in Ashley, Indiana and Pam attended schools in Fort Wayne, graduating from South Side High School. Darrell is a dairy farmer and Pam is a homemaker.

Darrell and Pam met in Fort Wayne and were married 10 June 1967 at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, Indiana. They are the parents of three children: Scott Alan, born 16 July 1964, married Valerie Fuleki, 14 September 1985; Tami Lynn, born 2 January 1969; and Randy Roy, born 6 February 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell King reside in rural Waterloo, Indiana and are members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Their hobbies include fishing, cows, bowling and cards.

RICHARD J. REEVES, born 11 March 1917 and Alice (Bauer) Reeves, born 30 July 1920 and their daughter, Judith, born 14 January 1940, came to DeKalb County in 1942 from Williams County, Ohio, when Mr. Reeves obtained a position as a fireman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. They resided in Garrett and their children graduated from Garrett High School.

Judy also graduated from Elkhart University as a Medical Secretary, she was self employed as a Medical Trabscriber at the time of her death in 1982. She married Joseph E. Beeber and they are the parents of Beth, born 31 November 1963; and Bradely, born 14 February 1970 and made their home in Fort Wayne.

Richard J. Jr., born 26 August 1943, has a B.S. degree from Ball State University, M.S. degree from Indiana University and has also attended Purdue University. He lives in West Lafayete, Indiana and is the Varsity Basketball coach at West Lafayette High School. Richard married Suzette Lancaster, of Fort Wayne. She attended Ball State University and is employed as an Executive Secretary at Great Lakes Chemical Company. They have two sons: Nathan L., born 17 March 1970; and Ross J., born 2 May 1973.

Melenna Alice, born 19 June 1947, died 21 September 1947.

Kathy Jo, born 12 March 1954, has her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ball State University and is Media Center Director at DeKalb Middle School. She is married to Ron Kock, a Garrett native who also graduated from Ball State University and has a M.S. degree from Purdue. He teaches mathematics at the DeKalb Middle School and is on the football coaching staff at DeKalb Middle School. They live in Auburn and have three sons: Aaron, born 4 January 1981; Alex, born 20 October 1984; and Adam, born 9 December 1985.

Laurene Ann, born 13 December 1956, also a graduate of Ball State University, married William Muzzillo and they live in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Laurie has worked as an insurance underwriter and is now employed as a scheduler at General Motors in Kalamazoo. They have one son, Lance, born 20 March 1986.

Richard J. Sr., died 18 September 1976 at the age of fifty-nine and Alice continues to reside in Garrett.

PHILIP BORDNER, came to DeKalb County, Stafford Township, from Ohio, in 1851-52, a widower with three sons. He probably moved to the county because his married daughter, Hannah, Mrs. Jacob Moughler, moved to a new farm in Wilmington Township in the fall of 1852. Philip was born 6 April 1796 in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, the third of 10 children of Peter Bordner, born 1763, died 1816, and Catharine Katterman, born 1771, died 1853. His paternal grandparents were Jacob Bordner and Sarah Balt, born 1730, died 1800, both natives of Pennsylvania. His maternal grandfather was Michael Katterman, a native of Germany. Mr. Katterman and three of Phillip's uncles were members of the Pennsylvania militia during the Revolutionary War.

Philip was descended from Balser Bortner, who arrived at the port of Philadelphia in 1732 from Hochstadt, in the Palatinate (Germany). Balser settled in the Tulpehocken Settlement, one of the original German communities in the heart of what was to become known as the "Pennsylvania Dutch" country. His descendants settled many farms in that area, principally in Berks and Dauphin counties. Philip established his own farm in Dauphin County and married a Miss Readle around 1817.

In the 1820's, following the death of their father, Philip's brothers moved West one by one, initially settling in Stark County, Ohio. Philip was the last to leave Pennsylvania, about 1830. Eight of his 12 children were born in Pennsylvania. Two sons born in Pennsylvania died in childhood in Ohio. Three of his four sisters also moved to Stark County after marrying and starting families in Pennsylvania

In 1837, Philip moved to Wayne County, Ohio where he bought 60 acres from a son-in-law. Two years later, his wife died, leaving him with five children under the age of 10. Philip continued farming in Wayne County, Baughman and Chippewa Townships, until he moved to DeKalb County. He brought three of his four surviving sons to DeKalb: Jonathan, born 1822, Daniel, born 1833, and Solomon, born c. 1839. His son David F., who was about 15 at the time Philip went to Indiana, remained in Ohio and later established his own farm and family in Stark County.

All six of Philip's daughters married in Ohio. Four remained there: Mary, Mrs. Jacob Kemery, born 1818, died 1892, Catharina, Mrs. Richards, born c. 1820; Margaret, Mrs. Isaac Cannon, born c. 1823, died 1885; and Sarah, who was about 17 when the family left for Indiana and who later, at the age of 25, became Mrs. Christian Bowers. Two daughters moved to DeKalb County: Frances, Mrs. John Shafer, born c. 1825; and Hannah, Mrs. Jacob Moughler, born 1830, died 1921. Margaret (Bordner) Cannon's son, J.W., born 1849, moved to DeKalb County in 1869, and in 1884 opened a grocery in Butler in Partnership with David Johnson, Johnson and Cannon Company.

Two of Philip's brothers, Michael and Jacob and a sister, Catharine, Mrs. Conrad Shrifler, settled near Portage, Ohio, Wood County, about 60 miles east of DeKalb County. Philip died in Stafford Township in 1854, only a couple years after his arrival. His sons and daughters who came with him to DeKalb County remained for life.

JONATHAN BORDNER, born 16 October 1822 in Dauphin County, in the Pennsylvania Dutch country, where his Bordner ancestors first settled in 1732. The parents had eight children before moving to a new farm in Stark County, Ohio.

Jonathan established his own farm in Stafford Township, and at the age of 36, on 28 February 1858, he married Mary Mace, born 1835, died 1912, a native of Ohio. Early in the 1870's, Jonathan moved his family to Baldwin, Kansas, Douglas County, first in Newville Township and then in Butler, where he bought a home on Oak Street. In Butler, he first worked as a miller. When the Butler Windmill Company opened for business in 1888, later known as the Butler Company, he took a job as a night watchman, and continued this employment until his death at the age of 81, 1 November 1903. He is buried in the Butler Cemetery. In the last 10 years of his life, he was a member of the Christian Church under C.R. Scoville, as was his sister Hannah Bordner Moughler. His wife, Mary, continued to live in Butler, where she died in 1912.

Jonathan and Mary Bordner had seven children: Eva E., born 29 April, 1859; first married Mr. Turner in Butler, then Joseph C. Kirkpatrick; died 11 October, 1952 in Glendale, California, Francis Arletta, born 16 November, 1861; first married David Judson Plowe in Butler, then Charles W. Brandt; died 22 June, 1946 in Hunter~~, ~~Missouri, Charles Edward, born October 1864; married Grace Mattie Bateman; died 26 May, 1917 in Fort Worth, Texas, Harry D., born 8 November, 1866; unmarried; died 23 May, 1923 in West Plains, Missouri, Ernest M., born c.1870 in Kansas and died in childhood, William Walter, born c.1872 in Kansas; first married Margaret, then Margaret A. Lyons; died 27 December, 1948 in Butte, Montana, and Sarah E., born 1874 in Kansas and died 1882 in Butler.

All three of Jonathan's adult sons became railroad engineers, reflecting the economic importance of the railroad in Butler's early development.

Charles left shortly before 1900 for Ogden, Utah, where he was a locomotive engineer for the Denver and Rio Grande RR. He married and established a family in Utah. Although he died in Texas he is buried next to his father in the Butler Cemetery. William also left Butler before 1900 and moved to Butte, Montana, where he worked as a locomotive engineer and raised a family. Harry was a locomotive engineer for the Wabash RR and transferred to Missouri, where he died. Frances's husband, David Plowe , whom she had married in Butler March 11, 1882, was also a railroad engineer, probably for the Wabash. They moved to Missouri, and David Plowe died in Famington January 17, 1925. Frances remarried, to Charles W. Brandt, and lived her remaining years in Hunter, Missouri. Eva's husband Mr. Turner died and she remarried, to Joseph Clark Kirkpartrick, born 1852, died 1936, of Albion, Noble County, Indiana. Both were trained nurses. Eva died in Glendale at the age of 93 in 1952. No descendants of Jonathan Bordner live in DeKalb County today.

DANIEL BORDNER, was the first of four children born in Ohio, in 1833. Daniel's father farmed in Stark County for a few years before resettling in Wayne County, Ohio. There Daniel's mother died in 1839, when he was six years old. His father continued to farm and raise several small children in Wayne County until he moved to DeKalb County, when Daniel was 18. Four of Daniel's sisters, Mary, Catharine, Margaret, and Sarah and a younger brother, David F., remained in Ohio. A couple years after coming to DeKalb the father died, leaving three sons and two married daughters in the county: Frances, Mrs. John Shafer, and Hannah, Mrs. Jacob Moughler.

Daniel soon established his own farm in Stafford Township. He married Ursula Gunsenhouser, born 1841, died 1924, one of 11 children of Jacob Gunsenhouser and Mary Elizabeth Strole. Jacob Gunsenhouser came to DeKalb in 1836 from Stark County, Ohio, one of the first pioneers of Stafford Township and an influential resident of the county. Daniel and Ursula had no children of their own but adopted an infant daughter, Blanch, born 1877. Blanch married Ralph J. Lucy in 1901 in Butler. Daniel died in 1902. His wife lived on to the age of 83 and died in 1924. Both are buried in the Butler Cemetery.

SOLOMON BORDNER, born in 1839, shortly after he was born his mother died. When Phillip moved to DeKalb County, Solomon was only 13 years old. In 1854, a couple years after coming to DeKalb County, his father died. Solomon was 15, and had to rely on his older brothers and two married sisters: Frances, Mrs. John Shafer, and

Hannah, Mrs. Jacob Moughler.

Solomon established his own farm, first in Stafford Township then in Wilmington Township. He married Elizabeth Willard, a native of Stark County, Ohio, born June 1838 and the daughter of John and Frances (Hollinger) Willard. Both parents were also natives of Stark County, being among the first white settlers of that county. Solomon died in 1891. His wife Elizabeth lived into old age and died in Butler in 1914.

Solomon and Elizabeth had four children, two of whom died in infancy. Two sons survived: Wilson M., born February 1867, and Cormon J., born January 1870. Wilson, a railroad station agent and telegrapher, moved to Munson, Michigan, where his only child Daine Victor was born. He lived in several places but finally moved to Jackson, Mississippi. He died in 1926. Cormon remained in DeKalb County, where he was a farmer in Wilmington Township. He married Ida Efiza Gratz, born 1873, died 1935, and together they had one daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth, born 1910, who married Gerald F. Wise. Cormon died in 1946 and is buried in the Butler Cemetery with his wife.

Paul Tustison

PAUL GENE TUSTISON, born 18 November 1932, St. Joe, Indiana. He is the son of George W. and Lena (Ernest) Tustison. He had three sisters, Patricia, Joan and Carol, and one brother George Jr. who died in 1934.

Paternal grandparents were Frank and Anna Tustison and great grandparents were Nelson and Mary Tustison. The grandparents and great grandparents farmed the same farm, east of St. Joe, since the early 1800's.

Maternal grandparents were Charles and Matilda Ernest.

Paul entered the Army in 1953, was stationed in Germany for a half year. He was discharged in 1955.

Paul was married 16 October 1970 to Betty (Mason) Manon. She was born 23 February 1943, at Edgerton, Ohio, the daughter of Lowell and Ruth Mason. They have three children, Paulette born 1951, Jim born 1966, and Melisa born 1967.

Paul was a police officer in Akley, Iowa, then went to Cass Lake, Minnesota and was a police officer there for many years, before returning to Edgerton in 1969 because of the illness and death of his father. He also joined the police force in Edgerton, Ohio. Paul received two Presidential Commendation awards while on the police force. They moved back to Indiana and had a grocery store in Newville, Indiana for three years and now owns Paul's Mini-Mart in Butler, Indiana.

Clarence Rosenberry Family

CLARENCE ROSENBERRY, son of Oliver and Clarisie Ann Rosenberry, one of 12 children, born near Edgerton, Ohio, 14 June 1890. Clarence is the only surivor of the family. He married Ada Rosenberry, March 1910. She died in May of 1947. They had three children; Millard born August 1910, died May 1985, Helen born April 1912, died 1980, Hubert born March 1915, died 1972. One granddaughter born January 1933, died 1958, a great grandson born August 1960, died 1980. Clarence has six granddaughters, 17 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Clarence was a farmer all his life, and still is active in hoeing in the garden and pulling weeds. He makes his home with his daughter-in-law, near Butler, Indiana.

RALPH MARTIN BROWN, was born 24 June 1899 at Leonidas, Michigan. The son of DeForrest and Alma (Wineland) Brown.

Helen Carmen Place was born 28 September 1899 at Hicksville, Ohio. The daughter of George Washington & Wilhelmina C. (Strubing) Place.

Ralph & Helen were married on 25 July 1920 in the parsonage of the First Church of Christ in

Auburn, Indiana.

Ralph had 2 sisters, Norma (Brown) Stroh, and Zelpha (Brown) Steward. Helen had one brother Elmer Place, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and 3 sisters, Orace (Place) Nelson, Lucy (Place) Wetzel, Edith (Place) McCullough, all 3 sisters deceased.

Ralph was employed for a few years, by the Auburn Automotive, as a riviteer. After the layoff from there, he worked for Freese Creamery from Nappannee, Indiana. Helen assisted him, and they ran the creamery station in the south 100 block on Jackson Street in Auburn. Ralph drove a milk truck and stopped at farms in this area and picked up milk cans full of cream. They also purchased eggs from the area farmers. Ralph earned $20.00 weekly & Helen earned $5.00 weekly. After Ralph left the creamery business, he became an employee of Warner Gear and worked there until his death, 2 April 1959. Ralph & Helen had two sons, Elwood Earl Brown, and Ronald Lee Brown. (Deceased)

Helen now resides in Norland Park with her son Elwood (Woody) Brown.

ELWOOD "WOODY" BROWN, born 12 March 1928, in Auburn. Indiana. The son of Ralph Martin & Helen Carmen (Place) Brown. His paternal grandparents were Deforrest D & Alma (Wineland) Brown. His maternal grandparents were George Washington & Wilhelmina (Strubing) Place. "Woody" had 1 brother, Ronald Lee Brown, died 1982.

Joyce Arline Engle was born 13 April 1929, in Waterloo, Indiana. The daughter of Marcelle (Pete) Franklin & Lucy Viola (Forrest) Engle. Her paternal grandparents were George & Lillian (Morgan) Engle. Her maternal grandparents were William Earl & Myrtle (Curry) Forrest. Joyce has 2 brothers, Jack Forrest Engle, of Muncie, Indiana, & James Lee Engle of Auburn, Indiana.

Woody attended Auburn School System for 12 years and Joyce attended 1 year Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 1 year in Ashley, Indiana; and the other 10 years in the Auburn School Systems.

Woody and Joyce were married 13 June 1948 at the United Methodist Church, Auburn, Indiana.

Woody was a meat cutter for the A&P Stores in the Fort Wayne and Auburn area for 10 years. He also worked in the engineering dept. of Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co. for 10 years. In 1956 he went to work for Warner Gear in Auburn and remains there as a supervisor for Auburn Gear.

Joyce worked in the office of Warner Gear for 6 years. When first married, but spent most of her life at home raising their family.

Woody & Joyce have 1 son, Terry Lee Brown, & 2 daughters Sandra Kaye & Suzanne Marie Brown.

Terry was born 29 November 1953, in Auburn. He married Dolores A. Ehinger, born 3 November 1953, in New Haven, Indiana. They reside in the country east of Ashley Indiana.

Sandra, born 19 July 1957, in Auburn. She was married to Robert Allen Jones & they had a daughter, Melanie Lynn, born 4 October 1974. Sandy's second marriage to Robert William Kessler, 23 February 1985, and they have 1 son, Caleb William, born 27 April 1986. They resided in Auburn.

Suzanne, was born 10 November 1959, in Auburn. Married Lynn Allen Timmerman, 16 May 1981. They have one daughter Jeannie Lynn, born 19 July 1982. They reside in Jackson Township, south of Auburn.

Woody & Joyce reside in Norland Park, at 2024 Walden Dr. Auburn.

FLORIN HAMILTON KNOX, born 10 April 1918, in Albion, Indiana; the son of Hollis Audra and Gail Marie (Hamilton) Knox. His paternal grandparents were Harvey and Ida May (Helms) Knox of Grant County Indiana. His maternal grandparents were George Glenn and Tamera Lozette (Dickey) Hamilton.

Donna June Platt, born 4 July 1919, at R.R. 2, Butler, Indiana. The daughter of John and Audra (Houlton) Platt. Her paternal grandparents were Robert Cullen and Mary Ellen (Myers) Platt, Her maternal grandparents were Rinaldo (Dode) Berdette and Leona Maude (Howard) Houlton.

Florin and Donna June were married, 19 March 1941 at R.R. 2, Butler, Indiana. Mrs. Knox graduated from International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana and worked a short time fo Marshall Clothing Mfg. Co., Butler, Indiana.

Florin was employed by Priest Hatchery, Edgerton, Ohio several years. He started farming at an early age and spent his entire life farming. Also did grain and livestock trucking. He served the DeKalb County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company as an agent, director and president and a director and Vice President on DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Knox have been active serving the Jerusalem U.M. Church and DeKalb Co. Farm Bureau.

Mr. Knox has three sisters, Majel Moughler, Coralie Holman, Onalee Moughler, and two brothers Glen and Billy.

Mrs. Knox was an only child.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox are the parents of two daughters, Patrule Joan (Knox) Newhard who is a keypunch operator for Cooper Industrial Products and Julie Ellen (Knox) Bunch a business teacher at DeKalb Central School.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox still live on a farm in Franklin Township where they started housekeeping forty five years ago and both are retired. The farm originally was Mrs. Knox's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cullen Platt.

Keith Bunch Family

KEITH ALLEN BUNCH, born 1 November 1951, in Bluffton, Indiana; the son of Eldon Craven "Cotton" and Barbara Jane (Garton) Bunch. His paternal grandparents were Willie Craven and Effie Jane (Bennett) Bunch of Wells County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Lawrence Wendell and Anna Louise (Dubbs) Garton, Bluffton, Indiana.

Julie Ellen Knox, born 19 July 1954, in Garrett, Indiana; the daughter of Florin H. & Donna June Knox. Her paternal grandparents were Hollis A. & Gail Marie (Hamilton) Knox. Her maternal grandparents were John & Audra E. (Houlton) Platt all of DeKalb County.

Keith and Julie were married, 28 July 1973, in Hamilton, Indiana, at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bunch attended Ball State University at St. Francis College where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Julie received her Masters Degree in secondary education from Indiana University. Mrs. Bunch taught school at Stryker Local Schools, Stryker, Ohio three years and since 1979 has taught business courses at DeKalb Central Schools. She is a member of the National Education Association, Indiana Teacher Association, DeKalb Educators Association, Delta Kappa Gamma International, Psi Iota Xi Sorority and Ruth Circle.

Keith is self employed semi truck driver. He attended Huntington College for one year. He is a memeber of the Auburn Elks. Keith enjoys all kinds of sports with golfing his favorite.

Mr. Bunch has two sisters, Karen Pfister, Katherine Rufner and one brother Kent.

Mrs. Bunch had one sister Patrula Newhard.

Mr. & Mrs. Bunch are the parents of two children, Tyler, born 1979 and Travis, born 1983. They are members of the Auburn Methodist Church, Greenhurst Country Club and DeKalb Co. YMCA.

Julie is a direct descendant of John Houlton, one of the first settlers of DeKalb County.

DENNIS ASBURY NEWHARD, born 1 April 1940 at Wyndotte, Michigan, the son of Morris William and Virginia Ellen (Bixler) Newhard, who reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Chancy Asbury and Clara Elnore (Wilson) Newhard of Wells County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Leonard John and Julia Amelia (Weicki) Bixler from Ashtabula, Ohio.

Patrula Joan Knox, born 17 February 1948 at Kendallville, Indiana the daughter of Florin H. and Donna June (Platt) Knox. Her paternal grandparents were Hollis A. and Gail Marie (Hamilton) Knox. Her maternal grandparents were John and Audra Edith (Houlton) Platt all of DeKalb County.

Dennis has one brother David Leonard Newhard residing in Plainfield, New Jersey and a sister Judith Diane Stacy from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Newhard has been an employee of General Electric for 21 years and Patrula has worked at Cooper Industrial Products for 13 years.

The Newhard's have lived in Auburn the past ten years. They attend Trinity Luthern Church where Dennis is an elder and Patrula sings in the church choir. The Newhard's also enjoy attending civic functions and are avid "Baron Boosters."

Patrula is a direct descendant of John Houlton who was one of the earlist settler in DeKalb County.

HOLLIS AUDREY KNOX, and Gail Marie (Hamilton) were married 18 May 1907 in Flox, Indiana by Rev. Hammer Ellis. They moved to DeKalb County in March of 1923 with five children; Majel Etta, Coralia Bernice, Florin Hamilton, Glen Harvey and Billy Gene.

They first resided three miles south of Butler. Hollis was engaged in farming. The family attended Mt. Pleasant Church.

The family moved to Hicksville, Ohio where Hollis was engaged in farming.

In 1937, the family moved back to a home west and south of Butler. In 1939, they moved to a home north of Butler. In 1940, they moved to the William Potter's tenant house on Road 1.

In March, 1943 Hollis and Gail purchased a farm northeast of Butler on County Road 18. The family attended Big Run Church. Hollis was engaged in farming and worked at Casad Ordinanace, a warehouse in Hew Haven. He was a member of the Farm Bureau.

Gail was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She also helped start the Wilmington Township Home Bureau and was a charter member of the Stafford Home Bureau. She taught Sunday School for several years at Big Run Church.

Hollis and Gail's six living children still reside in DeKalb County. Hollis died in 1966, Gail died in 1969. They are buried in the Butler Cemetery. At this time there are 113 living members of the Knox family.

Billy and Gailenna Family

BILLY GENE KNOX, born 18 August 1922 in Noble County, Indiana, the son of Hollis A. and Gail (Hamilton) Knox. His paternal grandparents were Harvey and Ida (Helmes) Knox. His paternal grandparents were Glen and Etta (Dickey) Hamilton. Both sets of grandparents were from Grant County, Indiana.

Gailanna June Zeisloft was born 4 June 1923, east of Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Floyd J. & Daisy (Secondcost) Zeisloft. Her paternal grandparents were Thornton and Frances Anna (Spitler) Zeisloft. Her maternal grandparents were John and Florence (Folk) Secondcost. Her grandparents were from Putman County Ohio.

Billy and Gailanna wer married on 19 June 1943, in Angola, Indiana. They began housekeeping in Auburn, Indiana. They both graduated from the Butler High School.

Gailanna took employment with the Rieke Metal Products Corp. soon after graduation in 1941. Billy attended a Tool and Die trade school in Detroit, Michigan, after which he begun working for the General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, Indiana , using his skill.

Billy met with the decision to go into agriculture full time and he and Gailanna both quit their city jobs. They lived on several different farms between Auburn and Butler before settling down in 1951 north of Butler where they have remained since. Gailanna has been a homemaker throughout the years. Billy began working for the B.F. Goodrich Co. near Woodburn, Indiana, in 1961 when the tire company was in its infancy and worked continuously until his retirement in late 1979 from the plant.

They both have been active in their Church, the Jerusalem United Mehtodist located near their farm. Gailanna is a member of the Jerusalem Community Aid. They are members of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Knox has two brothers, Florin H, Knox of rural Butler and Glen H. Knox of Butler. His three sisters are Majel Moughler, rural Butler, Coralie Holman, rural St. Joe and Onalee Moughler of Waterloo, Indiana.

Mrs. Knox has two sisters, Evelyn of Oregon, Zwanda Helmick of Maryland and two brothers; Z. Zeisloft of Auburn, Indiana, and Thornton Zeisloft rural Auburn who resides and owns the family farm.

Mr. & Mrs. Knox became the parents of two sons. Noel Hollis Knox, born 24 March 1951, of Dublin, Ohio. He has both a Doctor of Jurisprudence and a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University, and is currently Assistant Vice-President and manager of the Bond Department of the Bancohio National Bank in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Their second son being Neal Ellis Knox, born 29 August 1954, in Angola, Indiana, who is with REMC Electric Co. of Steuben County, Indiana.

There are six grandchildren. The couple has gone into semi-retirement.

Rinaldo and Leona Houlton

RINALDO BERDETTE "DODE" HOULTON, born 7 November 1874, at Hamilton, Indiana; the son of Matthew Kilgore and Marietta (Case) Houlton. His paternal grandparents were John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton. His maternal grandparents were William L. and Lydia (Sattison) Case.

Leona Maude Howard was born 3 November 1873 at Waterloo, Indiana; the daughter of Marion and Anna (Petch) Howard. When she was a child her parents moved to Steuben County on the west side of Hamilton Lake. Her maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Petch, England.

Dode and Maude were married 4 July 1892 in Coldwater, Michigan, Branch County. Dode attended school at the Houlton School house in Franklin Township, DeKalb County. Dode's father had a circus and he toured with it several years playing the trumpet and performing an acrobat number with his brother, Jink. The circus ended in 1893. After that he devoted his time to farming. Dode was Franklin Township assessor many years and trustee several terms. He lead bands, played for dances, etc. all his life. Maude was a cook for the circus and a homemaker.

Mr. Houlton had one brother, Jink Houlton.

Maude Houlton had two brothers Lon and Earl Howard, and two sisters Lena Jackson and Gertrude Edson.

Dode and Maude lived in an octagon house in Franklin Township most of their life.

Dode, Audra and Marion will be remembered for trumpet, banjo and piano playing for special programs and dances in this area.

Mr. Houlton died 19 November 1961 and Mrs. Houlton died 28 March 1967.

MARION HAROLD HOULTON, born 17 May 1899, Butler, Indiana; the son of Rinaldo Dode and Maude (Howard) Houlton. His paternal grandparents were Matthew K. and Mariette (Case) Houlton. His maternal grandparents were Marion and Anna (Petch) Howard.

Hazel Bonita Alwood was born 15 October 1899 the daughter of Charles H. and Clara (Deems) Alwood. Her paternal grandparents were John and Rhoda (Millard) Alwood. Her maternal grandparents were George and Louisa (Rude) Deems. She had one sister Alverda.

Marion and Hazel were married 24 February 1940. He attended country school at Houlton schoolhouse in Franklin Township. Marion was a watchmaker and had his business at home. Also a musician and played banjo and guitar for square dances and different functions. Hazel worked at Marshall Clothing Mfg. Co. many years and also at the Butler Theater when Wayne and Harriet Goodwin owned it. Mr. Houlton had one sister Audra (Houlton) Platt. Mr. & Mrs. Houlton lived on the Houlton farm their entire married life. Marion Houlton died 10 February 1979, and Hazel Houlton died 26 February 1956.

JOHN PLATT, born 16 December 1886 at rural route 2, Butler, Indiana, the son of Robert Cullen and Mary Ellen (Myers) Platt. His paternal grandparents were Robert and Catherine (Everetts) Platt. His maternal grandparents were James and Sarah Myers.

Audra Edith Houlton, born 7 August 1892, rural route 2 Butler, Indiana. John attended the Jerusalem school and Audra went to the Houlton school. They were farmers all their life. John was trustee for several terms of Franklin Township. Mrs. Platt played piano for different functions and square dances with her father, Dode, and brother, Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt were active serving the Jerusalem U.B. Church and Farm Bureau.

Mr. Platt had one sister, Nellie Potter, and one brother, Harold Houlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt were the parents of one daughter, Donna June (Platt) Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Platt lived on a farm on State Road One north of Butler, Indiana. Mr. Platt died 15 February 1957 and Mrs. Platt died 21 December 1979.

Seth Wood Family

SETH WOOD, born 22 October 1859 in DeKalb County, the son of John and Irene Wood.

Rebecca (Payne) Wood, born 6 April 1860 in Jeddo, New York, the daughter of Thomas and Ann (Chambers) Payne, immigrants from England in 1852. Rebecca came to Indiana to visit her sister and brother-in-law and became aquainted with Seth.

Seth and Rebecca were married 5 August 1895 in New York State. They set up housekeeping in

Franklin Township on the DeKalb-Steuben County Line Road, 2 1/2 miles west of Hamilton. Seth was a farmer all his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were the parents of two sons. Wayne Madison Wood, born 30 June 1896 and Seth Thomas Wood, born 27 April 1899. Both sons were born in the Wood homestead in Franklin Township.

Seth and Rebecca lived out their lives on the County Line Road. Rebecca died, 26 December 1929. Seth died in April 1941.

WAYNE MADISON WOOD, born 30 June 1896, in the Wood homestead, west of Hamilton on the DeKalb-Steuben County Line Road. He was the son of Seth and Rebecca (Payne) Wood.

Eula Mae Beard, born in Franklin Township, 12 March 1894, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Viola (Nichols) Beard.

Wayne and Eula were married 16 April 1931. Wayne atended school at Dutch Gap. He was a farmer all his life. Eula graduated from Hamilton School in 1912. She entered nurses training at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, but due to ill health, was unable to finish and receive her degree. She did, however, serve as a practical nurse and was employed by many families in their homes. She retired from nursing duties at age 76. She was a great-granddaughter of John Houlton, Sr., DeKalb County's first white settler.

Both Wayne and Eula were baptized Christians in the Hamilton Church of Christ. He served that congregation as a deacon, and she taught a Sunday School Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Rebecca) Carey of rural Hicksville, Ohio.

Wayne and Eula both resided at Meadowhaven Nursing Center in Butler at the time of their death. Wayne died 5 April 1975 and Eula died 8 June 1984.

THOMAS SETH WOOD, born 27 April 1899, in Franklin Township. He was the son of Seth Thomas and Rebecca (Payne) Wood.

Eva Blanche Richey, born 21 April 1910, in Franklin Township. She was the daughter of Ozra and Effie Richey.

Thomas and Eva were married 9 November 1938, at Angola Church of Christ, Angola, Indiana. Thomas attended school at Dutch Gap in Franklin Township. Eva attended school at Dutch Gap and graduated from Hamilton School in Hamilton, Indiana.

Thomas was a farmer all his life. Eva was a professional cook at a local restaurant. They lived on County Road 51 in Franklin Township.

Thomas Wood Family

Thomas and Eva were members of the Hamilton Church of Christ, Hamilton, Indiana. Thomas was an active fifty year member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Hamilton, Indiana. Eva was a member of the Franklin home Demonstration Club and an actice member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Thomas had one brother, Wayne Madison Wood. Eva had two brothers, Harold and Claude, and one sister, Grace.

Thomas and Eva Wood were the parents of four children. Thomas Seth Wood, Jr., born in DeKalb County on 28 August 1939 and died 19 October 1939. Mary Louise Wood, born 14 June 1942, in Franklin Township where she now lives. She works as a machine operator in Hamilton, Indiana. James Madison Wood, born 6 December 1944, in Auburn, Indiana. He lives near Peru, Indiana and is the Planetarium Director and science teacher at a public school in Miami County. Norma Jean Wood was born 3 August 1947, in Auburn, Indiana. She lives in Franklin Township and works as a quality control specialist in Hamilton, Indiana.

Thomas and Eva lived in Franklin Township all their lives. They were livestock and grain farmers.

Eva died, 9 September 1968. Thomas died, 27 July 1977.

HUBERT R. KINSEY, the son of Carl and Della Reese Kinsey, born in 1905 on a farm near South Whitley, Indiana. This land was purchased from the government in 1837 by David Kinsey. It has been owned by the Kinsey family continuously from that time until the present. Hubert received his elementary education in the Kinsey School, which occupied the southwest corner of the farm. After graduation from South Whitley High School, he learned and worked at the printing trade.

In 1934, he married Florence Harley, who was born in 1908 to Olin and Anna (Ulrey) Harley in

South Whitley. Following graduation from South Whitley High School, Florence attende Manchester College and taught in the local elementary schools.

In 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey moved to Auburn where he was employed by the Messenger Corporation.

They are the parents of three children: Daniel, born in 1938, married Janet Myers of Bluffton. Their children are Sherry, Laura, Brian, Douglas and Erin. They reside at Berne, Indiana: Sarah, born in 1940 and married Thomas Moore of New Castle, Indiana. Their children are; Stephen, Scott and Brenda. They reside in Dearborn, Michigan; and Alice, born in 1943, she married Don Richards of South Whitley. Their sons are: Eric and Bradely. They reside in Kendallville, Indiana.

Mrs. Kinsey continued teaching in Avilla and the Auburn Junior High School. She graduated from St. Francis College with a bachelors and a masters degree in education.

In 1971, Mr. Kinsey retired after completing thirty-five years of employment with the Messenger Corporation.

Mrs. Kinsey retired in 1974, having taught a total of twenty-eight years, the last fifteen years in Auburn. She is a member of the Methodist Church, Retired Teachers' Organizations, Business and Professinal Women's Club, The Culture Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey reside in Auburn, where they have lived since 1955.

DWIGHT M. ZERKLE, born 9 January 1938 in Waterloo to Ora Edward and Goldie Violet (Zell) Zerkle. His paternal grandparents are Charles and Elizabeth (Grogg) Zerkle and his maternal grandparents were Allen and Jenny (Frame) Zell. He has one brother, Delbert Allen, and a sister Karen (Zerkle) Loomis.

Dwight attended Waterloo High School and was in the 81st Armored Division from 1961 to 1963. After his discharge he worked at various industries including T and H of Waterloo, Kitchen Quip of Waterloo, and has been machinist at the Rieke Corporation for the last 22 years.

In June 1972, Dwight married Lina Mae Hamman. Lina was born 8 April 1941 to Howard and Dorothy (Knight) Hamman on the family farm north of Waterloo. Her grandparents were Herman and Amanda Hamman and John and Lina Knight. Their son Eric Allen was born in 1974.

Lina graduated from Ashley High School in 1959, Ball State University in 1963, and Indiana University in 1970. She has taught art in several public schools, made and sold various crafts in area shows, and at present is working on a public librarian certificate at Indiana-Purdue, and is working part time at the Eckhart Library, Auburn.

Dwight is interested in steam driven machinery and locomotives, and is active in the Little River Railroad excursion rides at Pleasant Lake.

Lina is involved in pottery, weaving, and quiltmaking. She is a member of the Indiana Artist-Craftsmen organization and the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild of DeKalb County. The family belongs to the Auburn Church of Christ.

HOWARD LEVI HAMMAN, born 16 October 1904, to Herman Martin and Amanda May (Myers) Hamman on the family farm in Smithfield Township north of Waterloo. Howard's paternal grandparents were Daniel F. and Harriet F. (Martin) Hamman and his maternal grandparents were Levi and Malinda (Wolf) Myers. He had an older brother, Russell, now living in Marion, and one sister, who died in infancy.

Howard graduated from Waterloo High School in 1923, and became a licensed electrician after graduating from the Dodge Institute of Radio and Telegraphy in Valparaiso, Indiana. He lived on the family farm, opened a radio and appliance repair shop, wired homes and out buildings, and with help of his father continued running the family sawmill. The mill burned in 1950.

In 1933, Howard married Dorothy Ann Knight at her parents farm north of St. Joe in Wilmington Township. Dorothy, born 20 June 1912, to John Brookens and Lina S. (Sheffer) Knight. Her paternal grandparents were William and Mary Ann (Miller) Knight, and her maternal grandparents were Dr. Barton S. and Eva (Hadsell) Sheffer. Dorothy had one sister Leora Evelyn. Dorothy graduated from the St. Joe High School.

After their honeymoon to the Chicago World's Fair they returned to the Hamman farm to live. Here their three children were born: Brian Herman, 1935; Brooks Howard, 1938; and Lina Mae, 1941.

In 1955, Howard went to McCray Refrigerator Company in Kendallville to work as a maintainence and electrical repairman. He retired in 1969. Dorothy worked for the Kitchen Quip Company in Waterloo from 1950 to 1975.

In 1970, they sold the farm and moved to their home in Waterloo. Howard was a Fifty-year member in both the Waterloo Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. He was also a member of the Waterloo Lions, Auburn Moose, and the Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne. He loved to travel and read about various countries.

Dorothy has been active in the Eastern Star, War Mother's, White Shrine, and taught Sunday School for many years in the former Waterloo Church of Christ.

Howard passed away in April 1986 and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

LEORA EVELYN (KNIGHT) HAMMAN, born 9 September 1907, near St. Joe in Concord Township to John Brookens and Lina S. (Sheffer) Knight. Her paternal grandparents were William and Mary Ann (Miller) Knight and her maternal grandparents were Dr. Barton S. and Eva (Hadsell) Sheffer. Evelyn had one sister, Dorothy.

Evelyn graduated from St. Joe High School and the South Bend Business College. She worked at various times for the South Shore Railroad, Auburn Automobile Company, Universal Tool, and the Higley Press. She also was an Avon Representative, a Truseau linen Representative, and a correspondant for the Prairie Farmer. She was for many years a Democratic Precinct Committeewoman.

On 1 January 1936, Evelyn maried Weldon John Shafer of Hicksville, Ohio. Weldon's parents were Charles D. and Grace May (Scott) Shafer. Two children were born: Leoralina, 1942; and Sheldon Scott, 1944. They lived on the John Knight farm and Weldon worked for the Tolkein until his death in 1966. Evelyn later married Harold Hamman of Auburn in 1969.

Evelyn was active in the St. Joe Ladies Literary Club, the Auburn Culture Club, Mt. Pleasant Ladies Club, the Heimach Center, WCTU, and the St. Joe and Butler Churches of Christ.

She was very interested in many missionaries and supported them through the years. In later years she became interested in her genealogy, tracing her family history for many generations. She also enjoyed traveling to such places as Germany and Isreal.

She was an organized saver, kept a personal diary, trip records, and saved old love letters from Weldon, and letters of her parents. She was an avid reader of the Bible and poetry.

Evelyn passed away on 3 January 1986 and is buried with her parents and first husband at Alton Cemetery near St. Joe.

Harold Hamman passed away a short time later and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

G. RAYMOND JEWEL, was born in Union Township, Van Wert County, Ohio, 7 December 1909, son of John and Sarah (Bice) Jewel in the rural Ohio communities of Scott and Convoy. Preparation for the ministry included studies at Fort Wayne Bible College in New Baltimore, Michigan. While holding pastorates in Michigan and Indiana, Reverend Jewel continued theological studies at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana and Indiana University Regional Campus at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Reverend G.R. Jewel, wife, Evelyn, and sons, Donald Ray and David Bently located in rural DeKalb County in July 1963. Daughter, Donna Marie, relocated to the family residence in 1969 with grandson, Douglas Lee, after teaching elementary school in the Detroit, Michigan area for seven years.

An avid pony and carriage hobbyist, Reverend Jewel is remembered by many driving the DeKalb County Fair Queen and participating in numerous other rural community parades in Indiana and Ohio. Reverend Jewel provided free pony and bobsled rides at Auburn's 1984 Winterfest. He was Chaplain of the Antique Tractor and Engine Association of DeKalb County. Reverend Jewel is remembered by some as the friendly guy who waved at me as I drove by his farm. He ministered in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Church of the Nazarene a combined total of forty-eight years, prior to his Heavenly home-going, 10 May 1984.

Evelyn M. (Steiger) Jewel pursued theological studies at Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana and graduated from Anchor Bay Bible College, New Baltimore, Michigan. The early years of Raymond and Evelyn's marriage and their subsequent ordination in the Church of the United in Christ included pastorates for each of them in the Detroit Conference. In addition to two years at DeKalb Hospital, Evelyn retired from Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1980 after twenty-four years in the performance of various administrative duties.

They are the parents of three children: Donna, Donald and David.

Donna Marie (Jewel) Clark, teaches elementary school in St. Joe, Indiana. She is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois receiving her Master of Science Degree at St Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana with additional studies at Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Donald Ray, a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School is a toolmaker/machinist and collaborated with the development of various optical measuring instruments at a San Leandro, California firm. As a Personal Specialist in the US Army, Europe, Ray completed requirements for the University of Maryland's one year GED. A year of classes pursuant to Business Administration were later taken at Purdue University Regional Campus at Fort Wayne, Indiana. While in the U.S. Navy, Ray was a Personnel man at the Naval Training Center, Meridian, Massachusetts. Ray is congregational song leader at the Hopewell Church of the United Brethren in Christ and a singer/board member with the DeKalb County Oratorio Chorus.

David Bentley, a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School is Hospital Administrator at the VA Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a graduate of Indiana University at Fort Wayne, Indiana receiving his Master's is Hospital Administration at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. He resides in North Royalton, Ohio with wife, Rebecca Oswald, daughter Eleanore Blythe and son Jonathan David.

Grandson, Douglas Lee, is a 1979 graduate of DeKalb High School with a degree in Auto Mechanics from Lincoln Tech, Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a Parts Department Specialist at a Fort Wayne, Indiana automobile dealership.

HELEN G. WAGNER, born 19 February 1909, and her brother Paul, born 17 October 1904, in Franklin Township, near Butler, Indiana. Their parents were Lewis and Edith (Sommers) Wagner. Paternal grandparents were John and Catherine Wagner of near Butler, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Levi and Elzina Sommers of Nebraska.

Helen had lived much of her life on the homestead purchased by her great grandfather, Jacob Wagner, in 1865 and her grandfather, John Wagner, in 1870. Her grandfather owned the farm until his death in 1922; after which her father purchased the farm.

After graduating from Butler High School, Paul was a farmer. He married Ina Olive Gurtner. They resided at their rural Butler farm until his death in May 1962.

After Helen graduated from Butler High School, she attended Ball State Teacher's College and taught school several years. She later graduated from the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, after which she served thirteen years as a missionary in the hills of Kentucky. Returning home again to care for her parents, she was active in the Jerusalem United Methodist Church, near Butler.

ISAAC GRAMLING, born in 1805, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, from there he moved to Stark County, Ohio. From Ohio he moved with his family to DeKalb County, Indiana, on 80 acres of unimproved land in 1849. Built a log house and barn which are still standing.

Isaac Gramling had 11 children, six of them lived and came with their parents to DeKalb County. The six living children who came with them are as follows: Richard; Peter; John; William; Frank; and Amanda.

Richard was the oldest of the family and he married Margaret Mortoff, they had one son, William Albert.

William Albert bought section 10 in DeKalb County, that place is now owned by Donald Van Wye. William Albert married Mary Mae Chapman, they had six children. Rollin S. was the oldest. William Albert had moved back to the home place. Rollin married and stayed on with his mother and farmed the home place and raised a family of three children. Rollin died 13 August 1964. The children are as follows: Evelyn (Gramling) Ellasser, of Kendallville; Pat (Gramling) Stackhouse of Corunna; and Ross Gramling of Ashley, who lives a half mile west of the old Gramling farm.

GERALD ARNOLD RUSSELL, was born 24 August 1897, in Wells County, Indiana. Son of Charles and Martha (Arnold) Russell of Liberty Center, Indiana.

Agnes Mary Reiff was born 12 August 1898 in Wells County, Indiana. The only daughter of Lewis Cass and Janet (Grogg) Reiff of Wells County, Indiana.

Gerald and Agnes were married 7 September 1918 and are the parents of a son, Roger William, born 26 October 1919 and a daughter Ruthann, born 27 January 1924. Bradely Russell Buttermore, born 17 January 1951 and Gregg Jon Buttermore, born 9 February 1954, and a great grandson, Adam Bradely Buttermore, born 18 June 1977.

While attending high school at Liberty Center, Gerald worked in a grocery store in the winter and drove a huckster wagon in the summer, taking goods directly to the farms in the county.

The family came to Auburn in 1932 having purchased the Diana Sweet Shop from Alec Kalafat. He made his own candy-hand-dipped chocolates, candy apples and butterscotch until the rationing of sugar during W W II, at that time, ice cream was hand packed and the customer bought only what could be used immediately as there were no freezers. Fountain service was important as it was a social event to go out for the evening for a sundae, soda or a fountain coke. Russell's confectionary was located at 227 South Main Street. Later Gerald operated a restaurant in Auburn, at the corner of west Eighth and South Jackson Street. Then retired from employment with Schaabs Department Store.

Gerald was active in the community Lions Club from 1937 until 1951. He was a 32nd degree mason, an active Democrat serving on the DeKalb County Alcoholic Beverage Commission during the 1960's. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and active in the Mens Fellowship. He died 3 October 1969.

Agnes has been active in the Presbyterian Church. She gave many years as a leader of a Girl Scout Troop. She is an active member of the Auburn Culture Club and the Garden Club.

The family home is on Midway Drive, where Agnes still resides.

Lowell C. Gaskill Family

LOWELL CALVIN GASKILL, born 20 January 1927 at Markle, Indiana, the son of Ira C. and Nellie E. (Marquardt) Gaskill. His paternal grandparents were Charles W. and Nancy (Harris) Gaskill. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Emma (Barfell) Marquardt.

Lowell and Margaret were married 8 June 1957 at Meese Chapel United Methodist Church. Margaret Dolores Bartles, born 21 September 1929 near Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Paul E. and Lotus V. (Berry) Bartles. Her paternal grandparents were Charles W. and Sarah J. (Lochner) Bartles of rural Auburn. Her maternal grandparents were Clarence O. and Pluma (Stafford) Berry near Auburn.

Mr. Gaskill graduated from Huntertown High School in 1945. One month after graduation, he was drafted in the army where he served two years in the Military Police in the States and in Germany. Mr. Gaskill was employed at Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne, Indiana for 34 years, he retired in 1982 and now works part-time for Employer's Security, Elkhart, Indiana.

Mrs. Gaskill graduated from St. Joe High School in 1947 and worked seven years in the offices of Messenger Corporation, Auburn, Indiana.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill are active members of the Meese Chapel Church. Mr. Gaskill has two living sisters, one sister and a step-brother deceased.

Mrs. Gaskill had one sister, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill are the parents of two children, a daughter Susan (Gaskill) Link, Garrett, Indiana. She is a laboratory Technician at Reeve Brothers, Auburn, Indiana. A son, Thomas W. Gaskill, is employed at Noble Romans, Auburn, Indiana. The Gaskills live south of Auburn, Indiana on two and one half acres, they enjoy gardening, camping and craft hobbies pertaining to country living.

James M. Ely Family

JAMES MINOR ELY, born 16 January 1944, at Sturgis, Michigan, the son of Carl Edward and Laura Doloris (Eisenhour) Ely. His paternal grandparents were Norven Foster and Maude Irene (Gable) Ely. His maternal grandparents were Arthur Franklin and Anna (Finch) Eisenhour. James attended Ashley grade and high schools and served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964. He was stationed in Ulm, Germany from 1962 to 1964.

Cheryl Ann Yingling, born 22 November 1946, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett, the daughter of Roy Augusta and Mary Lucille (Blomeke) Yingling. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel Roy and Jessie Leola (West) Yingling. Her maternal grandparents were John Cornelius and Flora Louise (Karst) Blomeke. Cheryl attended St. Joseph's Catholic grade school and in 1964 she graduated from Garrett High School. She graduated from Ravenscroft Beauty College in 1965.

James and Cheryl were married 22 October 1966 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Garrett. They resided in West Edge Trailer Park, Auburn until October 1970 when they moved to their present residence at 712 E. Keyser Street, Garrett.

James worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for eighteen years, but was laid off when the plant closed in mid 1983. Since that time Mr. Ely has been self-employed as a truck driver who transports livestock.

Cheryl worked at Magic Mirror Beauty Shop in Fort Wayne from 1965 to 1982. She then spent three years as a homemaker before becoming employed at Magnavox Electronics Company, Garrett in 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely have been active in the community for many years. Mr. Ely has been a volunteer fireman in Garrett for thirteen years, treasurer for nine years, for the Garrett Fire Department. Mrs. Ely has been doing volunteer work at St. Joseph's Church and school for many years, serving as librarian as a member of various committees for both the church and school boards.

Mr. Ely has one older brother, David, of Corunna. Mrs. Ely has one older sister, Mary Louise (Yingling) Mitchner, who now resides in Auburn, and one younger brother, Richard Alan Yingling, who presently resides in Alexandria, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely are the parents of three children. James Carl Ely, born 26 July 1967, is currently attending the University of Notre Dame and is unmarried. Todd Alan Ely, born 17 February 1970, is attending Garrett High School. Amy Marie Ely, born 9 July 1973, is attending St. Joseph's grade school.

PHYLLIS ETHEL (MOORE) WALKER, is the daughter of Aaron James and Estella Mable (Quaintance) Moore. Her paternal grandparents are John R. and Cora (Shanklin) Moore. She is the great granddaughter of Aaron D., founder of Mooresville, and Rebecca (Caldwell) Moore. Her maternal grandparents were Ben T. and Electra (Wing) Quaintance of Waterloo. Phyllis has a sister, Aileen Mae, who married Lawrence Carr, of Butler in 1936.

Phyllis married George B. Walker, in 1937. George B. Walker, is the son of John A. and Alice (Smethers) Walker. George did not know his grandparents. George worked at the Dudlo Plant in Fort Wayne, in his earlier years, earning forty cents an hour. He worked at Studebaker Plant during WW II, then at International Harvester Company, until he retired in 1973. They are the parents of six children; Jerry, who is an executive with Navistar, Darlene (Walker) Strock, who attended St. Francis College and graduated from Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, Richard and David who were in the service during the Vietnam Conflict. Dianne (Walker) Hilger, a graduate from Indiana University, and Tom who with his wife, Sandy (Smith) Walker, manage Smitty's place in Hamilton, Indiana.

Phyllis grew up in Wilmington Township, at Moore. She graduated from Butler High School in 1935. Phyllis was a home maker until the children left home. Then she took her skills to cook in restaurants, including Win Shulers at the Marriott, and the Gateway Smorgusborg, in Fort Wayne, until it closed.

The Walkers have lived in Arcola for fifty years. Both are active in their community. George has been a volunteer Fireman for thirty years. Phyllis was a member fo the Auxillary. They are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Phyllis was an active member of the Rosary Society and was president of the Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

WILLIAM CREAGER, born 13 January 1866 and died in 1957. He married Elnora Marks, she was born 4 March 1871 and died in 1956. Born to William and Elnora were four children: Vergil, Ray, Ortan, Ferman, and a daughter, Geneivive. Vergil and the daughter are buried in the Butler Cemetery.

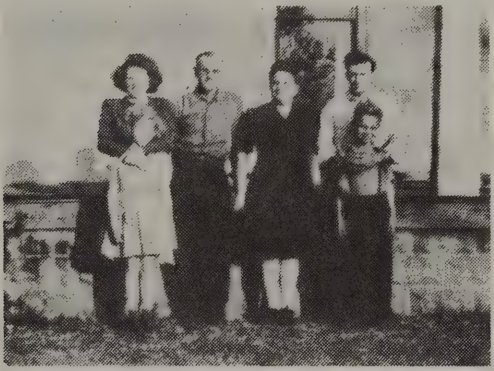
Ray O. Creager, born 9 April 1892, died 1 July 1955. Ray married Mary Leonarda Cherry, born 26 September 1897, died 29 July 1979. Mary Leonarda Cherry was born west of Butler. Born to Ray and Mary were nine children: Kenneth, resides in Waterloo; Harrold, resides in Butler; Helen (Creager) Catell, resides in Monrovia, California; Ilene (Creager) Grover, resides in Monrovia, California; Lois (Creager) Charleswood, resides in Waterloo; Duane C., resides in Waterloo; Ruth (Creager) Banaszak, resides in South Bend; Alan, resides in Fort Wayne; LaVern, deceased, two years old.

Ray and Mary lived in DeKalb County on a farm they had bought in the early part of the 1900's. All children of Ray and Mary were born on this farm, except the youngest, Alan. The children had to walk a mile to school.

As the depression came to DeKalb County, it hit the Creager family hard. Ray Creager could not make his farm payments and they lost it. They had to move many places after the loss of their farm. The farm is still there in very good condition and looks like it did when the family lost it. It is still known as the Creager farm.

DUANE CLIFFORD CREAGER, born 1 June 1928, in DeKalb County, married Josephine Elizabeth Frain, born in DeKalb County, 17 March 1929, died 4 December 1965. They were married 22 January 1949, Coberton, Kentucky. Children born to Duane and Jo are: Kathy Sue (Creager) Stark, born 3 November 1951; Ronald Duane, born 20 January 1953; Randy Alan, born 20 September 1955, died 4 December 1965; Ricky Lee, born 5 March 1957. All residing in or near Waterloo, Indiana.

Duane Creager went to school at Heart Scrable, his first and second grades. In 1985, the school was still there, and in very good shape. There were still desks in the school that were used by the students.



Anna Surfus Family

ANNA (MAURER) SURFUS, born in Garrett, Indiana 19 May 1901, daughter of Gottlieb and Marie Elizabeth (Schmidt) Maurer. Gottlieb had emigrated from Zurich, Switzerland, in 1880, at the age of 21. Marie was born in Germany 1 April 1858. She came to America from Hilgerhaisen.

Anna's maternal grandparents were Paul and Gertrude Schmidt. Paternal grandparents were Henry and Anna Maurer.

Anna has lived in Garrett, Butler, and Richland Townships. She had one sister, Gertrude Adeline (Maurer) married Wilber Swander. They are the parents of eight children. Anna also had two brothers, Herbert Henry, an engineer on the B & O Railroad, and Oliver Paul, who married Ilene Johnson. They were the parents of eight children.

In 1919, Anna graduated from the Garrett School system, having attended there since first grade. After this she taught during the winter and attended Tri-State Normal School, in the summers. She graduated from Tri-State Normal School, in 1923. Later she obtained her B.S. degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Anna taught at rural schools in Keyser, Butler and Richland Townships, Elkhart, Indiana and Garrett In City Schools.

Anna is a member of the Maple Grove Delphian Society, Richland Township. Home Economic Club and the DeKalb County Retired Teachers. She loves poetry and has many committed to memory.

Anna and John B. Surfus were married 6 October 1923, in Hillsdale, Michigan. John, son of George and Ageline (Harsel) Surfus, of Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana. They are buried at the Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Anna had four children and a step-son. The children are Marie Angeline (Surfus) Wappes, born 14 April 1926. She is married to Ralph Wappes. They have four children: Timothy, married to Christine Charles and they are the parents of Andrew and Peter C. Julia Ann lives in Fort Myers, Florida and teaches at Sanibel Island School. Joan Dorothy and John Donald are twins. Joan married Lloyd Hicks and they are the parents of Mathew and Johnathan David. John David teaches at Saginaw, Michigan and has one daughter, Sheryl Ann, a nurse at McCray Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana. Franklin A. died at age of 2.

George Robert Surfus, Anna's step-son, was born to John and Hazel (Heitz). His mother died when he was two years old.

George Ridgway Family

GEORGE RIDGWAY, born in New Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 5 March 1852. It is possible his father died when George was very young and his mother re-married. We don't know what brought George or his future wife to Indiana, but they met and on 19 April 1878 they were married in Bremen, Indiana. She was Dinah Belle Frisinger, daughter of William and Narcissus Frisinger, and had been born in Mercer County, Ohio.

George worked for the B & O Railroad from 1879 to 1899, seventeen years as a Section Foreman. On 24 November 1899 at Auburn Junction in DeKalb County while working to put a de-railed train back on the tracks, a cable snapped and George was hit in the chest with a pully. It crushed his chest. He was not able to work after that, nor was he able to lie down. He slept in a sitting position from then until he died on 12 July 1901. He was 49 years, 4 months, and 7 days old.

He died leaving his widow with several small children. She received a pension of $500 dollars from the railroad. With this she rented a hotel. She may have run a hotel in Walkerton, Indiana and she ran a hotel in St. Joe, Indiana. She paid between five and ten dollars to her landlord, and let out rooms per day. Most of the customers were transients. She also took in washing and ironing and in this way was able to raise her family.

Their children were Eva, LaDeama, Nellie, George, William. Floyd, Derwood and Olive. Besides these children were four others born who did not live past infancy. We are not sure of their names, cause of death, or where they are buried.

Of the surving children, LaDeama married Grover Curie; Nellie married Abraham Mason; Floys married Mary Armstrong; and Derwood married Callie Ridgway and these couples stayed in DeKalb County to raise their families. There are many descendants of this couple still here in DeKalb County who recount with pride how Belle was able to raise her youngsters alone after the unfortunate death of her husband.

Derwood and Callie Ridgway

DERWOOD RIDGWAY, born 27 March 1894, probably in Auburn Junction, DeKalb County, Indiana, to George and Dinah Belle (Frisinger) Ridgway. His siblings were Eva, LaDeama, Nellie, George, Floyd and Olive. His mother ran the hotel in St. Joe following the early death of his father.

Callie Manilla was born 24 July 1894 in St. Joe to John and Effie (David) Wineland. She had a brother, Walter Glen, and a sister, Emma Jane, who still live in St. Joe and a sister, Hallie Blanche, who preceeded her in death.

Both Derwood and Callie received their schooling in St. Joe. They married in 1911. Around this time, Derwood worked for the B & O Railroad gang that painted crossing signs. Later he started working for Mr. Randall, in the well drilling business. He also studied plumbing books evenings and educated himself to be a plumber. Around 1925, Derwood left Mr. Randall and became self-employed as a plumber and well-driller, a career he pursued the rest of his life.

After their marriage, Derwood left the Church of Christ in St. Joe and joined the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe, his wife's church. Their children: Janice Faye, born 11 November 1911; Phyllis June, born 25 June 1914; John Kenneth, born 4 November 1916; and Jean Elizabeth, born 17 September 1919, were raised in this church and Derwood served on the church council here for many years.

Derwood belonged to many organizations during his lifetime. Among the first was St. Joe's Dramatic Club which gave many plays in St. Joe. He belonged to the Masonic Lodge for at least twenty-five years. He was a charter member of the St. Joe Lion's Club and he retired from the St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department. Callie belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star for at least twenty-five years.

Derwood died at Souder Hospital, DeKalb County on 3 December 1966. Callie passed away at her daughter, June's, home in DeKalb County on 4 August 1976. They are buried at Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Indiana, DeKalb County.

Rex Snyder Family

REX SNYDER, born 30 January 1949 in Auburn, Indiana, Souder's Hospital, the forth of five sons, Richard, Larry, Jimmy and Van, born to Henry L. and Wilma (Gafkin) Snyder. Rex is a life-long resident of DeKalb County. He grew up on his Dad's farm and in his teens went to work in a factory. He graduated from DeKalb County Eastern Community School District in 1968. Among the first twenty-four factory workers hired by Vulcraft Division of Nucor Corporation, St. Joe, Indiana, he went for training in South Carolina. Then returned to help finish building the first plant building and is now completing his fourteenth year.

Mary Lu Collins became his bride 8 June 1968. Although born in Hicksville, Ohio 20 September 1949, she is also a life-long resident of DeKalb County. She is the second of two children, Cheryll Ann, born to Dale D. and Ruth E. (Keesler) Collins of St. Joe, indiana. Mary Lu also graduated from Eastside High School in 1967.

Rex and Mary Lu have two children, Troy Allan, born in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, 8 September 1969 and Nikki Jolene, born in Auburn, Indiana 9 September 1972. The family are members of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Indiana. Mary Lu is currently a council member. The Snyders, after a short residence in Auburn and Garrett, reside outside St. Joe of SR 101 where they originally started housekeeping eighteen years ago.

William Hollabaugh Family

WILLIAM LEVI HOLLABAUGH, born 22 September 1842, came to DeKalb County and married Mary L. Case, born in DeKalb County on 16 November 1848 to Caleb Sophia (Camp) Case. They were married 21 April 1870 and raised eight children. They were: Hattie, born 8 July 1872; Bertha, born 21 March 1874; Ernest, born 21 September 1875; Clarence, born 18 January 1881 and killed by a train in St. Joe on 7 June 1887; Eva, born 13 November 1878; Esther, born 8 April 1886; Sylvia, born 11 October 1888; and Stanley, born 22 July 1890. Of these Hattie married William Fairfield, Eva married Edward Pflaumer, Esther never married, Sylvia married Otto Ginther, and Stanley married Iva Zehner and all the above stayed in DeKalb County to raise their families. Mary L. died 6 September 1914 and William Levi died 2 March 1939. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

William David, born 21 July 1847, came to DeKalb County and married Margaret Jane Furnish, born 21 January 1847 in Ashland County, Ohio to David and Caroline (Davis) Furnish. Margaret's family had moved to DeKalb County in 1844 coming from Reddingfield, West Suffolk, England to Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, to Ashland County, Ohio before settling here. They married 10 April 1873, in Spencerville and moved immediately to Nebraska City, Nebraska where both are buried after raising six children of their seven to adulthood.

George W., born 19 January 1845, married Elizabeth Springer, born in Germany 15 May 1851, to Peter Springer. Peter, his wife, and Elizabeth came to America when she was six weeks old. George and Elizabeth married in Adams County, Pennsylvania and had their first born, a son, before moving to DeKalb County. They settled in Spencerville in a log cabin and later built a home on Front Street where they raised their family. The children were William H., born 23 December 1870, John Franklin, born 31 January 1873, Martha May, born 22 July 1876 and died in infancy, Minnie Dell, born 5 October 1877 and Jacob Skudder, born 4 January 1883. Of these, John Franklin married Nora Carbaugh, Minnie Dell married Levi Hollopeter, and Jacob Skudder married Mary Ellen Goldsmith and raised their families in the DeKalb County area. Elizabeth died 13 January 1920. George W. died 21 June 1924. Both are buried in White City Cemetery in Spencerville.

Several children, many grandchildren and many, many great grandchildren of William Levi and George W. Hollabaugh still live in DeKalb County.

Ted Hollabaugh Family

TED ALAN HOLLABAUGH, son of Maurice and Janice (Ridgway) Hollabaugh, born in Souders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, on 10 June 1936. His siblings are Jack, Margery Ann, John Thomas, and J. Parks. He graduated in 1954, a member of the only graduating class of Concord-Spencer High School. This was the year St. Joe and Spencerville combined schools. The next year. with the addition of Newville Township, the school name was changed to Riverdale. On 3

September 1956, Ted was voluntarily drafted into the Army. He served in the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

On 23 May 1959, he took Nina as his bride at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by Reverend I.O. Miller, now deceased. Nina is the daughter of Carl T. and Berniece H. (Lewis) Hoover. Born 6 August 1939 at Methodist Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, she has an older brother Larry, a younger sister, Berniece, Sue, and two younger brothers, Carl, who died in a one car accident in DeKalb County on 6 August 1966, and Dan who lives in Arizona. Nina lived in Fort Wayne until the spring of 1954 when her family moved to DeKalb County. She graduated from Riverdale High School in 1957. She went to work at the Auburn Rubber Company after graduation.

On 20 May 1960 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, their first daughter, Kelly Lee, was born. She graduated from Eastside High School in 1978. She now lives and works in Steuben County, Indiana.

Jon Pierce, born 30 January 1963, in the Hicksville, Ohio Hospital. He is a 1982 graduate of Eastside High School where he ran Cross Country, played basketball, and ran in track all four years. His senior year he set the boys school record in the 800 meter run. He is in his final year at Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne College studying to be a Social Studies teacher.

Jane Elizabeth, born 8 October 1964 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She is a 1983 graduate of Eastside High School where she was a four year member of volleyball, basketball, and track. She sat the girls' record in conference in the 800 meter run in 1983, and it still stands. In 1983, she represented Eastside at the state level competitions in track. She is a senior at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, studying to be an art teacher.

Mary Ellen born 19 July 1972 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital is currently a student at Eastside Junior High Shool.

Ted worked at Essex Wire in FortWayne and Universal Tool and Stamping Company, in Butler before becoming a Die Repairman at General Electric in Fort Wayne in 1966. This is where he still works.

Nina started at Ralph Sechler & Son, Incorporated, in St. Joe, Indiana in August 1980 and is still employed there.

JACK NORMAN HOLLABAUGH, born 3 November 1932, Auburn, Indiana, first son of Maurice and Janice (Ridgway) Hollabaugh. His sister and brothers are Margery Ann, Ted, Tom, Jim, and Parks. Jack grew up in Spencer Township, DeKalb County. He graduated from Spencerville High School in 1951 where he played Basketball most of his high school years. After graduation, Jack went to work for the U.S. Rubber Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Connie is the youngest of ten children born to Walter Henry and Hannah Ellen (VanMeter) Stewart. Her siblings are Cora Clark; Mary Rectenwall; Jim; Edith Onstott; Annabelle Miller; Dorothy Markle; Gladys Akey; Walter, deceased; & Audra Michael. She was born in Concord Township, DeKalb County, 12 August 1933. She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1951. Connie worked in Fort Wayne at International Harvester for two years then at Essex Wire for the next ten years. She completed two years at Indiana Extension College in Fort Wayne.

Jack and Connie married 5 February 1954 in the Church of Christ in St. Joe, Indiana. They were the parents of Timothy, born 20 March 1956 and Tom, born 4 March 1957 both in Garrett, Indiana and Beth Ann, born 18 April 1959 in Auburn.

Jack and his family lived in the Spencerville area. He was co-owner of the Spencerville Shell for a while then worked at the Crosby Boat Company and Fabricon, both in Grabill, Indiana. He started his own business, *Hollabaugh Molded Plastics*, in Spencerville, Indiana. The company made fiber-glass products including panels for swimming pools.

Jack's health began to deteriorate and, after a very lenghty illness and stays in several hospitals, Jack died 1 September 1968 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He is buried in White City Cemetery outside Spencerville, Indiana.

After Jack's death, Connie worked at the License Branch in Auburn for four years. For the last fourteen years Connie has worked for Vulcraft in St. Joe, Indiana.

Tim graduated from Eastside High School in 1974 and went to Ball State College in Muncie, Indiana. On 28 June 1980 he married Beth Ann Harbison of Crawfordsville, Indiana. They live and work in Ohio.

Tom graduated from Eastside High School in 1975 and studied one year at Glen Oaks College in Michigan and three years at Tri-State in Angola, Indiana. He currently teaches in the DeKalb Eastern School District. He married, on 22 March 1981, Debbie Kaiser of Butler, Indiana. They have one child, Curtis, born 5 June 1985.

Beth Ann graduated from Eastside High School in 1977 and attended Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana. On 19 August 1978, she marred Jeff Freidenberger of Butler, Indiana. They have two children: Jason, born 27 January 1979; and Amy Jo; born 19 January 1984.

On 24 December 1978, Connie married Garl E. Miles of Leo, Indiana.

John Hollabaugh Family

JOHN THOMAS HOLLABAUGH, son of Maurice Henry and Janice F. (Ridgway) Hollabaugh. His brothers and sister are Jack N., Margery Ann, Ted A., James S., and J. Parks. Tom, born 18 September 1938 at his parent's home, just outside Spencerville. He attended Spencerville High School until it combined with St. Joe in 1954. He graduated from Riverdale High School in 1956. He joined the Navy in September of 1956 and served aboard the U.S.S. Spiegel Grove, LSD 32, for two of his years in service. When he was discharged, he returned home. Over the next four years, he tried his hand at a variety of jobs and finally settled on Tool and Die Making.

In 1963, he met Cheryll Ann Collins, oldest daughter of Dale D. and Ruth E. (Keesler) Collins. Though born in Hicksville, Ohio hospital, she is a life-long resident of DeKalb County. She has one younger sister, Mary Lucinda, now married to Rex Snyder. She graduated from Riverdale High School in 1962 and went to Fort Wayne Commercial College. After graduating college, she began work at General Telephone Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana and also met Tom.

On 22 August 1964, Tom and Cheryll were married by Reverend Ivan O. Miller, deceased, in St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. This was the church Cheryll belonged to as a girl.

During this same period of time, Tom began his schooling in Tool and Die Making through Dana Corporation in Auburn. He is still employed there.

On 28 October 1966, twins were born in DeKalb Memorial Hospital; Jennie Lynn and Julie Ann. They are now graduated from Eastside High School School, DeKalb Eastern School District, and are studying nursing at Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne College.

On 6 September 1969, a son, Joseph M., was born at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He is now attending Eastside High School.

Cheryll is currently a full-time housewife after working eight years for a vending machine service. She is also a member of the St. Peter Lutheran Church council in Spencerville, the family's church since 1964.

Maurice Hollabaugh Family

MAURICE HENRY HOLLABAUGH, son of Jacob Skudder and Mary Ellen (Goldsmith) Hollabaugh. He was born 28 December 1909, two years after his sister, Marjorie, and twelve years before his brother Max George. Maurice worked summers through high school at the local canning factory and lumber yard. After graduating from Spencerville High School, he started working for the Shell Oil Company. His main job was as a distributor mainly of fuel oil. As such, he delivered to many area homes in all kinds of weather for many years. He also drove a large tanker to Munice, Indiana, where he picked up fuel oil.

On 10 October 1931, he married Janice, daughter of Derwood and Callie (Wineland) Ridgway. Her younger siblings are Phyllis June, born 25 June 1914; John Kenneth, born 4 November 1916; and Jean Elizabeth, born 17 September 1919. All were born in DeKalb County and raised in St. Joe, attending school there. After graduation, Janice took a secretarial course at International Business College at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Maurice and Janice settled into a home on County Road 55 and raised a family of six. Their children are: Jack Norman, born 3 November 1932; Margery Ann, born 7 January 1934; Ted Alan, born 10 June 1936; John Thomas, born 18 September 1938; James S., born 17 July 1942; and J. Parks, born 23 August 1943.

Maurice and Janice are members of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spencerville, Indiana. Maurice was an active member of the

Spencerville Fire Department for many years and a long time member of Spencerville's Masonic Lodge. Janice was a member of Spencerville's Order of the Eastern Star.

They are now retired and live in "Indian Hills," their home at the north end of Spencerville. This is the same home Maurice's mother and father retired to in 1943.

GARL EDWIN MILES, born 6 June 1932 in Huntington County near Roanoke, Indiana. His parents were Harmon and Nova (Thompson) Miles. He was their only child. He graduated from Roanoke High School in 1950.

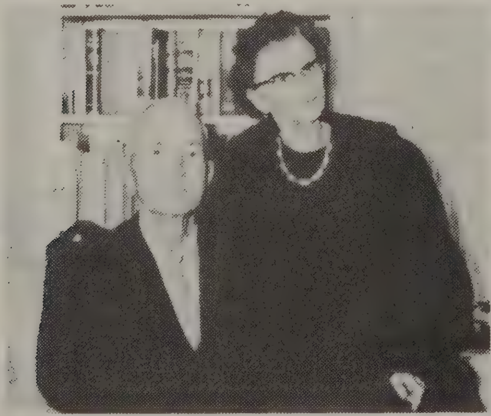
Garl has three children by a previous marriage. They are: Terry, born August 1956; Timothy, born August 1959; and Tami, born 24 December 1964.

Around 1969, Garl, after several years in partnership with another accountant, started his own business called Miles Business Service which does accounting and tax work.

Connie, born 12 August 1933 in Concord Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Walter and Hannah (VanMeter) Stewart. She grew up in St. Joe, graduated from St. Joe High School in 1951, married Jack N. Hollabaugh 5 February 1954, and they had three children. Timothy, born 20 March 1956; Thomas, born 4 March 1957; and Beth Ann, born 18 April 1959. Jack died 1 September 1968.

Connie and Garl were married 24 December 1978 at the Leo Methodist Church in Leo, Indiana. They reside in Spencer Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Connie is a fourteen-year employee of Vulcraft in St. Joe, Indiana. Garl still runs Miles Business Service. He also works for Roberts Express, an express freight service based in Akron, Ohio.

Connie is currently serving as County Auditor, her term began in January of 1987.



Jacob and Mary Hollabaugh

JACOB SKUDDER HOLLABAUGH, son of George W. and Elizabeth (Springer) Hollabaugh, was born 4 January 1883, in DeKalb County. As a child, he lived in Spencerville, on Front Street. Jake graduated from District 10 of the Common Schools in Concord Township which was, on 17 June 1899, in Spencerville. He became a Telegrapher and Station Agent for the Wabash railroad and retired from that position around 1943.

While working for the railroad, Jake met, through his friend Ted Kinsey, Mary Ellen Goldsmith of Allen County, Grabill, Indiana. She was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Witmer) Goldsmith and was born 13 February 1884. She had two younger brothers who died at age four months. Mary Ellen went to High School in Grabill, then became a charter member of the Fort Wayne Bible College which she attended possibly two years. She was also an accomplished organist and played for the Missionary Church in Grabill before before she married.

Jacob and Mary were married 28 April 1906 at her parents home and set up housekeeping in the house Jacob had bought and paid for next door to his parents on Front Street in Spencerville. A daughter was born, Marjorie Ursel on 24 March 1907, and two sons, Maurice Henry on 28 December 1909, and Max George on 8 May 1921. When George was in first grade, the family moved to a farm on County Road 55 just west of Spencerville. When they were ready to retire, Jacob and Mary sold the farm to son Maurice and bought Indian Hills at the north end of Spencerville, so named because of the large number of Indian arrowheads found there. Jake lived here until he died 17 May 1965. Mary continued living here until her failing heart necessitated her going to a retirement home. Her she died 5 August 1983 at the age of 99 years, 5 months, and 22 days. Jacob and Mary Ellen are buried in White City Cemetery outside of Spencerville.

All three children grew up in DeKalb County and graduated from Spencerville High School. Marjorie went to Battle Creek College in Battle Creek, Michigan. After earning her degree, she returned to Spencerville and taught Home Economics for two years before marrying Frank Jones and moving to Battle Creek permanently. Max George left DeKalb County to attend Purdue College where he earned his degree in Engineering. After living on both coasts he now lives in New Jersey. Maurice remained in DeKalb County where he married and raised his family.

HERBERT LEROY JOHNSON, born 30

December 1912, Waterloo, Indiana, son of Nelson Columbus and Blanche Eunice (Getts) Johnson, of Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Eli and Matilda (McClellan) Johnson, of Pine Ridge, North Carolina, maternal grandparents are William and Eunice (Rowe) Setts, of Fairfield, Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Madonna M. Roland, born 8 August 1913, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Norman and Luetta G. (Olinger) Roland, of Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Levi and Eunice (Hathaway) Roland, of Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Ephriam and Kizziah (Mathias) Olinger, of Stark County, Ohio.

Herbert attended Butler High School and Madonna attended Auburn High School. They met at a dance in Auburn, 1931. They were married 8 August 1931. Herbert was employed at the Dickerhoff Ford Motors, in Butler and also with Butler, Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne. Madonna was employed at the 113 Restaurant and DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

To this union were born seven children: Estell L., born 25 March 1932, Auburn; Donald N., born 3 May 1935, Butler; Patricia A., born 5 September 1937, Hicksville, Ohio; Charlotte J., born 18 July 1944, Hicksville, Ohio; Barbara S., born 3 June 1946, Hicksville, Ohio; Margaret L., born 28 May 1959, Hamilton, Indiana.

They were members of the Jerusalem United Methodist Church. Herbert died 12 May 1964. Later Madonna married Daniel Clapham of Auburn. She died 1 April 1981.

DONALD NELSON JOHNSON, born 3 May 1935, in Butler, Indiana. Son of Herbert LeRoy and Madonna M. (Roland) Johnson, Clapham. Herbert was born 30 December 1912 in Waterloo, Indiana and died 12 May 1962, in Hamilton, Indiana. Madonna M. was born 8 August 1913, DeKalb County, died 1 April 1981, Fort Wayne, Indiana. There are seven children born to this union, Estell L., Clifford H., Patricia A., Charlotte J., Barbara S., and Margaret L.

Donald's paternal grandparents were Nelson Columbus and Blanch Eunice (Getts) Johnson. Maternal grandparents were Norman and Lula (Olinger) Roland.

On 26 August 1960, in the United Brethren Church, Waterloo, Indiana. Donald married Sandra Kay (Oberlin), born 19 August 191, Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Robert Oberlin and Betty (Gee) Oberlin, Imbody. Sandra was adopted by her step-father.

Donald and Sandra live in Waterloo, Indiana, where he is a factory worker and a farmer. Sandra is employed with the DeKalb Middle School, as custodian.

Donald was drafted into the Army in 1958 and served until 1960. His basic training was at Fort Leonard Wood, Montant and Fort Hood, Texas, then sent to Geln Hausin, Germany. He remained in the Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1981 as Chief Warrant Officer. He was awarded the Good Conduct and National Defense Service Medals.

Donald and Sandra are the parents of three daughters and one son: Patricia Ann, born 28 August 1961, Auburn, Indiana; she graduated from Tri-State University in 1986 and is hoping to secure a teaching job in the area.

Lynne Michelle, born 23 July 1962, Auburn, Indiana. Married 1 October 1982, Waterloo, Indiana to Carl Weathers, born 6 January 1950, Chickamauga, Georgia, son of William Miles Sr. and Florence Alice (Muszynski) Weathers. They reside in Waterloo, Indiana and have one son, Michael J., born 3 October 1983, Auburn, Indiana.

Laura Lea, born 18 June 1963, Auburn, Indiana. She married Andrew Landers born, 11 August 1961, on 28 June 1985. They are expecting their first child in the spring of 1987.

Donald Nelson Johnson, Jr., born 15 April 1969, Auburn, Indiana. He is a senior at DeKalb High School.

CARL GENE WEATHERS, SR., born 6 January 1950, Chickamauga, Georgia, son of William Miles and Florence Alice Weathers, of Alpen, Michigan. Florence is deceased. Maternal grandparents are Andrew and Stella Muszyski, of Alpen, Michigan.

Lynn Michelle Johnson, born 23 July 1962, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Donald N. and Sandra K. (Imbody) Johnson, of Waterloo. Paternal grandparents are Herbert L. and Madonna M. (Oberlin) Johnson, both deceased, maternal grandparents were Robert C. and Betty J. (Gee) Oberlin, of Butler.

Carl and Lynn met at the DeKalb County Home where both were employed. They were married 1 October 19982, Waterloo, Indiana. Carl is now employed with Imbody Trucking of Butler and Lynn is employed with Universal Tool, Stamping Company.

To this union was born one son, Michael Joseph, born 3 October 1983. There were three children born to Carl from a previous marriage: Carl Jr., born 9 July 1969; Carla, born 25 February 1972; and Chrisey, born 20 July 1977. They live in Florida. Carl and Lynn reside in Waterloo.

ANDREW CHARLES LANDERS, born 11 August 1965, Kendallville, Indiana, son of Donald LeRoy and Charlotte Jane (McDonald) Landers, of Waterloo. Paternal grandparents are William Jesse and Anna Geraldine (Leonard) Landers, deceased; maternal grandparents are Charles Loveridge and Evelyn Louise (Wolfe) McDonald, of Albion, Indiana.

Laura Lea Johnson, born 28 June 1963, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Donald N. and Sandra K. (Imbody) Johnson, of Waterloo. Paternal grandparents are Herbert L. and Madonna M. (Oberlin) Johnson; maternal grandparents are Robert C. and Betty J. (Gee) Oberlin, of Butler, Indiana.

Andrew and Laura were married 28 June 1985, Waterloo United Methodist Church. They both attended DeKalb High School. Andrew has worked at Grates Dairy Farm, Wheel Tek, and is now employed with R.J. Towers. Laura has worked at Murphy Mart and is now employed at Tri-Wall Containers, of Butler.

Andrew and Laura are the parents of a daughter, Danielle Marie, born 13 February 1987. They now reside in Waterloo, Indiana. Their hobbies are collecting horse statues.

Frank and Clara Weller

FRANK E. WELLER, born 5 August 1888, in Butler Township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles J. Weller. He graduated from LaOtto High School. His wife, Clara, the daughter of Henry r and Alice Sloffer of Noble County, was born near Ari, 13 March 1888. She also graduated from LaOtto High School. They were married on 13 August 1909, and resided with his parents a short time. In December of 1909, they moved to an adjoining farm owned by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David House. Here he began farming and working with his grandfather on his fruit farm.

In 1925, the Weller family moved to a farm west of Butler Center. Besides crop farming they raised fruit and vegetables which along with dairy products they sold at the Barr Street Market in Fort Wayne. They attended market twice a week having many regular customers there and also in Garrett and at home. Mrs. Weller made butter, some times as much as 120 pounds a week.

Mr. Weller along with his two sons, became interested in pure bred Jersey dairy farming; starting with a few head, they soon built a large herd. They took pride in showing their cattle at fairs, where they received many premiums and some grand champions.

In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Weller bought an adjoining farm and moved. One son Miles and his wife along with their son, Greg, and his family remain on Green Acres. Floyd had previously moved onto his grandparents Miles J. Weller's farm where he purchased the Weller farm. Miles J. Weller wanted the farm kept in the family.

Semi-retired Mr. and Mrs. Weller enjoyed traveling and took advantage of many organized trips. In 1957 they sold that farm to their daughter, Grace, and her husband, Oston Roop, reserving a small acreage on which they built a home. Here they had a garden and flowers and time to relax. Mr. Weller died in November of 1961, leaving his widow who lived there until 1980, when because of poor health, she went into a nursing home where she remained until her death in April of 1986 at the age of 98.

The Wellers were the parents of six children: Leona, Mrs. Allen, Ihrie, route 1, Fort Wayne; they had 3 children, a daughter, Bonnie, dying at birth, and 7 grandchildren. Floyd has 3 sons and 7 grandchildren. Kathryn, Mrs. Carl, Gilbert of Auburn, has a son and 5 granchildren and 1 great grandchild. Marian, Mrs. Roy, Shoudel of Leo has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Grace, Mrs. Oston, Roop has 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. Miles has 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller were members of the County Line Church of God; both were very active in church work.

JOHN CLARK, JR., born in Franklin Township, son of Eli and Sarah Clark, born 9 May 1872. In the fall of 1873, his mother passed away, leaving three children to care for. They were: Mary and David, 12 and 14 years old, and little John, only eighteen months old. A lady house keeper came and cared for the children.

Three years later, Mr. Clark passed away, leaving this family without parents. The two eldest were cared for by relatives and friends. Mr. John N. Clark, an uncle of the children, came and took John home with him. He at once started adoption papers for little John. Being loved and getting an education in this family. John Clark Jr. grew to manhood, working hard. Helping to care for these elderly parents. Until May 1905, John N. Clark, the uncle, passed away.

John Clark, Jr., married Soloma Shulta, in 1896. Soloma was the daughter of Allen and Amanda Shultz, also of Franklin Township. One daughter was born to John and Soloma, Mary A., 19 November 1897. Soloma died 20 November 1897. The grandparents took Mary to raise and care for.

John Clark Jr. remarried in October 1904, to Rhoda R. Shultz. The sister of his first wife. To this union were born four children: Bertha Leona, Wayne Winford, Velda Irene, Glenn Dale.

Mr. Clark was a farmer and stock raiser. He took great pride in his family and farm. He was a good neighbor helping everyone in need. Attending the Christian Church at Pleasant View, which was on the corner of CR 16 and CR 427, Franklin Township, then later the Christian Church at Hamilton, Pastored by Reverend Spade. Mr. Clark passed away 26 September 1932, buried at Hamilton, Cemetery. Rhoda and the sons carried on with the farm until 1956, the passing of Mrs. Clark.

EDWARD CLAYTON CROWL, a son of George and Hattie (Crooks) Crowl, born in DeKalb County. Living most of his life around Auburn. He served in WW I, after service he lived in Waterloo. Going to work with New York Central railroad track Dept., soon transferring to Signal Dept. Later, a leading Signal Maintainer working from Elkhart to Toledo, Ohio.

Edward Crowl and Bertha Clark were married in Auburn, 27 January 1926. Bertha is the daughter of John and Rhoda (Shultz) Clark, Jr., of Franklin Township. They lived in Waterloo, on west Maple Street, later on West Railroad Street. They had four children: Clayton Heith, Willdene Ruth (Crowl) Millspaugh, Paul Eugene, died an infant. George DeWayne and Donald Lee. All attended Waterloo High School and all are living around Waterloo.

CLAYTON CROWL, born 31 July 1926, Waterloo, Indiana, son of Edward C. and Bertha (Clark) Crowl, of Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are George and Hattie (Crooks) Crowl, Auburn-Waterloo area, maternal grandparents are John and Rhoda (Shultz) Clark, Franklin Township.

Juanita J. Krontz, born 15 October 1926, Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Raymond H. and Minerva E. (Pearson) Krontz, of Waterloo. Paternal grandparents are John and Ida (Smith) Krontz, of Wilmington Township, maternal grandparents are John and S. Amanda (Shanklin) Pearson, of Butler, Indiana.

Clayton attended school at Waterloo, and Juanita attended Waterloo school and Manchester College.

They were married, 7 July 1948, Auburn, Indiana. To this union was born one son, James E., born 16 September 1954. Clayton and Juanita are the grandparents of two: Keith R., born 22 May 1980, and Kervin W., born 13 September 1983. All live in Waterloo.

Clayton has worked at International Harvester and Juanita is Executive Vice President of the Citizen State Bank. They reside in rural Waterloo.

Wayne Voss Family

WAYNE C. VOSS, son of Carl and Winnie (Till) Voss, born 1 December 1907. He married Marcelle Smith, daughter of Carl and Viola (Zirkle) Smith, 25 November 1937. To that union were born Karen Diantha Voss and Jo Ann Voss.

Wayne and Marcelle lived in Waterloo before purchasing the Goodwin farm north of Waterloo in 1946. Wayne farmed and Marcelle taught in the Waterloo School system for 39 years. Both were active in the Democratic Party for many years. Wayne held the elected office of Grant Township Trustee two different times. Marcelle taught Music and Latin in the high school before retiring in 1974.

Karen Voss married Ronald Feller, son of Austin and Anita (Wilson) Feller, 14 September 1956. Karen and Ron have four children: Kim, David, Kris and Rex.

Ron graduated from Waterloo High School in 1954 and from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1955. Karen graduated in 1956 from Waterloo high School. They lived in Auburn where Ron worked for two funeral homes as a mortician and a funeral director.

Both have been active in the Democratic Party. Ron served on the DeKalb County Council from 1970 until 1984. In 1977, they purchased the Graffis Funeral Home and Furniture Store in Waterloo. Kim Feller married Jack Clark in 1979 and they have three children: Karri, Justin, and Korri. Kim is a student at Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne. David Feller married Laurie Van Ella in 1978 and they have one daughter, Erin. David graduated from Mid-America College of Funeral Service in 1983 and is associated with the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Kris lived in Auburn and worked in the office for Moore Business Forms of Angola. Rex married Jane Buchs in 1984 and lives in Waterloo. He graduated from ITT with a Degree in Architectural Engineering and works for Shambaugh & Sons in Fort Wayne.

Jo Ann married Jan David, son of Doyle and Janice (Brant) David, on 25 July 1971. Jan and Jo Ann live in Waterloo, Indiana with their three children, Andy, born 1974; Nick, born 1977; and Rocky, born 1981. Jan graduated from Eastern High School in Greentown, Indiana in 1965. He attended Indiana Central University where he graduated in 1969 with a B.A. degree in Physical Education and Science. Jo Ann graduated from Waterloo High School in 1967. She graduated from Indiana Central University in 1971 with a B.A. degree in Physical Education. Jan and Jo Ann both received M.A. degrees from St. Francis College in Education. Jo Ann also earned a M.A. degree in Guidance and Counseling. Jan has been a teacher/coach at Homestead High School for seven years and DeKalb High School for ten years. He is presently obtaining his Administration degree in Education from Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jo Ann has taught Physical Education and Health for three years and has been in Guidance for seven years at DeKalb High School and six years at Eastside High School.

Wayne died suddenly 3 September 1984, at the age of 77. Marcelle sold their property in Waterloo and purchased a home on Hamilton Lake and now resides there in the summer months and in Florida during the winter.

RALPH WALDO SHULTZ, born 19 November 1902 in Waterloo, Indiana. His father, Henry William Shultz, born 24 September 1867 in DeKalb County. His mother, Jennie Delnora Gingrich, born in Antwerp, Ohio on 8 July 1870. His maternal grandparents were Daniel Gingrich, born 13 October 1842 in DeKalb County and Caroline Nelson. His paternal grandparents were Allen Benton Shultz, born 15 April 1846 in Ashland County, Ohio, and Amanda Mann, born 20 May 1846 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Ralph had one brother, Waid Andre, who died one month after his birth and one sister, Venus Olline who was born 11 November 1900 in Waterloo and died 19 June 1977 in Hicksville, Ohio. He married Gladys Vae Cook 30 November 1923.

Ralph and Gladys Shultz

Gladys Vae Cook, born 16 March 1904 southwest of Butler, Indiana. Her father, Charles Cecil Cook, born 19 November 1877 in Butler, Indiana. He was a school teacher, township trustee and mayor of Butler from 1930-1934. Her mother, Mary Annis Grimm, born 24 October 1881 near Auburn, Indiana. Glady's maternal grandparents were Jennie Lucinda Bailey, born 15 April 1847 in Geauga County, Ohio and Jacob Grimm II, born 22 July 1944 in Wayne County, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were John Cook, born 27 February 1844 in Jamesville, New York and Mary Mutzfeld, born 14 July 1854 in Butler, Indiana. Gladys has one brother, Claude Vernon, who was born 1 February 1902 in Butler. He married Eleanor Kuss and they reside in Florida.

Gladys and Ralph graduated from Butler High School and attended Tri-State College where they earned their teaching certificates. They taught school in DeKalb County for one and two years respectively. On 30 November 1923, they drove to Coldwater, Michigan and were married. They decided to elope because a woman could not teach school if she was married. They did, however, inform their parents of the wedding two weeks later.

Ralph left teaching and worked at the Curling Iron Factory and later at Higley's Publishing Company, located in Butler. In 1926, he took a job as a linotype operator at the Lagrange Publishing Company in Lagrange, Indiana. They lived there for 20 years. Ralph served on the water board and was president of the town board, equivalent of being mayor. Gladys organized a child study club which met for 35 years and attended Bayview Literary Club.

In 1946, the Shultz's returned to Butler for economic reasons. Ralph and his father-in-law, Charles Cook, purchased the Butler Lumberyard. Ralph was partner or owner of the business until his retirement in 1968. In Butler, he served on the water and park boards, was a member of the Rotary Club, Masons, Knights Templar and active in St. Marks Lutheran Church. Gladys has been a member of the Eastern Star Philomathean Club, the Democrat Women's Club and active in St. Marks Lutheran Church. Ralph died on 12 December 1980 and Gladys still resides in the family home in Butler.

Ralph and Gladys have five children. Robert Wendell was born in Butler on 27 January 1925. He married Carol Beachy who was born 16 December 1927 in Sturgis, Michigan. They have four children: Steve, Greg, Linda and Rob. Wendell is a comptroller for Honeywell and they live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Marilyn Jean was born in Butler on 14 September 1926. She married Myron Overcash who was born 22 March 1921 in Muncie, Indiana. They have four children: Deb, Susan, Tim and Dan. Myron died on 4 September 1972 and Marilyn is now married to Robert Williams. She is Director of Nurses at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Clifford James was born in Butler on 15 November 1928. He married Kathryn Smith who was born in Butler on 5 June 1929. They have two children: Marilyn and Clifford. Clifford is now married to Elaine Hollihan and is practicing medicine in Fort Wayne. Richard Douglas was born in Sturgis, Michigan on 4 February 1932. He married Mildred Kessler who was born 19 July 1932 near Butler, Indiana. They have three children: Cindy, Leslie and Laura. Richard is an architect with Schenkel and Shultz and Construction Control Incorporated. Philip Michael was born 21 August 1946 in Butler, Indiana, and married Kathy Garstang. They have one daughter, Bridget. He is now married to Diane Thaler and they have one son, Thaddeus. Phil and Diane are physicians and live in Monona, Wisconsin.

FLORABELLE DIXON, daughter of Cyrus A. and Sarah Isabelle (Jackson) Dixon. Her paternal grandparents were Steven and Sarah Jane (Brown) Dixon. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Caroline (Rummel) Jackson. She had seven brothers and sisters: Daniel, Floyd, Olive, Loren, Everett, Wayne and Harriet.

Florabelle married Charles Kuehn, of Miami, Texas, in June 1929 and to them was born one daughter, Sonia Jean, born in 1932, in Angola, Indiana. Charles Tex Kuehn, died in 1961, after a heart attack.

Florabelle attended college and taught in a one room school for fifteen years. She worked in the Welfare Department for nine months then returned to teaching. She spent thirty-eight years teaching in DeKalb County, Indiana.

In 1965, Florabelle and J.E. Sheehy were married in Denver, Colorado. They are presently living in Waterloo, Indiana.

ROBERT ALLEN SURFUS, born in Auburn of 28 November 1952, his father, George Robert Surfus, worked at Dana Corporation in Auburn and also farmed the eighty acres he owned on CR 45 east of Auburn. His mother, Violet Irene (Haifley) Surfus worked as a housewife. Robert and his two older sisters and one older brother helped work the farm. Robert attended Auburn schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in May 1973.

Deborah Ann (Kline) Surfus was born in Auburn on 13 December 1951. Her father, Charles Lester Kline, was a commercial plasterer. Her mother, Anna Lucille (Aldrich) Kline, worked as a housewife until the 1960's when she did some assembly work in factories. Deborah has two brothers and one sister. She attended Auburn schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in May 1970. After graduation, she attended Tri-State University for two years and received an Associate of Arts degree in Elementary Education in May 1972. She then attended Ball State University for two years and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education in May 1974. Deborah taught for two years at the Noble County Training Center for Handicapped Persons, teaching preschool children. For several years she also worked part-time as a library assistant and secretary.

During the summer of 1973, Robert and Deborah met while both were working at Essex International of Auburn. On 29 November 1974 Bob and Debbie were married at the Bible Baptist Church in Auburn. In April 1974. Bob began working at Rieke Corporation of Auburn and is currently working there as a floor inspector. Bob is also the maintainence man for several apartments owned by Ardon Gerig. Debbie says that Bob has fixed enough leaky faucets to stretch clear across the state of Indiana - or so it seems! Since 1978, Debbie has been a housewife and takes care of their three children: Amy Beth, born 14 November 1977; Adriel Rae, born 25 November 1980; Kyle Nathan, born 26 July 1983.

The Surfus family attends the County Line

Church of God. They currently reside at 4923 CR 23, west of Auburn, and enjoy making things, and traveling, exploring interesting places in Indiana and Ohio.

CHARLES LESTER KLINE, born 16 February 1924, at the family home north of Sedan, near Fairfield Center, Indiana. He was educated in the Ashley and Auburn schools. His father, Lester Washington Kline, owned a small farm and Charles spent his early childhood helping with the farmwork along with his four older sisters. His mother is Audrey Lydia (Leins) Kline Halferty. She now resides at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville. The family later moved to Auburn at 415 West 15th Street, and bought a small restaurant on Ninth Street where Allen Electric now stands. Charles helped out in the restaurant until he served with the army during WW II, being stationed in France.

Anna Lucille (Aldrich) Kline, was born at home near Metz, Indiana on 30 April 1927. Her parents were Carlton Floyd and Jeannette Marie (Packer) Aldrich, both now deceased. She and her fifteen brothers and sisters grew up in the Metz-Hamilton area. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1945.

After WW II ended, Charles met Anna at the Silvermoon Skating Rink. They were married 31 December 1948 at Covington, Kentucky. After marriage, they resided with Charles' parents while working at the family's restaurant in Avilla. Later, Charles and Anna moved around while Charles worked at a variety of jobs. It was during these years that Charles started plastering as a vocation. In 1955, the family moved to Athens, Michigan where they lived for five years. Eventually they moved to Auburn, where they still reside. Charles continued to do commercial plastering for thirty years. During these years, he plastered several buildings in this area, including the DeKalb Memorial Hospital and the DeKalb High School. In 1977, Charles and Anna bought a dry cleaning business, now Kline's Cleaners at Tenth and Union Streets, which they continue to own and operate.

Charles and Anna have four children. They are: Michael C. Kline, born 20 September 1949, City Engineer of Auburn. Deborah Ann (Kline) Surfus, born 13 December 1951, has three children. Jeffery Lane Kline, born 8 May 1953, married with three children, he is a truckdriver. Maureen Lee (Kline) Purdy, born 16 October 1956, married and has two children, does pressing at Kline's Cleaners.

REVEREND JAMES CATHER, was the first and only Cather to arrive in DeKalb County. He arrived in 1844 after being raised in his early youth in Guernsey County, Ohio. His pastoral training was gained at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where his parents had moved to accomodate this task. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and from many generations past who lived on these shores.

He was sent by the Ohio Lutheran Synod to establish new churches in Western Ohio and Indiana. One church that still survives is the Spencerville, Indiana, chartered in 1849. He was united in marriage to Kydia Norris, a daughter of the founder of Norristown, now Butler, Indiana. To this union were born nine children, Elizabeth, William, Kate, Susanna, James and Josephine. These six died at an early age. Also, Isabella, Charles F., and Reuben D. Isabella married Reverend J.B. Hawkins and they had one daughter, Josephine, who since passed away. Charles F. never married. Reuben D. married Mary Atlanta Kester and to this union were born seven children.

James N., married Margaret Finke and to this union were born two children. Duane who was killed at an early age and Sue who lives in Bowling Green, Ohio. She married William Crone and they have five children.

Kathryn, taught school for several years before marrying Harold Zimmer. They had two children. Robert F. who plays lead violin with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. He married Betty Feagler. JoAnne married Leanard Bloom. They have two sons and live in Warsaw, Indiana.

Robert K., the third eldest married Lucile Hamman. He worked for the Kroger Company for forty-one years before retiring to a farm in DeKalb County. They have three children. Anton Bruce, Tony, who married Connie Dygert. He is the manager of Fort Wayne Sears Accounting Center. They have two children. Elizabeth Ann has five children. Later married Ora Cosper, in 1971. James Robert with his wife Marcia (Everitt) and two sons, Thaddeus R. and Joshue E. live on the Old Miles Waterman farm. This farm has passed down within the family since 1848. Lucile's mother was a Waterman. James is Trustee of Franklin Township and is one of the larger farmers in DeKalb County.

Joseph married Verda Garl, who was a school teacher. He worked for the Kroger Company for over forty years. They adopted one son, John, who works for the N.A.S.A. space agency. He has two children.

Charles Kester Cather married Kathleen Rohrs and farms in Stafford and Troy Townships. This farm has been in the Cather family since 1850's. He was Stafford Township Trustee for three terms.

Isabel was a school teacher for a number of years. She married Bryon Sites who was Vice-President of Magnavox Company for several years. To this union was born a son, Thomas, who attained the rank of Colonel in the Air Force and is now retired and is employed at Magnavox Company. He married Judith Russell, and has three children.

William, the youngest, lives on one of the original Cather farms. He married Betty Roland in 1948 and to this union was born a son, David. Who lives in Hamilton, with his wife, Dawn (Holden) and their new baby girl, Adrianne Lynn Cather.

As for the third generation of Cathers, James, Kathryn, and Joseph are deceased. The Cathers have been only moderately active in church, political and community affairs.

Karl and Dorothy Hart

KARL VON DALE HART, born 8 June 1903 in Spencer Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, the son of Clyde Eugene and Gladys Gertrude Hart. His paternal grandparents were Washington and Alice (Abel) Hart. His maternal grandparents were William and Melissa (Engle) Baltz.

Karl and Dorothy Ellen Lake, married 25 April 1925 at Butler, Indiana. This happened during their college days, so they received a collegiate surprise belling.

Dorothy Ellen Lake, born 12 June 1905, Spencerville, Indiana, daughter of William Othlic and Francena (Rhoades) Lake. Her paternal grandparents were Lucuis Nelson and Margaret Edith (Tindall) Lake of Spencerville, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were William and Margaret Ann (Herald) Rhoades of Spencerville, Indiana.

Mr. Hart taught in a one-room country school at Mudsock. Allen County, Indiana. He was employed for only eight months a year at $100 a month. Eight hundred dollars a year was not enough money to live on, so each summer they raised a garden full of vegetables and started Hart's Nursery and attended two Fort Wayne farmer's markets. Later on they furnished florists with gladiolas and stores with perennials.

Dorothy Ellen taught at the Coburn Corners one-room country school and Spencerville fifth and sixth grades for four years in Spencer Township. She then helped raise a family of two sons: Lavon G., born 22 May 1928 and Thomas L., born 7 March 1938. At age fifty, she wished to resume the teaching career. She entered St. Francis College at Fort Wayne and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1960. Huntertown in Allen County employed her to teach the third grade for eleven years. At age sixty-five she retired from teaching in the school room.

Karl and Dorothy Ellen continued to teach at their Kado-Lato-Farm just east of the covered bridge at Spencerville. The name "Kado-Lato" was derived from the first two letters of each name in the family — Karl, Dorothy, LaVon, and Tom. This farm is historically known as the old Tindall Farm. The historic woods was ideal for biology teaching. Many schools acquired reservations to be taught in this woods while riding on farm wagons. Karl taught biology and Dorothy Ellen taught gourds in the one-hundred year old Tindall barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart both taught in the DeKalb County Township school which no longer exist. Many times the teacher in the schools encountered surprise visits from the county school superintendent and at the end of the school term was given success grades of excellent, good, fair, or poor. The grades were submitted to the teacher and trustee who was responsiblefor hiring and firing a teacher.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hart have been active in church and civic affairs. Karl was Elder of Coburn Corners Church of Christ for many years. Dorothy Ellen helped organize and superintend the children's Bible School in this church. Both were active in the St. Joe-Spencerville Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart are the parents of two sons. Lavon G. Hart who was a teacher and is now the Supervisor of Audio Visual Communication for the Fort Wayne Community Schools. Dr. Thomas L. Hart is a Professor of Library Science at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

BYRON C. PLATT, son of Robert C. and Mary Ellen (Myers) Platt, was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 20 December 1882. His paternal grandparents were Robert & Catherine Platt, and his maternal grandparents were James and Sarah Myers.

Fietta Clark, daughter of Levi and Tillie (Van Wagner) Clark, born in Steuben County, Indiana, 19 July 1884. Her paternal grandparents were John N. and Mary (Hamman) Clark, and her maternal grandparents were Harlow, and Huldah Van Wagner.

Byron and Fietta were united in marriage, 11 February 1904. To this union were born two children, Clark C. and Marian (Platt) Hook.

Byron spent all but the last three years of his life on the Platt family farm located three and a half miles north of Butler on State Road 1. He farmed the homestead until he was appointed County Highway Superintendent in 1925. He and his family moved to Auburn during the early part of that year. Mr. Platt was a director of the DeKalb Farm Mutual Fire Insurance Company as well as a member of the Butler Knights of Pythias and the Auburn Commerical Club and was active in politics as a worker in the Democratic party. He died suddenly at his home in Auburn on 12 February 1928, at age of 45. Fietta continued to live at their home at 323 East Seventh Street with her son and daughter who both taught in rural schools in the area. She took in boarders for many years, several of whom became lifetime family friends. Mrs. Platt, died 27 January 1961, at age of 76.

Byron had one brother, John Platt, and one sister Nellie (Platt) Potter. Fietta had two brothers, Victor and Worthy, and one sister, Tina Clark Beard Oberlin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Platt were members of the Jerusalem United Brethern Church located near the family farm north of Butler, and both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetary.

CLARK C. PLATT, born 11 June 1905, in Franklin Township, the son of Byron and Fietta (Clark) Platt. His paternal grandparents were Robert C. and Mary Ellen (Myers) Platt. His maternal grandparents were Levi and Tillie (Van Wagner) Clark.

Pauline Esther Geary, born 18 May 1914, at Freeland Park in Benton County, Indiana, the daughter of John Walter and Marie (Morris) Geary. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Esther (Mitchell) Geary of Talbot, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Thomas and Lola Jane (Manaugh) Morris of Nabb, Indiana, in Clarke County.

Clark and Pauline were married 3 October 1937, at the home of Clark's mother in Auburn, Indiana.

Following graduation from Butler High School, Clark attended Tri-State College in Angola during the summer term and, at age 17, began his teaching career that fall at Hook's one room school north of Butler. By taking college courses during the summers and at night while he was teaching, Clark earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Indiana. He taught in several DeKalb County country schools for 14 years. Clark entered the postal service in 1936 and moved to Chicago where he worked in the mail terminal until 1940. That year he was transferred to the railway postal service on the New York Central Railroad, and the Platts moved to Waterloo. Clark retired in 1969 after 33 years as a railway mail clerk. He operated Platt Tax and Booking Service until his death in 1977.

Upon graduating from high school in Fowler, Indiana, Pauline moved to Fort Wayne. She graduated from International Business College and went to work for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. She met Clark while working in Fort Wayne. Pauline was an employee of Citizens State Bank in Waterloo during the 1960's.

Mr. & Mrs. Platt are the parents of two children. Robert Byron "Bob," married to Lorraine Frankiewicz, resides in Portage, Indiana, where he teaches school. Robert and Lorraine have two children, Karen and David. Jane Ann is married to Charles C. Stringfellow and lives in Arlington, Virginia. She is a reading specialist in the Arlington school system.

Mrs. Platt still resides in Waterloo where she has been active in the United Methodist Church and local clubs for 46 years.

BRUCE ELSWORTH BROWN, born in DeKalb County 2 February 1898. Son of Lewis and Rosabell (Widney) Brown. His paternal grandparents were William and Mary Brown, maternal grandparents were R.M. and Elizabeth Widney.

Stella Merle La Rowe, born 18 February 1899 in Howard County, Indiana, daughter of Fredrich Cash and Artitia Jane (Warmock) La Rowe. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel S. and Mary Ann (Cash) La Rowe. Maternal grandparents were William C. and Florinda (Powell) Warmock.

Bruce Elsworth Brown and Stella Merle La Rowe were united in marriage 25 May 1918 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Mrs. Brown was a busy homemaker raising nine children. Mr. Brown worked for the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Company as a test driver. It is known he made several trips as far away as Florida. He worked for the Company from 1924 to 1937. When he first began working there, the family resided east of Auburn and didn't have any transportation to town so Mr. Brown roomed in Auburn and only was able to go home on weekends. The Company later furnished him with a car and he no longer had to stay in Auburn. Bill Fitzsimmons and Edward Haines were a couple of his fellow employees. After the Company closed its doors in 1937 Mr. Brown sought other employment. He did some farming and worked for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op and the DeKalb County Highway Department.

They became the parents of nine children Luella Aschleman, Geraldine Clark, Clyde Edwin, and Clarence Brown are of Auburn and Norma Dickison, Sue Bock and Richard Brown all of Garrett. One son, Howard LeRoy, was killed in the invasion of France in World War II, 23 August 1944. Services for Howard were held 16 February 1950 in Arlington National Cemetary in Washington D.C. where he was laid to rest.

Mr. Brown had two brothers and five sisters Carl Brown, Charles Brown, Perl Baker, Jesse Smith, Anna Schrader, Edna Hudson all deceased and Opal Haines, a resident of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown had five brothers; William D. La Rowe of St. Joe, Indiana, Harold James of Butler, Indiana, Fredrick Claude of La Otte, Indiana, Clydea La Rowe of Edgerton, Ohio. One brother Delbert, preceded her in death.

Bruce Brown passed away in DeKalb County 26 April 1962 and Stella Brown died in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, 1 December 1965. They were both laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetary near Auburn, Indiana.

CLARENCE E. BROWN, born 25 June 1929 in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Elsworth and Merle (La Rowe) Brown. His paternal grandparents were Lewis and Rosabell (Widney) Brown. Maternal grandparents were Fredrick Cash and Artitia Jane (Warmock) La Rowe.

Glenna M. Snyder, born 13 Jule 1930 in Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Glenn W. and Mae M. (Brown) Snyder. Her paternal grandparents were Charles Samuel and Alpha Minnie (Lehner) Snyder. Maternal grandparents were William George and Alto Elizabeth (Hensley) Brown of Muncie, Indiana.

Clarence and Glenna were united in marriage, 15 January 1949, Indianapolis, Indiana. To this marriage five children were born; Sharon Jane (Brown) Messmann of Waterloo, Michael Lynn Brown of Auburn, and two deceased; Steven Lynn and Linda Jean, both laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetary in Auburn, Indiana.

On 24 December 1947 Clarence began working for the Auburn Clutch, now the Dana Corporation. He retired from Dana on 31 December 1977 after 30 years of service. He is now a part time summer employee of the DeKalb Co. Farm Bureau Co-op near Waterloo Indiana.

Glenna worked for Sears, Roebuck & Company in Auburn for 10 years. She later joined the office staff of Dailey Motor Sales as title clerk and bookkeeper for seven years before retirement in December 1977.

The couple spends the winter near Bradenton, Florida with their home being here in DeKalb Co..

Mr. Brown has four sisters and four brothers. They are Luella Aschleman, Geraldine Clark, Clyde Brown, and Edwin Brown, all of Auburn. Norma Dickison, Richard Brown and Sue Bock all of Garrett. One brother, Howard Le Roy, was killed 23 August 1944 in the invasion of France in World War II.

Mrs. Brown has only one brother, Max Snyder, a former resident of DeKalb County and now residing in Columbia, South Carolina.

LEWIS BROWN, born in Wayne County Ohio, son of William and Mary Brown 10 May 1844. He emmigrated to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1846 at the age of 2. His paternal and maternal grandparents are not known at this time.

Rosabell M. Widney, born in Pottowiamie County, Kansas, 12 January 1861, daughter of Robert M. and Elizabeth Widney. She immigrated to DeKalb County in 1873 at the age of 12.

The Brown family and the Widney family took up living quarters on farms east of Auburn. The Brown's resided on the farm now known as the Orla Shchrader home on State Road 8.

On 31 January 1880, Rosabell M. Widney became the wife of Lewis Brown in a ceremony in DeKalb County.

To this marriage 9 children were born. They were Bertha Pearl (Brown) Baker, Charles Brown, Jesse L. (Brown) Smith, Rachel Ann (Brown) Schrader, Edna G. (Brown) Hudson, Carl A. Brown, Bruce Elsworth Brown and a baby boy who was never given a name. All the above are deceased. One daughter, Opal (Brown) Parker Haines, now resident of the Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Lewis Brown passed away in DeKalb County 29 March 1923 and Rosabell M. (Widney) Brown died in Minneapolis, Kansas, 19 November 1907, while on a visit there with her mother. Their remains lie in the Woodlawn Cemetary Mauseleum in Auburn, Indiana.

FREDRICK CASH LA ROWE born 20 October 1874, son of Daniel S. and Mary Ann (Cash) La Rowe. His paternal grandparents were Wilson and Matilda (Armstrong) La Rowe.

On 14 October 1876, William C. and Florinda (Powell) Warmock became the parents of a daughter and named here Artitia Jane Warmock. Names of her grandparents are not available at this time.

In March 1916 three families, the Dennies, the Julows, and the La Rowes packed up their personnal things and loaded them into a box car on the old interurban at Greentown, Indiana, and headed themselves towards DeKalb County, Indiana. It took them several days to reach the destination and upon their arrival they settled down on a farm east of Auburn and north of, now, State Road 8a on County Road 43. Eight years later they moved north of Butler, Indiana on a farm known as the Showalter Homestead. A few years later they pulled up stakes and resided on a farm on the old Basket Factory Road. It was there where Fredrick Cash La Rowe; passed away, 28 March 1927, at the age of 52. On 8 August 1944, Artitia Jane La Rowe passed away at the home of her son, Delbert. Mr. & Mrs. La Rowe were laid to rest in the Roselawn Cemetery on County Road 29.

CHARLES SAMUEL SNYDER, born 28 November 1874, son of Henry Frank and Chloe C. (Haynes) Snyder. Paternal grandparents were Samuel J. and Mariah (Getts) Snyder. Maternal grandparents were Samuel J. and Mariam (Mead) Haynes.

After Henry Frank Snyder's death, 20 February 1905, Chloe Snyder married a man by the name of Drake.

Alpha Minnie Lehner was born to Jacob J. & Susannah E. (Treesh) Lehner, 18 October 1873. Alpha was married to Charles Samuel Snyder 25 March 1901. Most of their married life they were DeKalb County residents. Their last home was at 722 North Randolph Street in Garrett, Indiana for over 30 years. Minnie's paternal grandparents are not known at this time but her maternal grandparents were Jacob & Catherine (Hoveles) Treesh.

Mr. Snyder was a well known carpenter through-out DeKalb County. Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker.

To this marriage four children were born; Paul L. Snyder from Ashley, Indiana; Glenn W. Snyder from North Webster, formerly of Garrett, Indiana; Gerald D. Snyder from Topeka, Indiana, all deceased. One daughter, Marcella Rockwell formally of Auburn, Indiana, who now resides at Ellentown, Florida in the winter and near Kinderhook, Michigan during the summer.

Charles Samuel passed away in DeKalb County, 25 February 1948, at the age of 73. Minnie was a member of the Auburn Church of the Brethern on South Jackson St. in Auburn. She died in the Steuben County Nursing Home 12 October 1956 at the age of 83. Both are laid to rest in the Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett, Indiana.

RAYMOND ASCHLEMAN, was born on 21 August 1916 to John and Barbara (Gingrich) Aschleman in Gibson County Indiana. The paternal grandparents were Peter and Anna (Graber) Aschleman. Maternal grandparents were Simon and Fannie (Swartzentruber) Gingrich.

Luella Bernice, born 15 December 1918, daughter of Bruce Elsworth and Stella Merle (La Rowe) Brown in DeKalb County Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Lewis and Rosabell (Widney) Brown. Maternal grandparents were Fredrick Cash and Artitia Jane (Warmock) La Rowe.

Raymond came to DeKalb County in 1932 from Harlan, Indiana.

Luella and Raymond were united in marriage, 30 September 1939 in Auburn by the Rev. C.C. Cripe, pastor of the Auburn Church of the Brethern.

Raymond was employed by the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op and Luella was a painter for the Auburn Rubber Company.

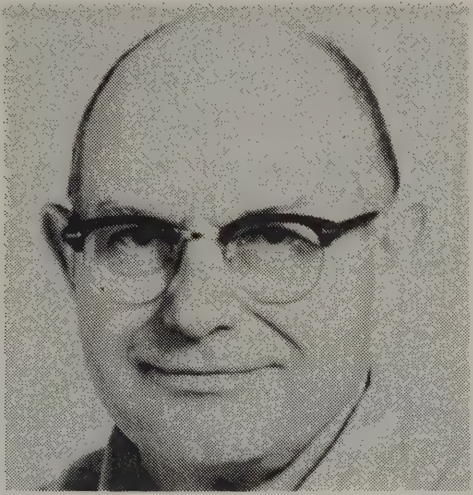
In May 1943 they moved from Auburn to their present residence north of Auburn and began farming. It has been a long hard struggle but they now farm over 900 acres. On 21 December 1945 their home burned to the ground leaving them homeless and with only the clothing they had on. They were determined to start anew, so in December 1946, they began construction of a new home in the same location. The home was finally completed and on 24 December 1947 they moved into the new home. What a joyous Christmas they had.

To this marriage five children were born; Robert Lee, born 17 January 1941 and passed away 18 January 1941; David Michael, born 25 December 1942; Sandra Kay, born 8 December 1944; Thomas Lee, born 24 March 1944; Timothy J., born 14 April 1957. The children all reside in DeKalb County.

Mr. Aaschleman had five brothers and two sisters. They are Mrs. Adeline Stuckey, Mrs. Mildred Palmer, William, Elmer, and Amos Aschleman. Two brothers, John Henry and Cletus are deceased.

Mrs. Aschleman had five brothers and three sisters. They are Geraldine Clark, Clyde, Edwin and Clarence Brown, all of Auburn. And Norma Dickison, Sue Bock, and Richard Brown of Garrett. One brother Howard Le Roy was killed in World War II in the invasion of France 23

August 1944.



Josiah Woodcox

JOSIAH HENRY WOODCOX, son of Cornelius and Daisy Woodcox. Married DeMerice Clemma Kelham on 1 September 1935, at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethern. They are the parents of four children; Arlyn Cornelius, born 23 August 1936, lives in Valparaiso; Martha Viola (Woodcox) Foster, born 19 March 1939, lives in Arizona; Carolyn Jane (Woodcox) Moore, born 13 September 1942, lives in McDowell, Kentucky; Donald Edward, born 6 April 1955,lives in Milford, Kansas.

Josiah and DeMerice lived on the Claude Kelham farm for sixteen years, farming for Claude Kelham. Joe became afflicted with sugar diebetes and could not stand the long hours of farming, they sold out and moved to Silver Lake where they resided for a short time, before moving again. They eventually bought a house in Wabash, Indiana.

DeMerice worked at General Tire and Rubber Co., thirteen years. Joe worked at Honeywell's Factory for 12 years. They lived here until answering a call to work at Riverside Christian Training School, DeMerice worked as a cook and Joe helped at the school until he had a stroke, they resigned and moved to Gardmer, Illinois, for one year, then moved back to Kentucky. This time to the Bethany Childrens Home at Bethany, Kentucky. Demerice worked as cook, dormitory mother and worked in a used clothing store. Joe became bedfast and was in the Jackson Nursing Home for three months. He died on 19 November 1976, he was brought to Garrett and buried in the Embrey Cemetery.

DeMerice returned to the Childrens Home until 12 July 1982. She came to Garrett to reside with Joe's brother, Gary and Evelyn Woodcox, as companion and housekeeper, where she still resides.

MARTIN GRAY WOODCOX, born 23 February 1931. Lived in Brunson Michigan. In 1986, retired, was school teacher, now paints houses and buildings. Wife Elaine Schuster. Children; son, Alan, wife, Sally, who has stepson, Tim, a girl, Lindsay, all of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Girls, Jenny and Betsy.

Martin was in the sevice during the Korean War, he broke his collar bone, in Colorado, so he didn't go overseas when his group went. Martin was in the last mule detail, in Colorado.

"Willie" Gray and Elsie Woodcox

"WILLIE" GRAY WOODCOX, married Elsie Evelyn Skelton, 24 November 1921, Thanksgiving Day. She was eighty-three 8 September 1985, Willie Gray was eight-nine, 4 October 1985. Gray was in World War II, France. In infantry Reg. Army Field Artillery.

Evelyn was adopted by Arsenes F., born 1863, died 1933 and Ida May (Thomas) Fickes, born 1874, died 1952. Both buried in Waterloo, Indiana. She had a brother, James Skelton, of DeKalb County, died 4 August 1986, Goshen. Evelyn went to Bernard School, she was active in various women's clubs, still being of the Delphians, Garrett United Methodist Church, W.C.T.U., in early years leading Campfire girls. Working in a clothing factory during World War

II, also working in restaurant.

Children; Leona May, died 21 June 1947; Anna Lucile, born 26 October 1928, and Martin Gray, born 23 February 1931.

Anna Scheurich

ANNA LUCILE (WOODCOX) SCHEURICH, married Russell Merritt Scheurich, 21 June 1947, Garrett United Methodist Church.

They lived on a farm, west of Garrett, then in Altona. Russell drives the Garrett school bus, farms and does backhoe work, and hauling dirt, stones, animals and etc..

Anne went to Ball State University and St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. She taught school. She wrote the theme song for the Garrett Centennial, "Hello Garrett."

Her son, Merritt Gray, of Garrett, married Janet Hathaway, children; Nathan, Amanda, Anthony, and Corrin. Merritte, works at Auburn's Cooper, in maintenence. Active in church, scouts, sports, dancing, historical society; Leila Louise, of Fort Wayne, married Richard A. Marks; children; Richard A. Marks,. children; Kristi and Chad. Mr. Marks is a Norfold and Western Railroad Engineer; Valda Mayanna, married Brain Black, manager of Leatherman's Car Sales, Columbia City. Children; Kyle and Angela. Volda works in the Clerk's office of Noble County Courthouse.

CORNELIUS ARLYN WOODCOX, born 1872, died 1950. First married Leona Tustison, born 10 November 1870, died 21 December 1896, buried, St. Joe Cemetery. Leona's parents, Martin and Nancy E. Tustison. Nancy died 14 February 1890. Leona played the organ in her church.

Cornelius A. mother, Emma, born 1845, died 1922, seventy-seven years, one month, and one day. Father Byron A. born 1843, died 1898.

Cornelius's second marriage, Daisy Irene (Dibert), born 1884, and died 1952. She and Cornelius A. buried in Embrey Cemetery. Children; Byron, buried Hicksville, Ohio; Mary Louise, of Kendallville; Josiah Henry, born 1908, died 1976; and W. Gray.

Cornelius taught band, music and directed the choir at St. Joe and elsewhere. He played the trumpet.

STEVE FOSTER, born 5 August 1953, Auburn, Indiana, son of Robert and Kathleen (DePew) Foster, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Raymond and Agnes Foster, maternal grandparents are Evert and Anna DePew.

Steve attended Garrett schools. He married Sabrina, 25 November 1972. Sabrina, born 27 February 1956, Columbia City, Indiana, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Dye) Spath. Paternal grandparents are Rosco and Irene Spath, maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Dye of Huntington, Indiana. Sabrina attended Garrett schools. To this union were born three children; Matt, born 24 May 1973; Brooke, born 29 October 1975; Jami, born 25 January 1980. Steve and Sabrina now reside in Auburn, Indiana. They are member of the Immaculate Conception Church.

EDWARD RAY JOHNSON, born 4 January 1906, in Allen County, Indiana, son of William Francis Johnson, born 19 August 1871 and Ida Ellen Adams, born 24 Jaunary 1873. He had one brother, James, and four sisters, Grace, Alice, Cleo, and Nina.

Edward married Marcella Mae Federspiel, 23 June 1934. Marcella' parents were Edward Franklin, born 23 April 1889 and Myrtle Lavern (Sproat), Federspiel born 2 February 1892. They were also farmers in Allen County. Marcella had two brothers, Earl and Bert, and five sisters; Opal, Ruth, Edythe, Ellen, Doris.

They started married life farming on the St. Joe River Road at the County Line of DeKalb and Allen Counties. Edward has farmed in DeKalb since 1944. He moved his family on the the Bunker Hill farm during the summer of 1944.

Edward and Marcella are the parents of William Edward, living in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Donna Louise, living in Lima, Ohio; and Franklin Ray, who has been farming in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County for over twenty-five years.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's, Ed and his family were active in the 4-H clubs of Jackson Township. They raised sheep to show at the County Fair. Ed continued to show sheep at several county fairs, both in Indiana and Ohio, during all the 1950's into the early 1960's. He won several Grand Champion ribbons. Edward was also active in the Jackson Township Farm Bureau.

Since 1976, he has spent his winters in Florida. Edward comes to Indiana in the summers to watch over the farm. While in Florida, Ed has enjoyed volunteering his time to tutor grade school children in both reading and math.

Lawrence and Betty Osmun

LAWRENCE "LARRY" OSMUN, born 12 March 1917, at Hicksville, Ohio, son of Carl C. and Bessie (Stackhouse) Osmun. Paternal grandparents were George Milton and Elizabeth Olive Ollie (Miller) Osmun of Defiance County, Ohio. Maternal grandparents were Alburtus and Raechel (Smith) Stackhouse, of DeKalb County.

Betty Marie Preston, born 16 December 1918, at Harlan, Indiana, daughter of Frank and Elma (Volkert) Preston. Paternal grandparents were Mathias and Nancy (Platter) Preston, of Allen County. Maternal grandparents were Samuel and Betsy (Pearson) Volkert of Newville, DeKalb County, who moved to Scipio Township in Allen County and then to Defiance County, Ohio.

Larry and Betty married 21 June 1938, at Hicksville, Ohio by Reverend Harold Monroe.

At a young age, Larry worked for his parents who operated a cream pickup station in Hicksville for the Ohio Dairy, until they bought their own butter churn in 1936. They also operated a poultry and egg business, so there was plenty of work for all nine of the Osmun children. Larry became well known through out the area as he dealt with farmers in buying cream and eggs and with storekeepers in selling butter and produce. His salesmanship was tested further when he and his brother, weekly drove truckloads of eggs and live chickens to Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo and sold them to the dealers on the Market Streets.

Larry attended Hicksville High School, and in 1937 completed a course in Dairy Manufacturing at Purdue University. Aside from a brief stint at a cheese factory in Columbia, Ohio, Larry stayed with the family business which became Osmun Dairy in 1946 when operation expanded to include bottling of milk.

On 1 January 1952 Larry entered a partnership with Vern Rockwell owner of Midwest Dairy, Auburn. Larry managed the dairy and Betty kept the books. They bought a home on Morningstar Road, and moved the family 19 April 1952. A few years later, Larry bought out his partner and the Osmuns took over ownership of Midwest Dairy.

In 1961, the dairy was sold to Allen Dairy Products, Inc. who utilized the Midwest Dairy facility as its Auburn Branch. Larry served as branch manager until 1967 when he was moved into the Fort Wayne operation as plant superintendent. In 1971, he was named assistant general manager. In March of 1984, at the Indiana Dairy Industry Conference at Purdue, Larry received the Distinguished Service Award. A few months later he retired from full-time status and currently is employed on a part-time basis with responsibility for making sales contact throughout the tri-state area.

After the sale of Midwest Dairy, Betty was employed by City National Bank for four years, Garns Warehouse for four years, and Audio Visual Specialists in Fort Wayne. She retired in 1980.

The Osmuns are the parents of two daughters; Marsha (Osmun) Ketner of Ball Lake, and Cathie (Osmun) Luckinbill of Columbus, Montana. They have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

DALE D.TREESH, born 27 November 1909, Richland Township, son of Emery M. and Iva M. (DeWitt) Treesh, of Richland Township. Paternal grandparents are Samuel and Evaline (Case) Treesh; maternal grandparents are John and Maria (Loutzenheiser) DeWitt, of Richland Township.

Wilma Grate, born 23 June 1912, DeKalb County, daughter of Glen and Elpha (Smith) Grate, of Rome City, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are George and Elmire (Ensley) Grate, of Ashley, Indiana; maternal grandparents are Daniel B. and Suzanne Myers, of Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

Dale and Wilma, married 15 December 1928, Albion, Indiana. Dale attended East Richland and Garrett High School. Wilma attended Pleasant Hill and Corunna schools. Dale has worked at Auburn Auto Company and General Electric. He is now a retired farmer. Wilma has worked at Garrett Hospital and Lutheran Home at Kendallville, Indiana, she is now retired.

Four children were born to this union; Don E., born 19 June 1929; Roeline E., born 26 August 1937; Darlene S., born 2 November 1939; and Alan D., born August 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Treesh now reside in Corunna, Indiana. They are members of the Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

WILBUR DALE REINHART, born 16 January 1920, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Almond Henry and Dora (Reasoner) Reinhart. His paternal grandparents were Augustus and Margaret (Deibner) Reinhart. His maternal grandparents were Silas and Alice (Baker) Reasoner.

Viola Mae Ginder, born 29 October 1920, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Harry M. and Zola (Beard) Ginder. Her paternal grandparents were Philip D. and Martha V. (McDannel) Ginder. Philip came to Indiana in a covered wagon, from Ashland County, Ohio. Martha was born in DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were John F. and Maggie Mae (Wynkoop) Beard, Of Defiance County, Ohio.

Wilbur and Viola were married on 7 June 1941 at the Old Newville United Brethern Parsonage, by Reverend K.J. Hosteler. It is now known as the Mount Pleasant-Newville United Methodist Parsonage.

Wilbur and Viola attended a rural one room school house in DeKalb County for eight years. They had to walk to school. In 1934, school buses started running routes that took Wilbur and Viola to school. Wilbur and Viola graduated from Butler High School, at Butler, Indiana. It is now known as Eastside High School.

In January of 1943, Wilbur bought forty acres of land in Wilmington Township. He raised livestock and farmed. Wilbur also farmed his father's farm of eighty acres. In April of 1964, he bought the Reinhart Family Farm on County Road 71. They both retired in 1982. They have lived all their lives in DeKalb County, Indiana

Wilbur had two brothers and four sisters; Walter, Carl, Mildred (Reinhart) Hubbard, all deceased, and Edna (Reinhart) Morr, Gladys (Reinhart) Baker, and Wilma (Reinhart) Ginder.

Viola had three younger sisters; Kathryn (Ginder) Betz, Irene (Ginder) Curry, and Genieva (Ginder) Keller, all of Butler, Indiana.

Wilbur and Viola are the parents of one daughter, Kayota (Reinhart) Handshoe. Kayota, was born 9 May 1948, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Kayota married Vernis Handshoe, 14 July 1967. Vernis was the son of John and Sarah (Shepherd) Handshoe of Garrett, Indiana. Vernis, born in DeKalb County, 10 March 1946.

Wilbur and Viola gave them a parcel of an acre of land. The land was on her grandfather's Reinhart Family Farm. Vernis built a new home on the parcel of land. Vernis and Kayota live there and does the farming for Wilbur and Viola, along with the help of his son. They both are employed along with his farming. Vernis and Kayota have two children; Tonya Lanae, born 13 March 1970 and Almond Dale, born 20 January 1973, at Auburn, Indiana.

WAYNE D. MC NABB, born 4 November 1939, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Kenneth W. and Wanda Marie (Kelly) McNabb, of Spencerville, Indiana. Kenneth has three brothers and one sister living at this time; Earl McNabb, born 29 December 1893 and living at the Betz Nursing Home; Dale McNabb, born 30 December 1905, living at Fowlerville, Michigan; John Berard McNabb, born 7 May 1908, living at Dearborn, Michigan; and Alwilda (McNabb) Walter, born 13 June 1903, of rural Spencerville, Indiana. Wayne has two younger brothers, Robert L., of Rural Auburn, and John C., of rural Fort Wayne. His paternal grandparents were John and Margaret (Spitler) McNabb, they married 24 December 1892. John McNabb was the oldest of ten children of James McNabb and Catherine (Hursh) McNabb, they were married 1 January 1865. His maternal grandparents were Vernie S. and Theresa (Hay) Kelly.

Ruth Ann Casebere, born 12 April 1941, Butler, Indiana, daughter of Clifton Earl and Dessie Marie (Thompson) Casebere. Her paternal grandparents were Curtis Adam and Jessie (Wilson) Casebere. Her maternal grandparents were George Washington and Laura Elwina (Topper) Thompson.

Wayne D. and Ruth Ann married 29 June 1963, at Butler. Wayne served in the Army Engineers from 14 April 1963 to 14 April 1965, serving one year of this in Thialand.

After Wayne's discharge from the service, he took over Kelly Plumbing and Heating from Victor D. Kelly and at the present still running that business as McNabb Plumbing and Heating.

Ruth Ann has worked at various office jobs and is presently working as a clerk in the Butler License Branch.

Wayne and Ruth Ann have one son, Victor James, born 29 May 1968 and he is a senior at Eastside High School.

James McNabb was the youngest of four children born to William and Mary (Watson) McNabb. William and Mary McNabb moved to Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, Indiana around 1840. Their farm was located on the McNabb Road.

CLIFTON EARL CASEBERE, also known as Earl, C. E., and Casey; born 25 April 1906, near Butler, Indiana, son of Curtis Adam and Jessie (Wilson) Casebere. His paternal grandparents were John F. and Harriet (Weitz) Casebere. His maternal grandparents were Harvey and Elizabeth (Baker) Wilson.

Dessie Marie Thompson, born 23 September 1907, near Butler, the youngest of 11 children of George Washington and Laura Elwina (Topper) Thompson. Her paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth Thompson. Her maternal grandparents were William and Tracey (Easterday) Topper.

Earl and Dessie, married 6 January 1927. Earl, died 16 January 1970, and Dessie, died 14 July 1982. During the depression, Earl worked at the Butler Company for $11.00 for 2 weeks. Earl and Dessie lived in Hammond, Indiana during WW II and Earl worked in the defense plants. They returned to Butler after the war and Earl ran a welding and repair shop on Broadway in Butler, Indiana.

Earl and Dessie had 4 children; Bettie May (Casebere) Evertts, living in Hamilton, Indiana; Geraldine Marie (Casebere) Sellens, living in Augusta, Kansas; Curtis Earl Casebere living in Butler, Indiana; and Ruth Ann (Casebere) McNabb of rural Butler, Indiana.

The Butler Herald of 1 July 1898, reported that Curtis Adam Casebere left for Tampa, Florida to serve in Co., I, 157 Indiana Volunteers in the Spanish-American War. He was in the service until 1902. Curtis Adam was known as Curt. Curt and Jessis, married February 1904. They had three daughters; Jaunita (Casebere) Kester,, Aletha (Casebere) Boswell, and Ruth Elizabeth (Casebere) Klaehn, and one son Clifton Earl Casebere.

Curt had a blacksmith shop at Artic, farmed and raised sheep. Later he had a gas station at Artic and was a mechanic for the early cars. Curt owned a thresher with Jacob Jennings and George Blaker for several years.

Curt's home was one of the first in the area to have running water and electricity. Curt generated electricity in the shop during the day, storing the power in batteries and using the stored power for house lights at night.

Curtis Adam Casebere's father was John F. Casebere, born 11 September 1839, in Tuscarawas, County, Ohio, son of John G. and Nancy (Smiley) Casebere. The Casebere's moved to Troy Township near Artic in 1840, building a cabin and settling 120 acres. In 1841, they built a second cabin which was used as the 1st school in the district. Ten of the sixteen students were Caseberes. John farmed, made maple sugar, and blacksmithed. John traveled 40 to 50 miles selling cow bells he had made and the maple sugar. John F. Casebere served in Co. E. of the 86th Ohio Infantry during the Civil War.

John G. Casebere and Nancy (Smiley), were married 11 January 1821. John G. was born to John and Nancy (Bess or Best) Casebere in Virginia and the family moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, when John G. was 16 years old. John G. Casebere began to learn to blacksmith trade when he was 18 years old.

JOHN RENSCH, born 2 February 1813, died 11 December 1889, in Germany and married Margaret Miller, born 8 August 1815, died 1881, also from Germany.

When they arrived in America, they settled near Butler. Later moving to Grundy County, Missouri in July 1864, where they bought a farm and resided there until their deaths. They raised a family to twelve children; Conrad, born 29 September 1834, married Hannah Robinsett and had three children; Ida, born 1861, Etta, born 1864, John. Conrad also married Lucy Blake, they had no children; Mary Elizabeth, born 24 October 1836, died 25 August 1917. She married Isaac Jennings, 22 February 1859. They had seven children; Curtis, born 10 February 1861, Orlando, Lona, Cora, Jacob, Thaddius Nettie; Henry, born 24 September 1838. He married Sarah Zimmerman. Children as follows; Ulyssess, Castanes, Etta Maud. He also married Hattie Powers, they had two children; Henry and Clarence; Anna (Rensch) Waite, born 12 July 1841, one child; Burley; John, Jr., born 17 October 1842, married Harriet Carnell and raised a family of four; Ira, Odor, Minette, and Arza; Rufena (Rensch) Zimmerman, born 30 November 1845. Five children; Edgar, Joe, Vivian, Quincy, Charles; Peter, born 15 September 1847. He married and had three children; Justus, Mary and Harland; George, born 1849, died 1932. Married Ida Blake and had a family of six children; Bird, Melvin, Norton, Ralph, Verna and Artie Lea; Levi, born 2 May 1852, married Kate Zimmerman and raised a family of three; Ernest, Troy and Nera;; Salina (Rensch) Bell, born 19 December 1859, married James W. Bell, no children; William, born 7 March 1844, died July 1912. He married Phoebe Aldrich. Eight children; David, Lidda, Nicholas, and Nora (twins), Mary, (twin), died at birth, William and Harley; Katherine (Rensch) Casebere, born 24 May 1840, died 17 August 1874, had four children; Enos, Irven, Perry E., Raymond and Baby.

GEORGE BRUGH, born 1 January 1814 in Pennsylvania and when a boy moved to Columbia County, Ohio and later to Seneca County, Ohio. He married Catherine Clemmons, daughter of Johannes and Julianna Clemmons. Catherine was born 24 May 1818.

When they came to Indiana, they settled near Salem Center. Later some of their children lived around Hudson, Indiana. They had twelve children; Leander, born 16 August 1839; Julia Ann, born 18 July 1840, married Joe Greens; Eliza, born 14 August 1841; Catherine, born 6 November 1842, married a Kistler; William, born 11 January 1845, married Emma McBride, 30 January 1873; Lyman, born 4 April 1846, died young; Charles, born 28 March 1848; Mary A., born 11 December 1852, married Joseph Bish; Almira, born 25 July 1853, died young; Allen, born 19 November 1854, married Effie; George Alfred, born 9 August 1856, married Sadie/Susan.

WILLIAM BRUGH, born 11 January 1845, died 6 November 1926, son of George and Catherine (Clemmons) Brugh. William married Emma Lavina McBride, daughter of David and Rachel Samantha (Shatto) McBride; 30 March 1873, in Hudson, Indiana. The McBrides were residents of DeKalb County at this time, in the Cedar Lake Church area.

William farmed his mother's land and by 1882, they had a family of three children; Nellie, born 2 January 1874, Glen, born 14 November 1879, and Maud, born 22 September 1882. William developed asthma, largely caused by living around the swamp land of Indiana. His doctor recommended that he move into hard wood lands and sandy soils.

It was a long story getting his family, tools, livestock all to a small village call Oviatt.

They had four children; Ivy P. born 1884, Raymond, born, 1891, Hazel I. born 1894 and Daisy F. born 1887.

The grandparents were living in DeKalb County. After several trips throughout the years of visiting grandma, Nellie, Maude, and Daisy, married DeKalb County young men and stayed in the area.

JULES JOSEPH BEURET, was born 15 August 1841 in Les Breleaux, Canton de Bern, Switzerland, the son of Francis Zavier and Saraphione (Imiar) Beuret, he was the youngest of ten children. His parents and family, except two daughters who remained in Switzerland, came to America in 1848 when Jules was seven years old and bought a farm in Allen County near Academy Station.

Jules Beuret and wife

On 15 September 1867 he was united in marriage to Sarah Felecia Nickerson. To this union were born 2 sons, Louis Jules and Francis Joseph, who died 6 August 1902 at the age of 29 years, and six daughters, Mary, Ida, Emma Louise, Caroline Cecilia, Agnes Alice, Esther Alma, and Theresa Elizabeth, who died 21 December 1884 of diphtheria. All of the children, with the exception of Mary and Emma, were born in the Beuret residence at 339 W. Fourth Street in Auburn.

In 1870 Jules, his wife and two daughters moved to Auburn and he engaged in the hardware business in a frame building on the northwest corner of Main and Sixth Streets, he also worked at the tinners trade which he had learned when he was 17 years old. The frame building was destroyed by fire in 1884 and Jules erected a brick building on the same lot. It is worthy of note that the building is still standing at this date. About 1903 he retired from the hardware business but continued working at this trade, later working with his son, Louis Jules Beuret.

Jules Beuret built the house on Fourth Street in 1869-1870 and was occupied by members of the Beuret family until 1978 when it was sold.

When the Beuret family came to Auburn their backyard was a wheat field and Auburn's business section consisted of only a few small shops with the Ralston General Store forming the nucleus. A trip from Auburn to Fort Wayne was a considerable undertaking, one boarded a dray one day and couldn't return until the next.

On 5 August 1881 Father August Young

celebrated the first Mass in Auburn in the home of Engelbert Ashley and for two years services were held in the Ashley home. In the meantime a committee consisting of Engelbert Ashley, Jules Joseph Beuret, and Justin Girardot purchased lots facing on the corner of Fourth and Railroad Street (now Indiana Ave.). The church, St. Mary's, later to be named Immaculate Conception Church, was built and dedicated in 1884.

Jules Joseph Beuret died in his home on 11 December 1915 at the age of 73 years. His wife, Felecia, resided in the family home until her death on 3 August 1942 at the age of 96 years.

AUBURN FURNACES

Beuret Heating Company

LOUIS JULES BEURET, born in Auburn, 21 October 1877, the fifth of seven children to Jules Joseph and Sarah Felicia (Nickerson) Beuret. He was the grandson of Francis Xavier and Saraphine (Imiar) Beuret, both of whom came to the United States from Canton Berne, Switzerland in 1848.

Louis Beuret lived in the family home at 339 West Fourth Street, Auburn, until his marriage to Eda Florence Raub in 1911, when the couple set up housekeeping across the street at 338 West Fourth. Louis and Eda Beuret became the parents of two children, Frances LuEda, born 15 February 1912, and Jules Wayne, born 18 February 1915.

Louis Beuret learned the tinsmith's trade from his father and worked with him at his shop at Sixth Street and Main in Auburn until 1903, when the elder Beuret retired. Mr. Beuret then set up his own business, the Beuret Heating Company. On West Fifth Street behind the family homestead. Several years later, his business prospering Mr. Beuret moved the frame building to a more suitable location in the 500 block of West Seventh Street, where the company was renamed the Auburn Furnace Company.

The Great Depression affected Mr. Beuret's business so adversely that in 1933 he converted a part of his building into a grocery and filling station which he ran jointly with his son, Jules Wayne. In 1945 he sold his business and retired.

Louis Beuret was a member of the Immaculated Conception Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society. He was active in local Democratic politics, and worked on the Union Township Eighth Precinct election board many times.

Mr. Beuret was a highly respected member of the Auburn Community. Many people still remember his kindness to them during the Great Depression, when he would extend credit for groceries, never afterward sending statements or demanding payment. "Lou" was also a great friend of children, and always had time for the youngsters who visited his store.

Louis Beuret died of a heart attack in the early morning of 1 November 1952. His pastor, the Rev. Anthony Quinlesk, privately eulogized him as a "rose among the weeds."

JULES WAYNE BEURET, born 18 February 18, 1915 to Louis Jules and Eda Florence (Raub) Beuret. His paternal grandparents were Jules Joseph and Felicia (Nickerson) Beuret, and his maternal grandparents were Ephraim D. and Margaret (Davis) Raub.

Mr. Beuret attended grade school at the Riley and Harrison Elementary Schools. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1932, and also attended a one-year post-graduate course there.

In 1933 Mr. Beuret became associated with his father in a grocery and service station business, and continued working there until he began work at the Auburn Post Office in 1937. After four years as a substitute clerk-carrier he was appointed a clerk in 1941. During the next 27 years he filled various assignments, including money order, mail distribution, stamp window and general delivery clerk. In December of 1967 Mr. Beuret was promoted to Superintendent of Mails, and in June of 1968 was sent to the University of Oklahoma for extensive managment training. He was appointed assistant postmaster in 1970, a post he held until retirement in 1975, when he had completed 39 years in government service.

On 30 October, 1940 Jules Wayne Beuret and Patricia Louise Benton of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage by the Rev. Lawrence Weber at the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. They became the parents of four children; Lawrence John, born 1942, Kathleen Marie, born 1943, Kevin Paul, born 1945, and Mary Ann, born 1952. In 1945 the Beurets purchased their present home at 120 East Nineteenth Street.

Mr. Beuret is an active member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, and was an appointed member of the parish council for 37 years. He also took an active part in the 1958 fund drive that made possible the construction of a new parish church, school, rectory, and convent. Mr. Beuret is also an active member of the Father Lawrence J. Weber Council of the Knights of Columbus in Auburn.

Since their retirement, Mr. & Mrs. Beuret have travelled and vacationed extensively. When he is at home, Mr. Beuret's hobbies include oil painting, cooking, and reading.

PATRICIA LOUISE (BENTON) BEURET, born 25 November (Thanksgiving Day) 1920 in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Dwight Omer and Anna Mae (Burnside) Benton.

Patricia attended grade school in Mariemont, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, and in Columbus, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan. In 1934 the family returned to Dayton, and Patricia was enrolled in Villa Julienne, a Catholic girls' high school. After graduation in 1938, she attended Ohio State University.

In February, 1940, while visiting the Misses Louise and Mayme Weber in Auburn, Patricia met her future husband at a card party sponsored by the Ladies' Sodality of Immaculate Conception Church.

On 30 October 1940, Patricia Louise Benton and Jules Wayne Beuret were married in the Immaculate Conception Church by the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence J. Weber. To this union were born four children, Lawrence John, born in 1942, Kathleen Marie, born in 1943, Kevin Paul, born in 1945, and Mary Ann, born in 1952. A fifth child, Mary Louise, died at birth.

Mrs. Beuret, an accomplished musician and accompanist, began piano lessons at the age of 7, and organ lessons at 12. From 1958 until 1970 Mrs. Beurett was organist and choir director at the Immaculate Conception Church. She accompanied the DeKalb County Chorus for ten years, and also served for seven years as organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She has also played for services at a number of other local area churches. Presently, she serves as organist and choir accompanist at the Immaculate Conception Church on a regular, though limited basis.

Mrs. Beuret enjoys travelling with her husband, and continues her interst in music and reading at home.

DR. LAWRENCE JOHN BEURET, M.D., born 20 January 1942, in Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett, the son of Jules Wayne and Patricia Louise (Benton) Beuret. He was the grandson of Louis Jules and Eda Florence (Raub) Beuret, Auburn, and of Dwight Omer and Anna Mae (Burnside) Benton of Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Beuret was educated in Auburn public schools, where he distinguished himself in academics. In his junior year he placed second in the regional chemistry contest, and in his senior year his project for the Fort Wayne Regional Science Fair, Research on Blood Preservation, was awared first place. The same project received an Honorable Mention award at the National Science Fair that year.

He was a delegate to Hoosier Boys' State in the summer of 1959 through the sponsorship of the newly-formed Kiwanis Club in Auburn. Dr. Beuret ranked first in the 1960 graduating class of Auburn High School and, among other awards, received scholarships from the Elks and from St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, and was also a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

At St. Joseph College, Beuret was a member of the marching and symphonic band. He was also president of the Phi Gamma Lambda Scientific Society and a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society. He was valedictorian of the class of 1964, and graduated magna cum laude with an A.B. degree in pre-medicine.

In September of 1964 Beuret was one of 88 entrants selected from over 1200 applicants at the Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago. He received additional medical training at Cook County Hospital and at Hines Veterans' Hospital. After graduating in 1968, Beuret began his internship at Memorial Hospital, Rockford, Illinois. He was granted a fellowship of study at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and began his residency in pediatrics and adolescent psychiatry in 1969. In 1976, he was designated as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America.

In 1979, Dr. Beuret graduated from the National Academy of Medical Hypnosis in Atlanta, Georgia, and has also pursued studies in medical hypnosis in London, England. He has designed and built electronic equipment for the continuous monitoring of patients during hypnotherapy, and has written numerous articles for the Northwestern Ill Medical Journal. He is affiliated with the Mayo Clinic Alumni Association, the Chicago Society of Clinical Hypnosis, and the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis. His office is in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

On 15 August 1980, Dr. Beuret married Donna Miraglio of Chicago. He and his wife and three step-children live Palatine, Illinois.

KEVIN PAUL BEURET, son of Jules Wayne and Patricia Louise (Benton) Beuret, born 1 July 1945 in Scared Heart Hospital, Garrett. His grandparents were Louis Jules and Eda Florence (Raub) Beuret and Dwight Omer and Anna Mae (Burnside) Benton.

After eight years of public schooling in Auburn, he began high school studies at Our Lady of Hope Missionary Seminary in Newburgh, New York. In November of 1961 he enrolled in Auburn High School, where he was active in speech, drama, journalism, and language clubs. He graduated from Auburn High School in May of 1963.

In September of 1963 he matriculated at Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne, Indiana and graduated cum laude with a baccalaureate in English and French in June of 1967. In his college years he served as a writer and editorialist for The Hongleur, the college newspaper, and received the Editorial Writer of the Year award from the Indiana Collegiate Press Association in 1967. In the summer of 1965 Senator Birch Bayh sponsored his participation in the First Annual Washington Summer Program in Politics and Government at Mount Vernon Junior College in Washington, D.C.. A Disc to the Distance, an essay on John F. Kennedy written as an assignment in the American Studies course that summer, was later published and drew favorable comment from a number of nationally prominent writers and political figures.

In the summer of 1967 he participated in an international exchange program at Pontificia Universidad Javerinana in Bogota, Colombia, and in March of 1968 began studies in American literature, Australian literature, and literary theory and criticism as a Rotary Foundation Fellow at Monash University near Melbourne, Australia. While in Australia he lectured extensively to service clubs and school audiences on the American electoral process.

He returned to Auburn in February of 1969, and after brief employment as a newscaster and newspaper writer, he began teaching eighth grade and freshman English in the Lakeland School Corporation, LaGrange, Indiana. In his years as a teacher in the LaGrange and Lakeland Junior High Schools he has continued to teach eighth grade English, but has also instructed classes in elementary and high school Latin, elementary French, and cultural enrichment.

In October of 1985 he received a Hoosier Teacher of English award from the Indiana Council of Teachers of English in recognition of his accomplishments in the classroom and the community at large.

Mr. Beuret is an active member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in LaGrange, and is a past president of the church's parish council.

His interests include cooking, writing, photography, and music, and he is frequently called upon to address service and social clubs and school groups in LaGrange and DeKalb Counties.

KATHLEEN MARIE (BEURET) PAQUETTE, daughter of Jules Wayne and Patricia Louise (Benton) Beuret, born 21 December 1943 in Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett. Her grandparents were Louis Jules and Eda Florence (Raub) Beuret of Auburn and Dwight Omer and Anna Mae (Burnside) Benton of Detroit, Michigan.

She attended public schools in Auburn. While in high school she was active in chorus, pep club, and science club, and also worked after school in the children's division of the Eckhart Public Library. In the summer of 1960 the Auburn Business and Professional Women sponsored her as a delegate to Hoosier Girls' State.

After graduating from Auburn High School in May of 1961, Miss Beuret worked for the DeKalb County Tuberculosis Association until August, when she began nurse's training at Holy Cross Central School of Nursing in South Bend, Indiana. In addition to her training in South Bend, she also received instruction in pediatric nursing at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in Saint Louis, and in psychiatric nursing at Madison State Hospital, Madison, Indiana. Upon her graduation in August of 1964 she worked for two years in the psychiatric ward at St. Joseph's Hospital, South Bend, and then was employed at La Vina Sanitorium, a tuberculosis and emphysema treatment center Altadina, California.

On 15 June 1968 Kathleen Marie Beuret and Rudolph George Paquette were united in marriage by the Rev. Matthew J. Lange at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. Mr. & Mrs. Paquette have resided in Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Spartanburg, South Carolina; and in Saratoga Springs and Cooperstown, New York. They now live in Elkhart, Indiana.

Mrs. Paquette is employed at Michiana Community Hospital in South Bend as charge nurse in the medical-surgical intensive cardiac step-down unit. In her spare hours she enjoys crewel working and reading.

MARY ANN (BEURET) LIECHTY, born 27 April 1952 at Bonnell Souder Hospital in Auburn, the daughter of Jules Wayne and Patricia Louise (Benton) Beuret. Paternal grandparents were Louis Jules and Eda Florence (Raub) Beuret, and maternal grandparents were Dwight Omer and Anna Mae (Burnside) Benton.

Mary Ann attended Miss Barbara Brandoan's Hilltop Kindergarten and entered first grade at Immaculate Conception School in Auburn. Her freshman year there was the school's last before its consolidation in the new DeKalb High School. At DeKalb High School Mary Ann was an active member of the choral organizations and took roles in several of the school's musicals, including "Music Man" and "The Sound of Music," but was best remembered for her portrayal of Ado Annie in the school's production of "Oklahoma!" She was also an outstanding student in English and literature, and one of her poems was selected for inclusion in an anthology of youthful writers' poetry in her sophomore year of high school.

After graduation from DeKalb High School in 1970, she enrolled at Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana, where she graduated in 1974 with an A.B. degree in secondary education. During her college career, she was also active as an actress and director in the Angola Community Theater.

In the fall of 1974, Miss Beuret accepted a position as a freshman and Junior English Teacher and drama coach at Lakeland High School in LaGrange, Indiana. After five years in the teaching profession, she accepted a position as bailiff in the Circuit Court in LaGrange.

On 9 July 1977 Mary Ann Beuret and Stephen Edward Liechty, son of James Edward and Nancy (Oswald) Liechty, were married at the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn by Msgr. Leo A. Hoffman. On 22 March 1986, Mr. & Mrs. Leichty became the parents of a son, Alec Bryan Liechty.

Mrs. Liechty is presently employed in the offices of Dr. M. Reed Taylor, M.D., of Howe, Indiana.

Kenneth Hartman Family

KENNETH R. HARTMAN, born 24 August 1952 in Kendallville, Indiana, son of Ralph R. & Mildred (Mertz) Hartman. His paternal grandparents were John A. and Gertrude B. Hartman. His maternal grandparents were Henry A. and Anna Mertz.

Colleen Joy (Baird) Hartman, born 12 July 1952 at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Lyle E. and Martha L. (Moughler) Baird. Her paternal grandparents were Ray and Hilda Baird of Wolcottville, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Ollus and Golda Moughler of Butler, Indiana.

Ken and Colleen both were raised in and attended DeKalb County schools, Kenneth attending Zion Lutheran, a one room school, his first eight grades. Both graduated from DeKalb High in 1970.

After graduation Ken attended I.U. & P.U. at Fort Wayne, then worked at Warner Gear. He is now employed at the Rieke Corporation of Auburn.

Colleen worked at a printing company for several years, and now is employed by The Church Growth Center of Corunna. They were married at Zion Lutheran Church, Corunna on 23 September 1972.

Ken and Colleen are the parents of two children, Jenny Rachel, born 2 December 1975, and Joseph Robert, born 25 December 1978. They live an a small farm in northwest DeKalb County that has been owned by the Hartman family for 4 generations although not consecutively. Ken's great great grandfather Lenard Hartman owned a great deal of land on the northern side of the Indian Lake of which Ken's home is now located. Ken's great grandfather Adam Hartman, grandfather John, and father Ralph all were raised and lived their lives around an area northwest of Indian Lake.

The Hartman Family are members at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hudson. They enjoy gardening and raising livestock on their small place.

Daniel and Marion Eak

HOWARD H. BLANCHARD, born 4 May 1900, Ayersville, Ohio, son of Frank and Alma (Miller) Blanchard, of Ayersville, Ohio. Paternal grandparents were Loren Freeman and Martha (Palmer) Blanchard, of Ayersville, Ohio, maternal grandparents were Jacob and Lena (Hornung) Miller, of Ayersville, Ohio.

Marion E. Delong, born 10 October 1908, Turon, Kansas, daughter of Clarence and Keturah (Armstong) DeLong, of Corunna, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Henry F. and Jane Delong, of Corunna, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Henry Emmitt and Sarah (Farrington) Armstrong, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Howard met Marion at the home of Bert Kline, in Richland Township, they were married 10 October 1926, at the brides home, in Corunna, Indiana. Howard attended school at Ayersville, and Defiance, Ohio. Marion attended school at East Richland and Waterloo. He has worked at several farms and the Newman Foundry. Howard died, in 1955, Marion did the farming until 1978. She remarried in 1968, to Daniel Eck from Colorado. They have been married eighteen years.

To the union of Howard and Marion six children were born; Richard Lewis, born 10 November 1927; Rhea Ruth, born 29 March 1929; Helen Marjorie, born 23 August 1931; Georgia Ann, born 22 Februrary 1935; Betty Jane, born 2 November 1944; and Billy Gene, born 30 October 1946.

Edward and Charlotte Shutt

EDWARD MICHAEL SHUTT, born 1 October 1903, son of Scudder Edwin and Mary Agnes (Shoudel) Shutt. Scudder was Trustee of Keyser Township starting in 1914 and served for four terms. His paternal grandparents were Dr. Andrew Jackson and Lenora (Bowman) Shutt. His maternal grandparents were Michael J. and Catherine (Froelick) Shoudel, both born in Germany. Brothers and sister of Edward were: Alouis Jackson, born 19 February 1902; John; Victor; Lester and Esther, twins; all deceased. Alouis and Edward were both born in Woodburn, Indiana, in a hotel owned by their parents. The other children were born on a farm which the Shutts moved to in March 1905, south of Garrett and the farm house and buildings are now occupied by the Howard Holbrook family.

Edward farmed for many years and in 1946, was employed at Burgoyne Brothers for one year. On 1 October 1947, Edward went to work at Warner Gear and after twenty years of service, he retired, 1 October 1967. After he retired and most of the farm was sold, he became the caretaker of the Cedar Chapel Cemetery for eleven years. Edward enjoys working with and is a member of the International Wood Collectors Association.

Charlotte Alice Woodcock, born 10 June 1911, in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Arthur Henry and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock, both of Chicago, Illinois. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Annie Elizabeth (Hampton) Woodcock, both born in England. Her maternal grandparents were Edwin Morgan ''Frank Foster,'' born in Wales and Marguerite Viola Reuschen, born in Germany. Charlotte had four brothers: Alfred; Arthur; Roger; and Ralph and four sisters: Margaret (Woodcock) Truman; Florence (Woodcock) Berndt; Patricia (Woodcock) Sutton; and Edith (Woodcock) Miller. Charlotte, Alfred and Margaret took piano lessons from Miss Zula Thumma, who resided with her mother, in the Garrett City Hall where the Township Assessor's office is now located.

Charlotte worked as a clerk at the Newbury's Varitey Store starting in December 1929 and worked for several years. Due to the Depression, she worked for $.55 per hour.

Edward and Charlotte married 18 February 1930 in the United Methodist Church, of Garrett which they restated their marriage vows on their fiftith wedding anniversary at the same church. Seven children were born to this union: Beverly (Shutt) Macrae; Mary Ann (Shutt) Warstler; Leroy; Louis; Martha (Shutt) Freed; Robert and James. They have fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The Shutts attend the United Methodist Church, of Garrett. They reside on part of the farm where Edward grew up as a child, south of Garrett.

GERSHASM AND MATILDA (McCOLLOUGH) WOODS, lived in Wilmington Township, around the 1840's. Their children were: Rebecca Gunthorp; Jane ''Jenny'' Murray; Hannah Coe; Jefferson, a civil war veteran; Mary Shippy; and Elizabeth Sinsbaugh. Grandma Jenny

Helen Smith Blue

always said her father was Pennsylvania Dutch and Matilda was Scotish-Irish. Rebecca and Jefferson were born in Ohio and the other girls were born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County.

The family moved to Wall Lake, Steuben County, Rebecca married and lived near Brighton and is buried in Brighton Cemetery. She and Joe Gunthorp had Charles and Frank and raised Nettie B. Belote and Alice Gutherie Gunthorp. Jennie married Theron Murray and lived on a dairy farm near Orland, Indiana. Jennie used to visit cousins in Butler. She taught school for ten years before her marriage, some of the schools were Sand Hill, Pretty Prairie, Brushy Prairie. They Murrays had five children who lived: Willis, married Mary Gay; Mattie, married Jessie Lucas; Alice, married Burt Andrus; Libbie, married Jesse's brother, Harley; and Henrietta, married Emmitt Smith, of Ligonier. Theron Murray was a Commissioner of Steuben County for ten years.

Hannah Hollis Coe had three children: Mamie Lancaster; Helen, a nurse; and Clyde Coe. Brother Jeff, ran away and joined the Civil War Army. They brought him back because he was young but his father signed him and he returned as a drummer boy. He married Lillie Shippy, later Gertrude Stevens.

Mary Woods married Dan Shippy, also a Civil War veteran who lost an eye in the war. They had ten children, and worked in the lumber camps near Ballaire, Michigan at one time. Dan was tall and Mary was short, so he usually was a few steps ahead of her. She said, some time, I am going first and say Come on, Dan. She did. She died 19 May 1920 and Dan died 19 May 1920, they had a double funeral.

Liz married Hiram Sinsabaugh and lived in Danville, Illinois. They adopted a daughter: Alice, Mrs. Elloit Van Frank.

Tom Woods worked for Theron Murray when the Valley Interurban Line was going through their farm at Orland. Warren Woods was also employed by the Murray when he was young.

Matilda McCollough's father and mother were John and Stacy (Hannah) McCollough. They were Scotch-Irish. She was born in Virginia, John, born in New Jersey. The McColloughs lived in Holmes County, Ohio for a period.

Gersham Woods was a Pennsylvania-Dutch. After his farm work was done, Gersham would pack-peddle through the local countryside.

This material is mostly from Jenny (Woods) Murray's youngest daughter, Henrietta (Murray) Smith. It is submitted by her daughter, Helen Smith, Blue. At this writing, Henrietta is ninety-seven years, born 7 October 1889.

THOMAS LOFTUS, was an Irish immigrant and came to America in 1831, with only a few clothes in a trunk that is in the Loftus-Johnson family at this time. He made his way to Steuben County, Indiana where he met and married Mary Jane Longsdale. They home steaded a small farm in Steuben County near the town that is now, Hamilton. They were the parents of three children: John, Candis and Jesse, 1873-1969.

Jesse Loftus, married Treassa Mae Steffe, 25 December 1905. They were the parents of two children: Josephine, born 10 August 1908 and Lewis F., born 27 July 1910. Jesse Loftus married Adah Mae Bleeks, in 1914, one daughter was born: Candis Mae, born 10 February 1925. Jesse was a long time employee of the old Auburn Auto Company. He lived for many years at St. Joe, Indiana where he took care of the Streets.

Josephine Loftus, grew up in Pleasant Lake, Indiana and went to grade school there, then attended Waterloo High School where she met Daniel Johnson. They were married at Hillsdale, Michigan, 24 September 1924 and were the parents of two sons: Del Mar and Donald.

Josephine was employed for twenty years with the old Auburn Rubber Company until they left Auburn, in 1959. Then she owned and operated The Auburn Diner, until 1974, over fifteen years. She was the first director of the DeKalb County Nutrition Site. Josephine has been secretary and treasurer for the Salvation Army for DeKalb County, Old Settlers' Day Chariman, active in Republican Politics at precinct level and many other activities.

The Johnsons attend County Line Church of God.

DANIEL M. JOHNSON, was the youngest of six children born to James J. Johnson. Paternal grandparents were Eli and Matilda (McClellan) Johnson, who moved here in the late 1890's, bringing a family of twelve. They came from Spruce Pine, North Carolina, which one daughter stayed in North Carolina. Brothers and sisters of Daniel were Charles, Hester and Stella, who grew up in North Carolina and Thomas, and Dallas were born in Artic, Indiana. Daniel was also born in Artic and grew up on a farm in Franklin Township, attending Taylors Corners School and later McIntosh High School.

Daniel and Josephine (Loftus) Johnson were married 24 September 1924, in Hillsdale, Michigan. They are the parents of two sons: Del Mar and Donald. They lived through the "Great Depression" and times were tough, but people helped each other. It wasn't welfare people coming in, it was your neighbors, every one divided what they had and lots of days, you did not know what was for tomorrow. But they trusted the Lord and became stronger people for the hard years.

Daniel worked for International Harvester machinery Dealers, worked for Johnson Brothers at Waterloo, old Culbertson Hardware and Implement Company of Auburn and for Dunn Brothers at Waterloo.

Daniel was a skilled horseshoe pitcher in his younger years and played in many tournaments in the area. He is an avid Baseball fan of the Chicago Cubs and auto racing fan attending races all over the area and every year at the Indianapolis Speedway, an a charter member of the Old Timers Club.

The Johnsons have lived at the Cedar Street address for over thirty years.

D. DEL MAR JOHNSON, older son of Daniel M. and Josephine (Loftus) Johnosn, born 27 April 1925, in DeKalb County. He attended grade school in Waterloo and Auburn City Schools, graduating from McIntosh High School, and the class of 1943.

Del Mar entered the United States Navy in 1943 and served in the South West Pacific until 1946. He returned to the United States in 1946 and graduated from International Business College. He was director of the local Draft Board, 1948 to 1949.

Del Mar married Doris (Wolf) Myers, in 1953. Doris has two children by a previous marriage; Carolyn and Max Myers. Del Mar and Doris have one son, David D. Johnson.

Del Mar has been active in many organizations including: Executive Director of Civil Defense, 1949-1952; President of Auburn Jaycees, 1954; President of Chamber of Commerce, 1954; Commander of the American Legion, Post 97, 1965; Member of the Auburn City Council, 1956-1964; Member of the City Planning Commission, 1958-1972; Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, 1967-1972; Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, 1967-1972; President of Greenhurst Country Club, 1973; Member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Chairman of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Reunion, 1955-1971; President of the A.C.D. Festival, 1971 to present; Director of the A.C.D. Museum, 1972-1987; President of the Foley Pattern Company; Employed by Foley's since 1948.

The Johnsons have lived at the same address in Auburn for thirty years.

DONALD D. JOHNSON, born in Waterloo, 6 February 1932, son of Daniel M. and Josephine (Loftus) Johnson. He attended school two years at Waterloo and the other years at Auburn grade school. He graduated from McIntosh High Schoc in 1953. Don was a charter member of the Jarel S. Sprott Chapter of DeMoley.

Donald married Janet McCollough, daughter o Frank and Wilda McCollough, 1 December 1954.

Donald joined the U.S. army and trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and learned drafting and Sr. drafting at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was assigned to "Special Category" of the Army with the United States Air Force Scarwaf at K1 and K2 in Korea, December 1953-December 1954. He was Honorably discharged, 23 June 1954.

He was the master pattern maker for Wood Pattern Company for twenty-five years. He attended special courses at Fort Wayne School of Art.

Donald was introduced in 1958 to the hobby of ceramics by his wife, Janet. They opened a teaching studio in 1960, as Studio Stain, they developed the paint for their own use in Studio teaching. The ten years of success with this very versatile color line, moved the company first in 1975 into a local and state distribution. Then, in 1980, into national and international Company.

Janet is President of Studio Stains and Don is in charge of promotion and advertising of the many products.

Don and Janet teach seminars in many parts of the country to thousands of students each year.

Don also has published a book on ceramics and painting techinique. He also writes for the many trade magazines. Studio Stains has distributors in all but five of the United States.

They have lived twenty-five years at their present address on Glacier Ridge Road, in Allen County.

They have three children and five grand-

children.

VERLE A. SNYDER, born 7 June 1927, Butler, Indiana, son of Lester B. and Dortha L. (Aldrich) Snyder, of Butler, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Frank B. and Ida M. Snyder, of Butler, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Seth and Essie Aldrich, of Butler, Indiana.

Alice M. Lower, born 7 September 1929, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Bruce S. and Mary (Wolfe) Lower, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Solomon and Cora Lower, of Waterloo, Indiana. Alice attended Bog Island, Pyles and Butler High School.

Verle attended school at Butler. This is where he met Alice. They were married 20 June 1953, at Auburn, Indiana.

Verle has worked at Monumental Life Insurance Company, he is now retired. Alice is a bookkeeper and is now self-employed.

To this union were born two children: Janet L., born 17 July 1955. Janet is married to Ronald J. Provines, of Butler. They have three children: Amanda R., Andrew D., and Bryan J. They currently reside at Butler, Indiana; and Richard A., born 1 May 1958, married to Victoria L. Herron, of Churubusco, Indiana. They have two children: Brandon C. and Cortlan B. They currently live in Uniondale, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder reside near Butler, Indiana, they are members of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

CHARLES E. REFNER, born 12 April 1885, Steubenville, Steuben County, moved to DeKalb County early in his life, died 2 August 1955, aged seventy years, son of Calvin W., born 3 May 1864, in Michigan and Ada Anna (Hippenhammer) Refner, born 27 July 1866, died 31 August 1913. Calvin and Ada were married 27 July 1884.

Edna Daisy Peckhart, born 28 January 1890, died 1 April 1957, daughter of Henry B., born 21 July 1857, Germany, died 29 May 1932 and Minnie (Lehmback) Peckhart, born 11 July 1859, died 10 January 1936. Henry and Minnie were married 27 July 1880. Henry Peckhart was a cement worker, and there are still some sidewalks in Auburn that he made.

Charles and Edna married 4 July 1910 and to this union were born nine children: Edith M., born 7 August 1911, died 17 January 1984; Dorothy (Refner) Watkins; Charles E., born 28 August 1916; Angeline E. (Refner) Smith, born 16 June 1919; Alice J. (Refner) Porter; Mary Annabelle (Refner) Webb, died 16 May 1955; Bonnie L. (Refner) Sharp; Jack B., of Ashley; and Larry K. of Waterloo.

Charles E. ''Judd'' was quite a hunter, trapper and fisherman. He worked as a machinist at the Auburn Auto Company, Auburn and Connersville, Indiana, he also worked some at the Auburn Foundry, Rieke Metal Products and at Auburn Clutch before he became ill.

Charles served in the National Guard for nine years and was in the Mexico border incident for three months.

Arthur Shoener Family

ARTHUR CLARENCE SHOENER, born 13 April 1912, Oskaloosa, Iowa, son of Arthur E. and Grace E. (Davis) Shoener, Oskaloosa, Iowa, both deceased. Paternal grandparents were David and Susan (Metz) Shoener, born deceased, maternal grandparents were Thomas Neely and Mary Charlotte (Chambers) Davis, both deceased.

Lois Arcile Lehner, born 10 March 1920, Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Frank R. and Viola (Richards) Lehner, both deceased. Paternal grandparents were John and Anna (Martz) Lehner, both deceased, maternal grandparents were Herbert and Elsie (Johnson) Richards, both deceased.

Arthur attended school at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Lois attended school, in Kendallville, Indiana. They met in Kendallville and were married, 14 November 1942, at Mitchell Methodist Church, Kendallville, Indiana.

Arthur was an engineer for Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 1937-1975, he died 10 December 1974. Lois is now employed at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Lois A. Shoener, lives on South Cowen Street, in Garrett, Indiana, in the house in which they started housekeeping after Arthur returned from serving four years, in the U.S. Army during WW II. He was a member of the 712th Railroad Battalion and served twenty-two months in the European Theatre of War. The home on Cowen Street was probably built late in the 1880's and was at one time the parsonage for the First Methodist Episcopal

Church. Lois is a member of the Garrett Methodist Church. Her hobby is traveling.

To this union were born four children: Arthur Lee Shoener, born 13 October 1946, graduated from University of Evansville with a Bachelor in business degree in 1968. He married Sharon L. Brown of Harrisburg, Illinois, in 1968. They have one son, Ryan, born 30 October 1975. Arthur L. Shoener is General Manager of the Central Region of the Union Pacific Railroad with offices in Kansas City, Missouri. Sharon is a registered nurse. They live in Leawood, Kansas.

Kay Marie (Shoener), born 5 June 1949, graduated from University of Evansville, in 1971 with a Bachelors degree in Music Education. She married Gary W. Hicks, of Kendallville, Indiana, in 1973. They have two daughters, Alison, born 23 February 1976 and Molly, born 24 March 1979. Gary Hicks is employed with Rollamatic Doors, Incorporated, at Kansas City, Missouri. Kay Hicks is employed as a music and piano teacher. They live in Fairway, Kansas.

Christine Lois (Shoener), born 4 December 1950, graduated from International Business School, Fort Wayne, in 1971, with an Associates degree in Accounting. She married Tony L. Steinmetz, of Garrett, in 1971. They have two daughters, Abby, born 25 June 1976 and Emily, born 19 July 1979. Tony Steinmetz is a railroad engineer employed with Medical Networks, in Houston, Texas, where they live.

Frank Edward Shoener, born 26 April 1956, graduated from University of Evansville, in 1978 with a Bachelor in Accounting degree. He married the former Sandra Shook, of Decatur, Indiana, in 1981. They have one daughter, Katherine Ann, born 12 March 1986. Frank is a Certified Public Accountant with the CPA firm, Katz, Sapper and Miller, at Indianapolis. Sandra is a secretary with All State Insurance. They live at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bradd Davidson Family

BRADD JEFFREY DAVIDSON, born 17 January 1956, Auburn, Indiana, son of Carroll F. and Eloise (Grogg) Davidson, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Clyde F. and Ora Davidson, of Columbus, Kansas, maternal grandparents are Roger V. and Wanda (Leiter) Grogg, of Auburn, Indiana.

Rebecca Lynn Winget, born 16 September 1954, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Walter D. and Bonnie L. (Bowden) Winget, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Paternal grandmother is Margaret Ziegler, of Hartford City, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Lawrence and Margaret Dix, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Bradd and Rebecca attended school at DeKalb High School, they met in Auburn, Indiana. Bradd and Rebecca were married 24 September 1977, Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Bradd is currently in charge of custom computer maintenance and programming as well as being supervisor of fluid natural gas measurement for Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company. Licensed as an amateur radio operator in 1981, Bradd has made several world wide contacts via radio. Some have been into Russia, Africa, England and most of Eastern Europe. In November of 1983, Bradd attempted contact with the Space Shuttle, Columbia, while in orbit above the Earth. Though the contact was not confirmed, he did receive a confirmation of reception from Dr. Owen Garriot, who operated the amateur station on board the Shuttle.

Becky is an executive secretary for Superior Companies in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the vice president of operations. She has hobbies that include crafts of making cross stitch and custom framework stitching. She enjoys skiing, both water and snow.

Bradd and Rebecca are the parents of one daughter, Shelby Lynette, born 2 January 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are residents of Auburn, Indiana and members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

DANIEL L. SCHMIDT, born 14 October 1949, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, son of Martin L. and Naoine (Roemer) Schmidt. Paternal grandfather was Reverend Christian A. Schmidt, of Allen County, Indiana, maternal grandparents were Conrad and Minnie Roemer, of Allen County, Indiana.

Rebecca Schroeder, born 4 April 1950, in Decatur, Indiana, daughter of Richard and Betty (Hickman) Schroeder, of Allen County, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Martin and Alvina Schroeder, of Adams County, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Carl and Elsie Hickman, of

Daniel Schmidt Family

Allen County, Indiana.

Daniel, is a 1968 graduate of Concordia Lutheran High School, 1972 graduate of Wabash College, 1976 graduate of Indiana University School of Dentistry. Daniel has had a Family Dental Practice in Auburn for the last ten years. He is a member of the Auburn Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and 1987 Chamber President.

Rebecca is a 1968 graduate of Concordia High School, 1971 graduate of Cook County Illinois School of Nursing, she had been a registered nurse for fifteen years. She is a member of the Park Board, Plan Commission and the DeKalb County Child Protection Team.

Daniel and Rebecca were married 28 August 1971, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, currently are members of the Lutheran Church of Auburn.

To this union were born four children; Sarah Kathleen, born 13 June 1973, Andrew Christian, born 7 May 1976, Mary Lindsay, born 8 October 1981 and Anna Rebecca, born 7 March 1985.

Daniel and Rebecca resided for four years in Indianapolis while Daniel was a Dental Student. Thye now make their home in Auburn, Indiana.

CHARLES WARTENBE CAPP, born 29 June 1921, at Butler, Indiana, son of Millard Nelson and Georgia Ellen (Wartenbe) Capp. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Liza (Swift) Capp. His maternal grandparents were Corwin Grant and Mary Ellen (Joslin) Wartenbe, of Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Wilma Louise Carr, born 19 January 1921, at Fremont, Indiana, daughter of John I. and Lucy Artava (Worthington) Carr. Her paternal grandparents were Corwin C. and Anna (Imhoff) Carr, of Rowsburg, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Nicholas E. and Sophronia (Pierceson) Worthington, of Medina County, Ohio.

Charles and Wilma married 5 September 1941, at Auburn. Charles attended Butler Public Schools and was trained at General Motors Institute for Parts Manager and Service Manager. Wilma attended Stafford Township and Butler Public Schools.

Charles was first employed at Kroger's grocery, in Butler for 25 cents an hour, then went to United Milk Products Company. He entered the U.S. Army in November 1943 and became a Staff Sergeant in the Intelligence section of the Thirtieth Infantry Division in Europe. While there he was wounded twice, received the Purple Heart with Cluster, Bronze medal with Cluster, European citation with five stars and the Combat Infantry Badge. Upon his return, he again worked at United Milk and in 1950, went to work for Maxton Motors, General Motors Dealership. He worked as parts and service manager for thirty-four years until retiring, 1 January 1984. Now working part time as General Maintenance at Eastside High School, in Butler.

Wilma was first employed by the local telephone company, as switch board operator, later worked at Marshall Clothing manufacturing sports clothes and Army jackets. She spent thirteen years working as a bookkeeper for Butler Water and Sanitation Department. Later she worked at Morence Rubber Plant and has since retired.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Capp have been active in church and civic affairs and with the youth groups. Charles had been active in Boy Scouts since 1941, Butler Clerk-Treasurer for four years and Wilmington Township advisor for twenty-four years. He was also a Deputy District Governor of twenty-five B. Lions International.

Mr. Capp has two sisters; Ellen Richards, deceased and Imogene Metcalf. Mrs. Capp has a sister, Helen Grogg and brother, Lawrence, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Capp are the parents of two children; Janet Ann, who works in stocks and bonds, at Toledo, Ohio and David Charles, who works at Auburn, Indiana, as a Sanitation Laboratory Technician.

Charles and Wilma live in Butler and enjoy traveling, sightseeing, watching high school sports and playing Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus every December.

WOODROW W. DRERUP, born 30 December 1913, Garrett, Indiana, son of Gerhard Anthony and Bessie Edith (Lindsey) Drerup. There were five other children in the family; Albert "Pete"; Arthur "Art"; Harvey "Sam"; Catherine Brand and Audrey Hathaway. The family moved to a farm southwest of Corunna when "Woody" was six years old.

On 30 May 1937, Woodrow married Iris Marie Hontz, daughter of Charles W. and Celesta Pearl (Doll) Hontz, from Kimmel, Sparta County, Indiana. They lived in the old Dr. Shook's home on Bridge Street, where they moved in 1938.

Woodrow and Iris are the parents of one son; Owen Lee "Punk", born 4 June 1938. Owen attended Waterloo High School, graduating in 1956 and attended Ball State University, graduating in 1960. Owen married Susie Charles, of Kendallville, Indiana, on 17 June 1961 and they are the parents of two children; Charles Owen, born 23 December 1964 and Deborah Sue, born 26 August 1967. Owen and Susie live in a house they built on Little Long Lake, Kendallville, Indiana. Owen is in business, managing Reliable Tool and Machine along with his brother-in-law.

Woody worked as a Plasterer and did cement work. He also refinished furniture and caned chairs.

Woody and Marie are retired and enjoying their family.

WANDA AILEENE (HUTTON) HEADLEY, born 25 January 1906, daughter of George Calvin and Grace Dean (Johnston) Hutton. George, born 30 April 1881, died 21 March 1946, Grace, born 22 April 1886. George and Grace were married 22 June 1905.

Paternal grandparents were Henry Milton and Susan Hutton. Maternal grandparents were Samuel and Rosa (Robe) Johnston. Samuel, born 26 July 1856, died 3 March 1905, Rosa, born 11 November 1869, died in 1931. They were married 26 November 1880.

Rosa's parents were Bennett S. and Sibyel (Headley) Robe, Sibyel, born 12 April 1841, died in 1910. Bennett S. Robe was in the Army, Company F, 44 Reg., Indiana Volunteer. He is buried at Chickamauge National Cemetery, Tennessee.

Wanda's parents attended school and were members in a church at St. Joe, Indiana. This was another DeKalb County farm family. Wanda has two sisters; Thelma Olive, born 7 February 1908 and Melba Blanche, born 13 July 1911.

FAY AND WEALTHA (KISABETH) HANNA, residents outside of Hicksville, Ohio, moved about eight miles west to the former farm of Joe and Sarah Baldwin, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 1 March 1922, along with their son, Farrell and daughter, Lillian. The Baldwin farm consisted of forty acres on the Cole Road, Route Six, Hicksville.

Fay Hanna Family

The family carried on with the farm work. They rented fields near by and raised livestock and poultry. The family attended community meetings at the Newville churches and schools.

On 14 February 1931, Wealtha gave birth to Wayne Leroy and on 3 July 1932, Lillian, their daughter, married Keith Tomlinson, of Newville. Soon after the wedding, they moved to Hicksville.

In 1935, the Hannas purchased forty acres adjoining their farm and added a new addition to the barn, a tool shed, corn crib, new fences, more tiles added to the fields, remodeled the house, and added a new well water system.

The son, Wayne, attended Newville Common School and graduated from St. Joe, Indiana in 1949. On 9 June 1951, Wayne married Nancy Davis, of Route One, St. Joe, Indiana. They moved to Hamilton, Indiana.

On 3 March 1956, Fay N. Hanna, died at the age of sixty-seven, in the Garrett Hospital. Wealtha and her son, Farrell carried on with the farm.

Farrell found and collected several hundreds of Indian artifacts, rocks, fossil stones, horse shoes, spent musket balls, and a few antiques while hunting near the Newville and St. Joe River area.

In October 1974, the farm was sold to Jerry Keener, a neighbor. On 24 November 1974, the Hannas moved to 120 W. Cornelia Street, Hicksville, Ohio.

On 15 April 1977, Wealtha G. Hanna died at the age of eight-six after an operation in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Wealtha's parents are buried in the Lost Creek Cemetery about four miles northeast of Hicksville, Ohio.

BLAINE E. PROSSER, born 3 February 1913, Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Roy, born 30 January 1886, Jackson Township and Blanch Rose (Hilkey) Prosser, born 3 November 1888, Jackson Township, they married 5 November 1906. Paternal grandparents were Adam, born 1838, Ashland, Ohio, died 9 April 1923 and Barbara Ann (Stroh) Prosser, born 25 March 1852, in Waterloo, Indiana. They were married 8 October 1882. Maternal grandparents were Benjamin, born 5 November 1851, Jackson Township, died 1919 and Roseanna (Martin) Hilkey, born 17, June 1852, in Jackson Township, died 1945, married 25 December 1872.

Blaine attended Jackson Township School, Number One, and Auburn High School. He was a farmer and volunteered for the Army in 1941. He served in Ireland, Sicily and Anzio Beachhead. He was wounded in Central Italy and spent many months in Veteran's Hospital. When he was discharged, Blaine went back to farming and also worked as a security guard. He died in June 1973.

Blaine married Lois Mae Stomm, 24 February 1945. They are the parents of three children; John Edward, born 14 September 1949, died April 1966; Walter, born 16 December 1950. He served in the Army and was sent to Vietnam from 1970 to 1972. He married Illa Cook, and they have four children; Christene Louise, born 21 November 1973; Joseph Eugene, born 27 March 1977; Jenny Rose born 4 November 1978 and Ellen Sue, born 25 November 1983; and Joan Louise Prosser, married Ronald Lynn Wann, 19 January 1974. They have two children; Michael Wayne, born 27 July 1980 and Joylnn Daniell, born 15 March 1982.

LEONARD SHAFFER, born 22 July 1939, Auburn, Indiana, son of Lewis and Alice (Church) Shaffer, of La Jara, Colorado. Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Maude (Williams) Shaffer, of Garrett, Indiana, maternal grandparents are William L. and Rosa (Parmer) Church, of Auburn, Indiana, originally of West Virginia.

Jean Bowman, born 25 October 1943, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Dale and Laverne (Wolf) Bowman, of Waterloo. Paternal grandparents are Hubert and Hazel (Long) Bowman, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Walter and Ruth Wolf, of Avilla, Indiana.

Leonard attended school at Garrett High School. He met Jean at Electric Motors, Garrett, Indiana. Jean attended Waterloo High School. To this union were born two children; Terry Lee, born 17 March 1963 and Lori Lynn, born 9 September 1964.

Leonard has worked at various factories int he area, no employed at Zollner Corporation, of Ft. Wayne. Jean is a homemaker. They are residents of the Auburn area. They are members of the United Methodist Church. Leonard is a United Methodist Pastor.

JOSEPH W. GERIG, born 14 December 1931, at home, in Jackson Township, son of Joseph W., Sr., born 14 December 1890, died 18 October 1952 and Lulu L. (Alexander) Gerig, born 4 January 1899, died 19 July 1983. Named after his dad because he was born on his dad's birthday and his mother's-in-law birthdate. His paternal grandparents were Noah Moses Valentine and Mary Ann (Koble) Gerig, maternal grandparents were George and Inez (Blue) Alexander. Joseph W. Gerig, Sr., had five brothers and sisters; Forrest T., married Alice Timmerman, Virgil, married Velma Carper; Goldie (Gerig), married Fred Kruse, Grace (Gerig), married Wilbur Hartung and Leona, married Kenneth Lung. Joseph W. Gerig, Jr., had three sisters; Carol, died 4 september 1984, married Paul Whittington, Wilma, married Kenneth Marks, and Thelma, married Robert Daly.

Joseph Jr., walked to school at Hopewell from grades one to six. During his fourth, fifth and sixth grades, he went early to start the fire in the wood stove and stayed late to clean and oil the floors. He went to Jackson Center for his seventh and eighth, but rode the bus. He went to work at Rohm Chevrolet used car lot for $28.00 per week. On to Auburn Clutch, then the International Harvester, in Fort Wayne and farmed with his father. Joseph Jr., enlisted in the Air Force, October 1951 and was stationed at San Antonio, Texas. One year later, was discharged to care and farm for his mother after his dad's death.

Marcella Danner and Joseph Jr. were married 16 April 1955, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. This date was her parent's twenty-sixth wedding anniversary date. They started housekeeping in St. Joe.

Joe got laid off work at the Harvester and went to work at the St. Joe Dairy. He delivered bottled milk in the early morning hours.

The Gerigs purchased Joe's home place in Jackson Township, now known as County Road 31 and moved in 1956. May 1956, Joe went to work for County Line Cheeses. He worked in all departments and at all hours. He drove semi-truck for twelve years, delivering cheese and continued to farm.

Joseph Jr. and Marcella are the parents of four children; David L., born 26 February 1956, married Sandra Sue (Marker) Temple, daughter of Derwood, of Wolf Lake and Jeneve (Shaw) Marker of Columbia City. David and Sandra are the parents of two children; Jeff Kosteck and Rachelle Temple; Karen Sue Gerig, born 29 March 1958. She now attends IUPU, Fort Wayne and works at Magnavox; Lyle Joseph Gerig, born 3 October 1960, married Vicki L. McMaken, daughter of Albert McMaken, St. Joe and Sharlotte (Wells) Long, Corunna. Lyle and Vicki have one daughter, Rekekah, born 31 July 1980 and one son, Ryan, born 24 July 1986; Mark Allen Gerig, born 7 April 1962, married Marcia Kay Hill, daughter of Wayne and Naomi (Sechler) Hill, of Kendallville, now Waterloo, on 19 October 1985. All four children attended Immaculate Conception School, McKenny-Harrison, McIntosh Junior High and DeKalb Central Schools. All four graduated from DeKalb Central High in 1975, 1976, 1979 and 1980.

The Gerigs celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, 16 April 1980. Joseph was active as chief steward for the Union at County Line Cheese. He was Commander of American Legion Post 97 during 1985-1986 year. Marcella belongs to the Jacksonetts Home Extension Club. She works part time at Auburn Abstract Company. She sews and does alterations for the public and is active at the Immaculate Conception Church.

CONRAD S. DANNER, born 8 April 1904, at Munich Germany. He came to America when he was nineteen years old, 1923. He was one of the immigrants that went through Ellis Island, at New York Harbor. This was mentioned, as this is Liberty's hundredth birthday. He went to school for three years to be a skilled machinist.

Conrad worked at various jobs including Kneppe Springs at Rome City, Indiana and Auburn Cord Duesenberg factory, and went to work at Bowsers Company, Fort Wayne, as a machinist. They left Fort Wayne as Bowsers Company went under during the Depression. They moved to Andrew's farm where Conrad farmed for Andrew and helped other farmers. In 1933, Conrad wanted to farm for himself. They moved to Edon, Ohio and rented a farm. They moved back to Indiana in 1935-36 to Grace's maternal grandparents' farm, in Smithfield Township, east of St. Michael Church. They purchased the eighty acre farm in 1940, where they raised pigs, milked cows, had chickens, planted grain and made their living thus. Grace helped in all areas and canned many jars of food and made it through the Depression.

Conrad and Grace married 16 April 1929, at St. Michael's Church, north of Waterloo. They celebrated their twenty-fifth and fiftieth wedding anniversaries. To this union were born three children; Rosemary T., born 24 February 1930, in Fort Wayne, married Eugene N. Hoff, son of Christian and Louise Hoff, of Waterloo, 25 June 1950. They have five children and live in Greenfield, Indiana. By 1970, there were five generations, all girls, living. They celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Marcella C. Danner, born 21 January 1934, Edon, Ohio. She met Joseph W. Gerig, Jr., at Dunn's Dairy Bar in Waterloo where she was a waitress. Joe worked for the State Highway Department and went there for lunch. They married 16 April 1955; and Conrad Arnold, born 14 September 1939, DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Joyce D. Taylor, daughter of Charles and Thelma Taylor, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, 29 September 1961. They have four children and live in New Haven, Indiana. They celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

All three children attended Ashley school through all twelve grades and graduated from Ashley 1949, 1952 and 1956. After the children left home, Conrad went to work at Kitchen Equip., Waterloo. A Butler factory had bought a German-made machine for their plant and a gentleman from Germany came to explain how to use the new machine. No one could understand the German language, so a neighbor who worked there asked Conrad to be the interperter.

Grace worked as a cook in restaurants and helped people with their housework. Conrad and Grace took up bowling for recreation. Conrad took a trip back to Munich, Germany, in 1951 and took Grace along when their son was stationed there in the service.

Conrad continued to farm until the summer of 1970 then sold the farm and moved to Auburn. He died 6 December 1982.

GRACE B. ELLERT, born 14 December 1908, DeKalb County, daughter of Andrew B. Ellert, born 8 November 1883, died 11 June 1957 and Mary (Hess) Ellert, born 31 March 1884, died 15 January 1985. Andrew and Mary were married on Andrew's birthday and the date Andrew was eligable to vote for the first time. Andrew was a farmer in Smithfield Township and owned his own farm. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary 8 November 1954. Mary lived through five wars during her span of life which she never lost a member of her family. Spanish American, World War I, World War II, Korean, and Vietnam. Mary lived to be over 100 years and saw lots of history made.

Grace's paternal grandparents were George and Mary (Pfefferhorn) Ellert. Maternal grandparents were John and Celesta (Noriett) Hess. Grace has one sister Violet, married Albert Horntorp and one brother, Raymond, married Esther Hoffelder.

WALTER J. RICHTER, born 11 June 1920, Smithfield Township, son of Lawrence V. and Caroline (Pfefferkorn) Richter, of Ashley, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Lawrence V. Sr., and Magadlena (Hahn) Richter, emigrated from Alsace, in 1980. Maternal grandparents were John and Caroline (Thalman) Pfefferkorn, of Ashley, Indiana, emigrated from Alsace, in 1879.

Ruth J. Orwig, born 18 December 1924, Fairfield, Township, daughter of Guy W. and Wanda A. (Blech) Orwig, of Ashley, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were William and Eleanor (McKibben) Orwig, of Napoleon, Ohio, maternal grandparents were Edward and Mathilda (Pankop) Blech, of Kendallville, Indiana, emigrated from Posen, Germany, in 1890.

Walter met Ruth in Angola, while she was at Tri-State. They were married 27 June 1944, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo. Walter attended school at Summit and Ashley, while Ruth attended Hartman, Ashley and Tri-State. Walter has been a farmer all his life while Ruth has been a homemaker since their marriage.

To this union were born six children; Ronald Joseph, born 29 March 1945, Francis Michael, born 11 January 1948, Lawrence John, born 8 Feburary 1950, James Stanley, born 4 May 1953, David Paul, born 15 August 1956 and Jeanette Marie (Richter) Goldsbrough, born 4 March 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richter now reside near Ashley, Indiana, they are members of the St. Michael's Catholic Church. Their hobbies include woodworking, gardening, needlecraft and sewing.

DENNIS NELSON HOLMAN, born 21 January 1955, Angola, Indiana, son of Kenneth G. and Alice I. (Jennings) Holman, of Butler, Indiana. Alice is deceased. Paternal grandparents are Ray B. and Mary K. (Gilmore) Holman, both deceased, maternal grandparents are H. Nelson and Leota T. (Boyd) Jennings, both deceased.

Cathy Joyce Kern, born 1 September 1957, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Kenneth C. and Patricia J. (Pritchett) Kern, of St. Joe. Paternal grandparents are Norman, deceased, and Mildred (Miller) Kern, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Wesley E. and Ruth (Adams) Pritchett, both deceased.

Dennis met Cathy at the Jerusalem United Methodist Church, of Butler, they were married 26 June 1976, at Jerusalem United Methodist Church. Dennis attended Hamilton Community Schools and Cathy attended Eastside high School. Dennis has worked at Gay's Market, Angola and Lincoln Life Insurance Company, Ft. Wayne. He is now employed with the Wayne Press Inc., of Fort Wayne. Cathy has worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Company, Ft. Wayne. In Auburn with Buehrer and Seigel C.P.A.

To this union were born two children; Jill Suzanne, born 4 July 1980 and Abigail Elizabeth, born 24 October 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Holman now reside near Butler, Indiana, they are members of the Calvary Chapel of Hamilton. They hobbies include ceramics, sewing, music and gardening.

HAROLD A. SELTENRIGHT, son of Frank P. and Pearl (Eckles) Seltenright, born in Butler, Indiana, 10 June 1916. He married 21 November 1934, to Helen L. Slater, daughter of George I. and Hannah L. Loutzenheiser, of Edgerton, Ohio. To this union was born four children; James L., Sharon E. Spake, Jeanne A. Buell, all of Butler and Phyllis E. Crothers, of Ft. Wayne.

Harold Seltenright was a brick and stone mason from 1936 to 1951. During this time, he was responsible for many masonery building projects, namely new and brick homes in Butler, Kendallville and Edgerton, Ohio. Also the Indiana and Michigan building on U.S. 6, west of Butler, erected in 1946. He specialized in building beautiful fireplaces. From 1951 to retirement, in 1977, he was in TV and appliance sales and service, having a store in uptown Butler. For over forty-five years he has been active in ham radios and designing, building and flying model aircraft. For many years, Harold and Helen have been active in Christian work, teaching and in music.

In the late 1800's, Alex W. Seltenright built one of the first brick homes in Butler on West Main street, where he raised a large family. Sometime after the turn of the century, he then built another home which is now a farm home owned by Harold Laranie located west of Butler. This farm home is where Harold A. Seltenright was raised by a German grandmother when his mother, Pearl; died of Tuberculosis, in 1922.

In 1971, Alex Seltenright, married Nancy Champion in which four children were born. His wife, Nancy died in 1883 and then in 1884, Alex remarried Catherine Schmidt in which five children were born, Harry, Fred, Frank, Alby and

Hazel Carpenter, all of which lived in DeKalb County most of their lives.

Catherine Schmidt came to America from Hilzkirchin, Germany, 10 March 1882 and about two years later made her home in DeKalb County.

Harold's father, Frank P. and his father's brother, Harry A. and his grandfather, Alex W. Seltenright were well known in DeKalb County for their many commercial buildings and churches, namely, the Butler Carnegie Library erected in 1915, the old gymnasium, on north Ash Street in Butler, erected in 1936, the United Brethren Church, on West Main Street, erected in 1917 and the Catholic School and Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio with construction beginning about 1939 and lasting for four years.

About 1945, Harold A. Seltenright, put a whole new front of brick work on the old Dickerhoof Ford Garage on South Broadway, in downtown Butler. There were probably many more buildings erected by the Seltenrights in the early days of Butler that there is no records.

EUGENE ARDEN THOMAS, born 30 April 1922, Toledo, Ohio son of Harry and Hazel Thomas. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Parks) Thomas of Railraod Street, Auburn. His maternal grandparents were Sherman and Sarah Jane (Hensinger) Dickenson of rural Auburn. Sarah Jane was the daughter of Owen Hensinger who homesteaded south of Auburn in the brick house southeast of the roadside park on 69. Sherman Dickenson's father was Ezra Dickenson — another early settler of DeKalb County. Eugene's paternal great grandfather was John Thomas of DeKalb County and his great paternal grandmother was Mary Parks. She was one of the daughters of William Parks whose brother was Wesley Parks — the first settler of Auburn.

Eleanor Jean Trovinger, born 12 August 1925, in Auburn, Indiana; the daughter of Edwin and Mae Trovinger. Her maternal grandparents were Hiram and Ada Slaybaugh. Hiram Slaybaugh attended high school at Waterloo and Angola. He also attended teachers' normal at Waterloo and started to teach school at 20 years of age in DeKalb County from 1906 to 1910. Eleanor's mother, Mae Slaybaugh, worked as his deputy. Eleanor's great maternal grandfather, Daniel Gonser, was County Treasurer from 1876 to 1880. his farm is now the town of Ashley. Eleanor's paternal grandparents were Albert and Mary Trovinger of Roanoke, Indiana.

Eugene and Eleanor were married, 5 October 1946. They both graduated from McIntosh High School, Auburn, where they met. Gene was a senior and Eleanor a freshman.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas are the parents of two children — Alan Michael, a graduate of Evansville University and is now a high school teacher in Olney, Illinois. Alan is also the owner of his own auction company. Carole Ann (Thomas) Baynes is a graduate of Indiana University with a degree in journalism. She is presently employed by Indiana University.

Gene was a professional prize fighter from 1940-1946. He was nominated into the Golden Gloves Hall of Fame in Fort Wayne. He attended U.S.M.S., Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn., and became an officer in the Merchant Marine which he made his career. He served twenty-six years, three during World War II and twenty-three years from 1959 to 1982. He was a chief-marine engineer. He spent the last five years on the Great Lakes. He has been around the world more than 30 times. He retired in 1982 and spends most of his time in the Quachita Mountains of Arkansas with his dog "Rambo." He is also presently writing a book about his many experiences and adventures at sea.

Eleanor was employed at Lincoln National Bank in Fort Wayne. In 1956 she worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Wm. F. Henning for several years. In 1972 she attended Indiana University and obtained her real estate broker's license — being one of the first women brokers in DeKalb County. She owned her own real estate business for several years. She served as president of the Auburn Economic Development Commission for eight years. She is a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church and the Auburn Business and Professional Women's Organization. In 1981 she started with the new J.L. Hudson Store in Fort Wayne as a sales consultant. She is presently employed as a wardrobe consultant for Hudsons. She has a sister Isabel Trovinger and a brother Roy Trovinger, both of Fort Wayne. A sister Geraldine (Trovinger) Rinkel is deceased.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas reside in Auburn and go south in the winter months. their hobbies include reading, writing and outdoor activities in Arkansas.

RICHARD DALE KUMMER, born 16 January 1933 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana to Clarence E. and Marguerite M. (Miller) Kummer. his father's birthdate was 9 July 1900, he passed away 29 October 1980. His mother's birthdate was 13 April 1900, she resides on the farm near Waterloo. The family resided in Allen County, Indiana until moving to DeKalb County in 1949. his paternal grandparents were Albert and Alma (Robinson) Kummer, Allen County, Indiana. His

Richard and Phyllis Kummer

maternal grandparents were Jacob and Wilhelmina (Schmidt) Miller, who resided in Allen County.

Phyllis June Weicht, born 12 February 1933, in Grant Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Albert J. and O. Beatrice (Wilson) Weicht. Her father born 22 September 1905 and he resides on the farm his father purchased in 1916. Her mother's birthdate 7 May 1902, she passed away 13 October 1946. Phyllis' paternal grandparents were William and Wilhelmina (Mutzfeld) Weicht, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Walter and Effie (Baker) Wilson, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Richard attended school in Allen County, Indiana before moving to rural Waterloo, Indiana. In his sophmore mid-year he enrolled in Waterloo-Grant Township High School and graduated in 1951. After graduation he enrolled in General Electric Apprentice School in Ft. Wayne, Indiana for Tool and Die Making. His apprenticeship was interrupted by the U.S. Army in 1953 for two years. Upon discharge from the army in 1955, he completed his apprenticeship at General Electric and worked there until 1958. he was employed by Kitchen-Quip, Waterloo, as tool and die maker thru 1966. Since 1966 he has been employed by the Waterloo Post Office as a rural carrier and has farmed since 1959.

Phyllis graduated from Waterloo-Grant Township School in 1951, attending all twelve years there. She was then employed as secretary for the Waterloo-Grant Township School until she joined Richard at Ft. Will, Oklahoma the fall of 1953. After returning to Indiana in 1955, she was employed by Dana Corporation, Auburn, Indiana until their first son was born. She has been secretary for Indiana Decorative Products, Waterloo, since 1970.

Richard and Phyllis were married at the First Methodist Church, Auburn, Indiana, 28 July 1953, where they are members.

Richard has three sisters: Ruth (Kummer) Burris, Sarah (Kummer) Scott and Phyllis (Kummer) Conner. He also has two brothers: Edward C. Kummer and Carl Kummer. Phyllis has two sisters: Doris (Weicht) Menges and Carolyn (Weicht) Trubey, a brother Robert died in infancy, July 1928.

Phyllis and Richard have two sons: Larry D. Kummer, born 21 July 1958, who is employed as Branch Manager of Farm Credit Systems, DeKalb-Allen County. Tim E. Kummer, born 18 February 1962, is a technician at Hayden-Honda in Kendallville, Indiana. Both sons are married and reside in DeKalb County. Mr. and Mrs. Kummer have one grandson, Jacob D. Kummer, born 4 October 1983, son of Larry.

Mr. & Mrs. Kummer have resided on their farm since 1959, located in Grant Township.

WALTER LUNG, born 23 June 1910 in Thomasville, Michigan, son of Albert and Catherine (Frisbie) Lung. Except for the two years in Michigan, they lived their entire life in DeKalb County.

Walter's ancestry has been traced to immigrant Philip Lung who migrated from Loraine, a state located near what is now known as Germany, to settle in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in the early 1700's. Philip's son Henry had a son Henry II. Henry II became the father of John, whose son Noah was the father of John E., Walter's grandfather.

Walter and Lucille Bradley were united in marriage, 4 June 1935, the first wedding to be performed in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren of which they are members.

Lucille, born 15 October 1916 in Swan Township, Noble County, the second child of Floyd and Grace (Williams) Bradley.

To this union three children were born; Lauren "Larry" Ray, born 24 March 1943. Janney LaDean, born 3 October 1948, Marcia Elaine (Lung) Laundre, born 25 October 1950.

Larry and wife Carole June (Meyers) Lung live near Indianapolis with their three daughters, Monica, Jacqueline, and Erin and twin sons, Courtney and Tyler. Larry's eldest daughter Tina (Lung) Garvin lives in Pensacola, Florida. Larry is employed at International Harvester as a metallurgist.

Jennifer Lynne Lung is the only child of Janney and Carol (Cook) Lung. they make their home in Angola where Jan serves as Director of Steuben County Welfare Department.

Marcia (Lung) Laundre and husband Jay Laundre with their children David and Michelle live in Memphis, Tennessee, where Jay is associated with Scripps Howard Broadcasting Company.

Walter taught school for forty-four years in DeKalb, Noble, Steuben and Whitley counties. He started teaching in a one room school at St. Johns in Butler Township.

Most of their married life, the Lungs have operated their own garden market where they sell sweet corn, tomatoes, melons and other vegetables and fruits in season. The market is known as "Lungs 205 Garden Market" located at their residence on State Road 205.

MERLIN E. SIMANTON, born 25 October 1917, St. Joe, Indiana, son of George W. and Edna Pearl (Wyatt) Simanton. his paternal grandparents were Henry E. and Florence (Tustison) Simanton. His maternal grandparents were Elmer and Julia (Crocker) Wyatt. He had three brothers. George Simanton living in Phoenix, Arizona. Fern Simanton, deceased, and Correll Simanton, deceased.

Dorothy June Rowe, born 22 December 1924 in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Ora E. and Etta Mae (Pontius) Rowe of Fairfield Township near Corunna, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were George and Lydia (Ernest) Rowe, maternal grandparents were Samuel and Lucy (DaHuff) Pontius. I have one sister Gretchen Teeters of Waterloo, Indiana.

Merlin and Dorothy were married 5 April 1944 at Spencerville Lutheran Church parsonage in Spencerville, Indiana. We resided on the family farm west of St. Joe, Indiana where Merlin was born. We have two children; Jerry L. of rural Butler, Indiana. He married Kathy C. Houser, 3 April 1971, they have one son Jerry T.; Janice K. (Simanton) Weaver of rural Waterloo, Indiana married Tom. L. Weaver, 21 November 1973. they have two children, Tessa C. and Cory T. Weaver.

Merlin was a farmer, member of the St. Joe Conservation Club and St. Joe-Concord Township Fire Department and was trustee of Concord Township for two terms 1970-1978.

SAM L. TOMLINSON, born 7 March 1882 to James P. Tomlinson and Theresa J. Blaker. He died 27 December 1956, killed by a falling tree limb. Sam farmed, logged and in early years baled hay.

Blanche G. Abel, born to Wallace and L. Antoinette "Nettie" (Coburn) Abel born 19 March 1882. She died 13 December 1963. They were married 25 April 1903 in Newville Township. They lived in DeKalb County for all but 6 years of their lives, when they lived near Coldwater, Michigan. They are buried in the Newville Cemetery.

They had six children: Harold Lavon, born 22 August 1905 and died 14 March 1906; Kenneth Vance, born 14 April 1907; Keith Charles, born 8 May 1911; Ronald Leroy, born 20 September 1913; Robert Lynn, born 29 December 1919 and died 2 September 1978; and Lois Jean (Tomlinson) Strong, born 29 July 1927.

WALLACE E. ABEL, born 4 November 1851 in Concord Township. He was the son of George D. Abel and Sarah A. (Milliman) Abel. Louisa Antonette "Nettie" Coburn, born 10 August 1852 in Newville Township. She was the daughter of William R. Coburn and Cynthia L. (Gee) Coburn. They were married, 12 December 1876 by J.F. Coburn and lived in Newville Township all their lives. Wallace was a farmer and served as township trustee and DeKalb County Commissioner.

They had four children; Leroy; Bessie M. (Abel) Lake; Blanche G. (Abel) Tomlinson and Gladys C. (Abel) McNabb.

Wallace died 18 October 1937, and Nettie died 16 June 1954. They are buried in Alton Cemetery.

W. DALE MC NABB, born 9 August 1892 in Newville Township to Robert William and Estella Bell (May) McNabb.

He served in World War I, and operated an appliance sales and service business in Garrett at the time of his death from a heart attack, 17 March 1952.

Gladys Clare Abel, born 24 July 1895 to Wallace and Nettie (Coburn) Abel. She taught school in some of the rural schools in her earlier years. She resides in Garrett and has been a well known seamstress in that area for many years. She and Dale have been active members of the Church of Christ in Garrett.

They had one son, Harold Wayne, born 29 July 1917. He married Gladys Leiter, born 23 August 1927. They have two children; Debra Jane, born 21 August 1953 and Steven Wayne, born 14 July 1955.

Harold is a retired owner of a wholesale sales company and they live in Garrett.

PAUL JOSEPH VOIROL, born 16 October 1966, Auburn, Indiana, the oldest of four children. His parents are L. Duane and Barbara J. Voirol of rural St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Arthur and Maxine (Emenhiser)

Voirol, who moved to Auburn from Woodburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are the late George and Bonita (Reuille) Garman of Auburn.

Julie Hohenstein, born 6 December 1960 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has one younger brother. Her parents are Donald "Jack" and Roseann L. Hohenstein of Fort Wayne. Her paternal grandparents were Robert Otto Hohenstein, 1902-1982 and Elizabeth (Schadt) Hohenstein, 1906-1935. Both were immigrants of German ancestry, he from Germany and she from Austria-Hungary. Her maternal grandparents were Carl F. Harber, 1901-1965 and Matilda (Hambrock) Harber, 1901-1950 of fort Wayne, Indiana.

Paul and Julie met soon after their graduations from Eastside High School in Butler and Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, respectively, in 1979. Paul was trained and employed by Maxton Motor's Body Shop, while Julie was a student of Medical Technology in Fort Wayne. Julie graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and began working at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio in 1983. On October 1, 1983, Paul and Julie were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Their first home was in rural Defiance County, Ohio near Hicksville, a few miles from the farm her grandfather Robert Hohenstein had owned and operated for many years. In January 1984, Paul accepted a position at Kitchen Auto Body Specialists in Butler. He then went through training in Toledo to learn how to operate a frame machine. Paul and Julie searched for a home to buy, but found none in the Hicksville area to suit their needs. In February 1985, Julie accepted a position at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and in March of the same year, the couple purchased a home in Jackson Township of DeKalb County.

In 1985, Paul and Julie, with the help from relatives and friends, built their barn. they purchased their first Arabian filly, and with their spring of 1987 foal, are looking forward to raising and showing Arabian horses. Both are members of the Indiana Arabian Horse Club. Paul and Julie belong to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and sing in the choir. They spend much of their free time working on and improving their home and surrounding acreage.

GARY VAN ZILE, born 10 September 1936 in Butler, Indiana, at the home of his grandparents, Judd and Rosa Fee.

Gary began working at an early age. When he was just a young boy, he worked for his father, Cecil, who was self-employed doing plumbing and heating. He had a morning paper route, mowed yards with a push lawn mower for a $1.00, if it was winter shoveled snow for a quarter. When he got a little older, after school and on Saturday's he worked for Mutzfeld's Hardware. He then got a job at Bechtol's Bakery.

He went to work early in the morning, usually around 4:00 a.m. working until it was time to go to school. While he was attending High School he worked for Amos Rimmel, owner of the Agar Bug Co.

After he graduated from Butler High School he worked for Universal Tool. He didn't stay long. He got a job working for John Arrants who owned the Texaco Service State on the corner of Main and Broadway. The station was opened from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. It was a good place to get your car repaired, filled with gas, and also hear the latest gossip in Butler. A bench was even provided to sit on.

John died in 1963, so Gary bought the station. he called it Red's Texaco. After working for himself for a few more years, he decided to quit. He got a job working for Butler & Butler Construction in Auburn. The construction business slowed down, so he looked for a different job. he then went to work for Hendrickson Suspension in Kendallville in the Receiving Department. Gary is a retired fireman from the Butler Fire Department. He served from 1960 to 1980. He loves to go hunting, trap shooting, and fishing in summer and winter. He is a collector of anything that has the trademark "Winchester".

Leona, born 9 January 1934, in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ora W. Shambaugh. When Leona was starting her senior year in High School, her dad got a job in Butler, so she finished high School and graduated from Butler. The week after graduation, she went to work as a teller at the Knisely National Bank in Butler.

Gary and Leona were married 26 September 1959. After working seven and a half years, Leona quit working to stay home and raise a family.

When the children went to school, Leona went back to work at the Bank, this time in the bookkeeping department. She is now the head bookkeeper and assistant cashier.

Gary and Leona were the parents of three children; Mitchell Ora, born 1961; Coleen Kay, born 1962; Michael born 1963.

RUSSELL W. HARTMAN, born 27 March 1906, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, son of Otto and Mertie (Rowe) Hartman, of Fairfield Township. His paternal grandparents were Adam and Mary (Newstorfer) Hartman. His maternal grandparents were William and Amanda (Rorabough) Rowe.

Mary A. Freed, born 30 January 1903, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed, of Fairfield Township. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Barbara (Haines) Freed. Her maternal grandparents were Daniel and Susan Smith.

Russell attended the Lutheran School in Fairfield Township and Mary attended the Fairfield School. Russell farmed for several years in Fairfield Township before moving to Auburn, in 1953. He worked for the Farm Bureau, county Highway Department and Broadview Lumber Company before retiring in 1971. Mary is a housewife.

Russell and Mary were married 29 March 1927, in Auburn, Indiana, and they are the parents of two sons; Eugene Russell, born 30 July 1928, Hudson, Indiana and Robert Samuel, born 19 March 1933, Hudson, Indiana.

They are members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, near Ashley.

EUGENE R. HARTMAN, born 30 July 1928, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, son of Russell and Mary Hartman, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Otto and Mertie (Rowe) Hartman, of Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed, or Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

Mary E. Fennell, born 25 September 1932, in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, daughter of Earl and Marie Fennell, of Howe, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Emory and Fannie (Baker) Fennell, of Howe, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Feller) Alleshouse, of Orland, Indiana.

Eugene started school in the Shipe School, in Fairfield Township, and graduated from Ashley in 1947. Mary E. attended school at Brighton and graduated from there, in 1950. Eugene worked at Warner Gear for thirty-three years and retired in 1983. He spent two years in 1954-1956 with the U.S. Army, with eighteen months spent in Germany.

Eugene and Mary were married 16 December 1951, at the Pretty Prairie Methodist Church, Howe, Indiana, LaGrange County. They are the parents of three children; Susan Renee (Hartman) Cook, born 28 July 1954; Norman Eugene, born 27 June 1958 and Pamela Kay (Hartman) Blessinger, born 6 May 1962.

They are active members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren near Ashley.

Eugene and Mary purchased their farm west of Ashley in 1956, when they returned from Germany and have lived there since.

Their hobbies are fishing and farming.

ROBERT D. METCALF, born 23 February 1923, Auburn, Indiana, son of Harry D. and Wilma (Walker) Metcalf, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are J. William and Minnie Belle (Duesler) Metcalf, DeKalb County, maternal grandparents are Wallace and Ella Mae (Hollopeter) Walker of Auburn, Indiana.

Doris Ann Smith, born 19 January 1927, Souders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of William H. and Pearl (Elson) Smith, of Corunna, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Orin A. and Laura A. (Rohm) Smith, of Corunna, Indiana, maternal grandparents are C.T. and Sarah Ann Elson, of Ashley, Indiana.

Robert attended school at Waterloo high School, Doris Ann attended school at Hesse Cassel, Fairfield and Waterloo High School. they met at the Silvermoon Skating Rink. Robert and Doris were married 21 August 1948, at the United Brethren Church, at Waterloo.

To this union were born three children; Rex Alan, born 20 June 1950 and Sharon (Metcalf) Cline, born 29 June 1951 and Karen (Metcalf) Gibson, born 29 June 1951, twins.

Robert has worked at Warner Gear and Rohm Chevrolet, Inc. He is now retired. Doris has worked at Wiley Exports and is now employed with DeKalb Central United School.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf reside in Auburn and are members of the United Methodist Church of Waterloo. their hobbies include travel, bowling, and their grandchildren.

JERRY EDWARD CROWL, born 24 April 1940, Troy Township, son of Bennie E. and Ilene E. Crowl, Butler, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Clair A. and Florence Mae (Wise) Crowl, of Hamilton, Indiana, maternal grandparents were Curtis and Stella (Myers) Newman of Edon, Ohio.

Arlene Jeanette Overholtz, born 22 September 1938, fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of David R. and Freda (Fleming) Overholtz, of Butler, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were William and Sarah (Clem) Overholtz, of Lima, Ohio, maternal grandparents were Herman and Pauline (Steinhilb) Fleming, Trimountain, Michigan.

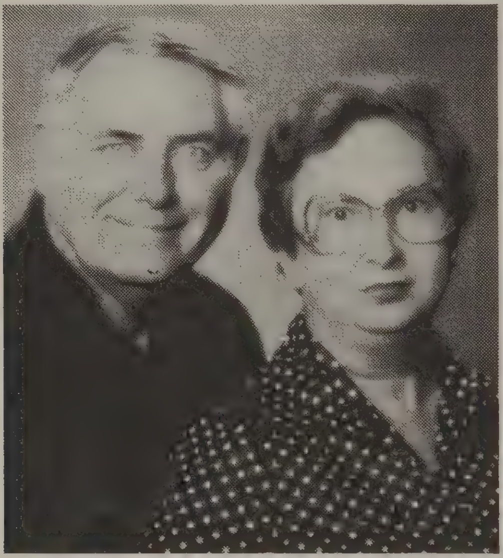
Jerry and Arlene married 22 August 1964, at Mt. Pleasant Church, Butler, Indiana. Jerry attended school at Tamarack, Troy Township, and Butler High School. Arlene attended school at Butler and Indiana Central College, receiving a B.S. degree and Ball State, receiving M.S. degree.

Jerry has worked at Bohn Aluminum,

International Harvester and he is now a self-employed farmer and part-time construction. Arlene taught in Muncie and Butler and is now employed at Butler Elementary School.

To this union were born three children; Keith Edward, born 5 November 1966; Bruce David, born 19 June 1969 and Mark Allen, born 2 June 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crowl reside north of Butler, they are members of the Zion United Methodist Church. Jerry has served as Troy Township Trustee since 1983. Their hobbies include beekeeping, coon hunting, reading and fishing.



George and Marlena Anderson

GEORGE THOMAS ANDERSON, born 20 July 1936, Auburn, son of Lawrence W. and Elva Leona (Cobler) Anderson. Paternal grandparents are George W. and Mattie (Hennessey) Anderson, maternal grandparents are Thomas Clarence and Ida M. (Van Zile) Cobler.

Marlena A. Duff, born 4 March 1946, Bertis, Kentucky, daughter of Homer Bernard and Lou Ann (Donahue) Duff. Paternal grandparents are Harrison and Fay (King) Duff, maternal grandparents are Asa Franklin and Ida Blanche (Donathan) Donahue.

George and Marlena met at Morehead, Kentucky. They were married 8 January 1973. George attended school at Auburn High School and Findley College, Findley, Ohio. Marlena attended school at River Grade School and Rowan County High.

George is now employed at Beatrice Cheese. Marlena A., has worked for General Telephone. Their hobbies include, flea markets, auction sales, bowling, baseball, crafts, music, reading and gardening.

CLAYTON ELMER HARTMAN, was a life time resident of Richland Township, DeKalb County. He served his community for sixteen years as DeKalb County Assessor, born 25 February 1902, died 28 January 1976, son of Charles Hartman, 1873-1905 and Nettie (Baker) Hartman Reeder, 1873-1960. his father died when he was five years old and his mother married Ezekiel Reeder 1875-1944.

There were two brothers; John born 1895, died nineteen days of age and Heber, 1896-1914. Also two half sisters; Edith E. (Reeder) Grosvenor, 1908-1983, married Arnold P. Grosvenor, 1906-1984. they resided in Bourbon, Indiana. their daughters are Martha Wilson, Pueblo, Colorado; Romona Curtis, Plymouth, Indiana; and Linda Matheny, Bourbon Indiana; Lottie (Reeder), born 1910, married Gerald Kimes and they reside at Crooked Lake, Angola, Indiana. There is one daughter; Sharon Wappes, of New Haven, Indiana.

On 23 June 1923, in Waterloo, Clayton married May O. Roop, born 23 February 1902, in Grant Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Wesley, born 1873 - died 1940 and Mary Ann (McEntaffer) Roop, Sherrow, born 1881, died 1970. She married Albert Sherrow, 1883-1955, of Keyser Township, DeKalb County. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Margaret Libey Roop, maternal grandparents were Josiah, 1836-1910 and Mary (Miser) McEntaffer, 1843-1912.

Clayton was a school bus driver, seed corn salesman and full time farmer before being elected to County Assesor. He held offices in Zion Sixteen Lutheran Church, Richland Township, Farm Bureau and served on the board of the Federal Land Bank.

Mae is a retired homemaker and was active in Richland Township Farm Bureau and Home Demonstration Club where she held different offices over the years. She was a 4-H leader of the Richland Township girls club and Sunday school teacher in her church, for many years.

One daughter, JoAnne, born 9 August 1930, married Wayne Scattergood, born 11 September 1930. There are three grandchildren; Cindy Scattergood, Richmond, Indiana; Fred Scattergood, rural Auburn, and Leabeth (Scattergood) Smith, married Barry A. Smith of Indianapolis, Indiana and three great grandchildren; Jason Scattergood, Auburn, Amy and Sara Smith, Indianapolis, Indiana.

WAYNE FREDERICK SCATTERGOOD, born 11 September 1930 in Richland Township, DeKalb County. the son of Karl Waldro and Hazel Ruth (Wertenbarger) Scattergood. His

Wayne Scattergood Family

paternal grandparents were Frederick and Minerva (Kanaga) Scattergood. His maternal grandparents were Ulysses Sydney and Celia (Beiderwell) Wertenbarger both ordained ministers of the United Brethren Church.

JoAnne Hartman, born 9 August 1930 in Richland Township, DeKalb County, the daughter of Clayton Elmer and Mae O. (Roop) Hartman. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Nettie (Baker) Hartman Reeder, of Richland Township, DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents were Wesley and Mary Ann (McEntaffer) Roop Sherrow, of Grant Township, DeKalb County.

Wayne and JoAnne were married 12 February 1950 in the Zion Sixteen Lutheran Church located south of Corunna, Indiana, and have lived on the same dairy and grain farm for the past thirty-six years.

JoAnne was Sunday church school teacher for many years and is secretary of the church school at the present time. She belonged to the Model Home Demonstration Club where she served as president, vice president and song leader and was women's leader of the Richland Township Farm Bureau until it merged with Union, Keyser and Butler to form the 4-T's. She was also a 4-H leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Scattergood are the parents of three children; Cindy L., born 27 March 1952 of Richmond, who is a computer programmer analyst for Belden Wire; Leabeth (Scattergood) Smith, born 4 February 1956 of Indianapolis, who is a part time legal secretary. She married Barry Allen Smith, 4 August 1974; and Fred L., born 20 July 1959 of Auburn, Indiana. He was married to Kathy Ridenour, born 5 February 1961.

The Scattergoods have three grandchildren; Jason Allen, born 10 October 1980 of Auburn; Amy Elizabeth Smith, born 17 November 1981 and Sara Ann Smith, born 18 June 1984, of Indianapolis.

KARL WALDRO SCATTERGOOD, born 21 May 1902, in Richland Township, DeKalb County, son of Frederick, 1865-1913 and Minerva (Kanaga) Scattergood, 1875-1908. His paternal grandparents were Charles W., 1817-1905 and Philene D. (Reynolds) Agate Scattergood, 1836-1900. His maternal grandparents were Samuel A., 1837-1884 and Chloe (Cool) Kanaga, 1845-1908. His father married Lila Wittig, March 1910.

After the death of his parents, Karl lived with an Uncle, Guy Kanaga, 1878-1949 and aunt Cora Kanaga, 1874-1937, brother and sister. He attended Ashley High School where he played on the basketball team from 1917-1921 and attended Huntington College for two years.

He had a sister, Fern Scattergood, born 30 September 1904, died 26 January 1975, married Herman Herzbruch, 29 December 1946, he died in 1966. there was one step-brother; George Wittig.

On 10 May 1925, in Hudson, Indiana, Karl married Hazel Ruth Wertenbarger, born 29 October 1904, she died 14 November 1979, daughter of Ulysses and Celia (Beiderwell) Wertenbarger, both ordained ministers of the United Brethren of Christ Church. Her paternal grandparents were John, 1883-1896 and Abigail (Funalman) Wertenbarger, 1833-1894. Her maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Kelermeyer) Beiderwell.

She had two half brothers; Ira and Chester Wertenbarger and one half sister, Elnora (Wertenbarger) Porter. One sister, Velma Wertenbarger, 1901-1973, married Clyde Husselman, born 5 March 1902, of Grant Township, DeKalb County. There are a number of nieces and nephews surviving.

Karl was active in Community and church organizations. He was on the board of Napoleon, Ohio Egg Auction, DeKalb County Credit Union and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Board. He was a full time farmer before retiring and still lives on the same farm where he was born.

Hazel was a school teacher for thirty-two years, teaching at Amstutz, Allen County, Schonps and North Keyser, Keyser Township, Hessen Castle and Fairfield Township, East Noble, Kendallville, and Waterloo Elementary School where she retired. She was active in her church, Maple Grove United Methodist, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School class. She attended Tri-State and North Manchester College.

Karl and Hazel were janitors of the church for twenty years, keeping the church clean and warm for others.

A son, Wayne Scattergood, born 11 September 1930, married JoAnne Hartman, born 9 August 1930, on 12 February 1950. They are the parents of three children; Cindy, Fred and Leabeth (Scattergood) Smith. there are three grandchildren; Jason Scattergood and Amy and Sara Smith.

Raymond Stackhouse Family

RAYMOND ELLSWORTH STACKHOUSE, second child of thirteen children, of Glen and Hazel Mae (Bordner) Stackman, born 27 June 1909, in Ohio. His paternal grandparents were Bert and Rachel Stackhouse, of Ohio. his maternal grandparents were Ellsworth and Nancy Bordner of Ohio. When an infant Raymond's parents moved to Indiana to his grandfather's farm on the west side of Story Lake, in Fairfield Township. Later they bought a farm on County Road 8 and Raymond attended school at Hartman school, a one room school.

Ruth Viola Perkins, the seventh child of eight children, of Samuel and Mary Alice (McClish) Perkins, born 15 July 1912, in Fairfield township, on the east side of Story Lake. Her paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Fannie (High) Perkins, maternal grandparents were Alexander and Margaret (Kimble) McClish. Ruth attended school at Shipe and graduated from Ashley High School in 1930.

On 31 January 1931, Raymond and Ruth were married at Middlebury, Indiana and rented his grandfather's farm for three years and in March 1934 they bought a farm, on County Road 20, south of Indian Lake. They engaged in general farming, raising sheep, hogs, dairy cattle and horses. Raymond especially liked his horses. He raised a few colts and showed them at the DeKalb County Fair and kept horses until he wasn't able to care for them. Raymond was a member of the DeKalb Horseman's Association and a director on the DeKalb County Fair Board for many years.

Raymond and Ruth celebrated their fiftith wedding anniversary, 25 January 1981. they are members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, near Ashley. Raymond died in 1982 and is dearly missed by his family.

Raymond and Ruth had four children; Melda, of Kendallville, Indiana, married James Veit and they have seven children. James died in 1978. Melda is running a tire business with her son; Donald Stackhouse and his wife, Patricia, live in rural Corunna and they have three children. Donald works at Dana; Evelyn of Kendallville, married Ted Butler and has one son. Ted is a retired postmaster; and Myron Stackhouse and his wife, Mary Jane, live in rural Waterloo. They have three children and are farming.

LATHAN CAROL MILLER, born 31 October 1901, to Manuel and Anna Miller. He had four sisters; Dehea H., 1903-1983; Helen, 1905-1973; Ethel and Ruth. Dehea married Walter F. Reinig. Helen married Russell Walker, Ethel married John O. Bender and Ruth married Loren Yarlot.

Lathan Miller was a farmer but became better known for his stone mason work which took him as far west as California. His last work before his death was at the Hamilton Fire Station at age eight. his farm home was a monument to his talent. Lathan died in September of 1983.

BLAINE HUBERT WARSTLER, born 19 December 1927, son of Artie and Gladys (Carper) Warstler.

Blaine was raised and grew up on a farm in DeKalb County, all his life. He graduated from St. Joe High School in November 1950 and entered the Army until December 1952, as a Corporal. He worked at Warner Gear, as a machine repairman and held a Journeyman's card, retiring after thirty-one years of service. Blaine is a member of the Auburn Conservation Club for thirty-three years and the Auburn Moose for thirty years. He played with his brother's band for twenty years, as a bass player.

Blaine married Vereda V. Reinig, 27 June 1958, in Angola, Indiana, daughter of Walter F. and Dehea V. (Miller) Reinig. Walter died in 1959 and Dehea died in 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Warstler now make their home in Jackson Township, DeKalb County.

ARTIE WARSTLER, 1896-1961, married Gladys Carper, born 1898 to George and Sarah Jane (Morr) Carper. She now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. James Bice, of Auburn.

Gladys worked for Souder Hospital and Glen Oak Nursing Home until she retired.

The family loved music and taught their children to play and sing for which talent brought them many awards.

Eight children were born to Artie and Gladys; June, married Lloyd Bassett; Ruth M. married Herman Collins; Wayne E. married Joan (Rimmel) Buchanan; Blaine H. married Vereda Reinig; Sonny, died 1929; Donald L. married Delores Ross; Elaine, married James Bice and Wesley D. married Sharon Stark.

FORREST L. OILER, born 24 January 1912, at Moore, Wilmington Township, son of Fred and Ethel (Forrest) Oiler. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Cora Oiler of rural Butler. Maternal grandparents were, Wilson H. and Margaret (Moore) Forrest of Moore.

Forrest and Marcella Powers were married, 30 June 1934 at Angola, Indiana.

Marcella Powers, born 30 January 1913 to Arthur S. and Bessie (Stewart) Powers in Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Powers were publishers of the weekly newspaper, The Butler Herald. Her paternal grandparents were, Charles and Nancy (Diamond) Powers of Clay Co., Kansas, maternal grandparents were, Daniel and Sylvia (Curtiss) Stewart of Fort Wayne.

Forrest Oiler was a co-owner of the newspaper, The Record-Herald from 1946-1965. In 1965 he sold his interest in the paper and went to work at Fort Wayne Newspapers where he worked until his retirement in 1977. Mr. Oiler was an only child, Mrs. Oiler had a sister, Eloise Powers Poorman and a brother, Burdette Powers.

The Oilers have one daughter, Kathie Oiler Swaim, who with her husband, Mark E. Swaim, reside at the Oiler and Forrest homestead at Moore. The Moore Plot is part of an original land grant to the Moore family.

MARK EDWARD SWAIM, born 19 December 1947, Indianapolis, Indiana, son of John, of Park County, Indiana and Dorothy (Jenkins) Swaim, of Canton, Ohio. He attended elementary school in Indianapolis and Columbus, Wisconsin graduating from Carmel, Indiana high School, in 1966. He attended elementary school in Indianapolis and Columbus, Wisconsin graduating from Carmel, Indiana High School, in 1966. he attended Indiana State University at Terre Haute and graduated from Purdue University, at Fort Wayne, 1976 with a B.S. degree in Engineering.

Kathie Jean Oiler, born 5 November 1946, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Forrest L. and Marcella (Powers) Oiler, of Butler, Indiana. Kathie attended Butler Elementary School and graduated from Eastside High School, in 1965. She attended Indiana State University, in Terre Haute, Indiana, graduating in 1969, with a bachelors degree in Social Studies Education.

Mark and Kathie were married 13 September 1969, at the Methodist Church, in Butler, Indiana. After their marriage, they spent three years in Rhode Island and Naples, Italy, while Mark was serving with the U.S. Navy. he was with the Naval Mobil Construction Battlion F, Sea Bees, in Chu Lai, Viet Nam, and with the Public Works Departments, in Naples, Italy.

Upon returning to DeKalb County, they resided on the property owned by Kathie's family for over one hundred years.

Kathie (Oiler) Swaim was employed by the Fort Wayne area CETA Consortiem, in 1979, as DeKalb County Coordinator. She moved to MIS Coordinator in the Fort Wayne office in 1975. In 1979 she returned to school and graduated in 1980 with a master of Public Affairs degree, MPA from Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana. She is currently employed as Deputy Director of the Fort Wayne Training and Development Corporation which administers the job training partnership act in northeast Indiana.

Mark Swaim was employed by the Indiana Air National Guard at Baer Field, in 1976. he is currently an engineer with the Air Guard, managing construction projects on the base. He is a member of the Reserve Naval Mobil Construction Battlion twenty-six head quarters at NAF, Detroit, Mount Clemins, Michigan.

JOHN HENRY KRICK, born 15 August 1907, Paulding, Ohio. Grace Ann (Nartker) Krick, born 20 April 1904, Gladorff, Ohio. John and Grace were married, 25 April 1925, Angola Catholic Church Rectory.

To this union were born six children; Clarence John "Jack", born 10 December 1926; Valerie Ann Betty, born 10 September 1928; Loraine Jane, born 1 October 1930; Margaret Mary (Krick) Zehner, born 7 February 1932; Thomas David, born 16 June 1936; and Richard Raymond, born 14 March 1938.

RICHARD G. ZEHNER, born 15 July 1928, Racine, Wisconsin, son of William Floyd Zehner, of Fort Wayne and Beatrice B. (Scott) Bickel, of Auburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Raymond Earl and Cady Lucinde (Deisler) Scott, of Auburn, Indiana.

Margaret M. "Peg" Krick, born 7 February 1932, Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of John H.

and Grace A. (Nartker) Krick, of Auburn, Indiana. her maternal grandparents are Frank and Mary (Wellens) Nartker, of Kendallville, Indiana.

Richard and Margaret attended school at McIntosh High School, in Auburn. They met at Bishop's Soda Shop in Auburn, Indiana, and were married 5 September 1953, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, Indiana.

To this union were born five children; Dawn Renee (Zehner) Klopfenstein, born 25 May 1954; Marlys Janee (Zehner) Greenwell, born 13 July 1958; Elaine Marie (Zehner) Husted, born 26 April 1960; Kari Ellen (Zehner) Conner and Kurt Matthew Zehner, twins, born 5 March 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Zehner own and operate the Northway Inn Restaurant. They reside in Auburn, Indiana and are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Their hobbies include bowling, crafts, traveling, and reading.

DARRELL L. KLOPFENSTEIN, born November 1950, McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana, son of Avon and Betty (Rimmel) Klopfenstein, of Kendallville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Henry and Phyllis Klopfenstein, of Kendallville, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Samuel Dallas and Velma May (Fredrick) Rimmel, both deceased.

Dawn R. Zehner, born 25 May 1954, Souders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Richard G. and Margaret M. (Krick) Zehner, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are William Floyd Zehner, of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Beatrice B. (Scott) Bickel, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are John Henry Krick and Grace (Nartker) Krick Fulk, both deceased.

Darrell attended school at East Noble High School, in Kendallville, Indiana. He has worked as District Manager of Haffner's Store, in Ohio and at Warner Gear in Auburn, Indiana. He is now at Quick Tanks, in maintenance.

Dawn attended school at DeKalb high School, Waterloo, Indiana. She has worked at Cooper Industrial, in Auburn, Indiana. She is now a homemaker.

Darrell and Dawn met at the Dairy Queen in Auburn. they were married 6 october 1973, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Auburn, Indiana. To this union were born three children; Adam Lee, born 15 April 1975; Beth Ann, born 4 May 1977; and Trent Jacob, born 1 February 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Klopfenstein reside in Kendallville, Indiana. They are members of the First Christian Church of Kendallville. Their hobbies include; Darrell's motorcycle and four wheeling at the dunes, Dawn's ceramics, needlework, as a family bike riding and camping.

THOMAS EUGENE GREENWELL, born 5 June 1954, Auburn, Indiana, son of Paul and Bobbie Greenwell of Auburn, Indiana.

Marlys Janee Zehner, born 13 July 1958, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Richard G. and Margaret M. (Krick) Zehner, of Auburn. Paternal grandparents are Floyd Zehner of Fort Wayne and Beatrice (Scott) Bickel, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are John H. and Grace Ann Krick of Auburn, Indiana, both deceased.

Thomas attended school at Auburn and Columbia City. Marlys attended school at Auburn. They were married 1 May 1982, Norris Chapel United Methodist Church. They are the parents of one son, Brad Eric McDaniel, born 29 January 1978.

Thomas is employed at Helmkamp, Inc. Marlys has worked at Glen Oaks, and Betz Nursing Home. She is a self employed babysitter now.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwell reside in Auburn, they are members of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn. their hobbies include camping and crafts.

RICK A. HUSTED, born 2 November 1957, Garrett, Indiana, son of Roscoe and Irene (Mack) Husted, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Carl and Almeda Husted of Newville, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Frank and Gertrude Mack, of Butler, Indiana.

Elaine M. Zehner, born 26 April 1960, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Richard G. and Margaret M. (Krick) Zehner, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are William Floyd Zehner, of fort Wayne, and Beatrice B. (Scott) Bickel, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are John and Grace Krick, of Auburn, Indiana.

Rick and Elaine attended school at DeKalb High School, Waterloo. they met at McIntosh Junior high School, Auburn. They were married 3 June 1978, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, at Auburn. to this union were born two children; Emily Nichole, born 1 August 1982 and Derek Ryan, born 17 September 1986, both born at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indian.

Rich has worked at White's Westwood and Universal Tool. he is now at Nucor Fastners of St. Joe. Elaine has worked at White's Westwood, DeKalb Cable Company and is now employed at Lane Realty Inc., Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Husted resides in Butler, Indiana, they are members of the Butler Church of Christ. Their hobbies include camping, fishing and swimming.

KURT MATTHEW ZEHNER, born 5 March 1961, Auburn, Indiana, son of Richard G. and Margaret M. (Krick) Zehner, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are William Floyd Zehner, of Fort Wayne, and Beatrice B. (Scott) Bickel, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are John Henry and Grace Ann (Nartker) Krick, Fulk, of Auburn, Indiana.

Lisa Kimberly Smith, born 4 September 1962, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Lloyd George Smith and Rebecca Kay Cain, of Auburn, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Eugene and Mildred Willman of Auburn, Indiana.

Kurt and Lisa attended school at DeKalb High School. They met in Auburn, Indiana, at the home of her parents. they were married 5 December 1981 at the home of Kurt's parents.

To this union were born three sons; Matthew Lee, born 24 June 1982, Aaron Eugene, born 19 September 1983 and Gregory Jon, born 1 May 1985.

Kurt attended Tranport Careers and has works for four trucking firms. Lisa is a homemaker and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Zehner reside in Auburn, Indiana, and are members of Auburn Presbyterian Church. Their hobbies include car races, fishing, bowling, puzzles and cards.

KARI E. CONNER, born 5 March 1961, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Richard G. and Margaret M. (Krick) Zehner, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are William Floyd Zehner, of Fort Wayne, and Beatrice B. (Scott) Bickel, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are John Henry Krick and Grace Ann (Nartker) Krick, Fulk, of Auburn, Indiana.

Kari attended school at DeKalb high School. She has worked at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Broadcast Circuit Systems, Fort Wayne and is now employed at Colwell General.

She is mother of two children; Angela Marie Conner, born 30 September 1981, Grandprarie, Texas and Ashley Dawn Clabaugh, born July 1983, Auburn, Indiana.

Ms. Kari Conner and family reside in Kendallville, Indiana, they are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, of Auburn. their hobbies include picnics, dancing, bike riding, swimming and singing.

SAMUEL HEALY, born 1816, at Robertville, Stark County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Becknell and came to DeKalb County by covered wagon in the year of 1837. They settled northeast of Butler, on the land believed to be owned by Max Platt and became farmers.

Children of Samuel Healy

Samuel and Elizabeth were the parents of nine children; William Franklin, born 1844, married 28 March 1863 Lavina Slentz and they had nine children; Harvey E., born 1864, died 1953; Minerva F., born 1867, died 1943; William H., born 1869, died 1932; Charles, born 1871, died 1956; Fredrick LeRoy, born 26 December 1873, died 1950; George "Jud", born 1879, died 1970; Robert, born 1881, died 1945; Dora, born 1884, died 1961 and Florence, born 1886, died 1958.

Charles A. Healy, died 1866, of wounds from the Civil War. He served in the Grand Army of the Republic; Stephen D.; Philinda J., married Ike Nelson; Marica E. (Healy) Wagner; Sophia (Healy) Culbertson; Matilda (Healy), married a man named Tate; Samuel, Jr.; and Eli H. Healy.

Fredrick LeRoy Healy, the fifth child of William and Lavina Healy, born 26 December 1873, married 14 January 1893 Lydia A. Reas, daughter of Fayette and Matilda Reas. Twelve children were born to them; Cora (Healy) Marrow, born 12 January 1895, died 6 March 1925; Clara (Healy) Oberlin, born 27 August 1896, died September 1969; Pearl (Healy) Larah, born 12 November 1898, died December 1980; Charles Ruben Healy, born 10 November 1900, died 29 March 1986; Audra (Healy) Cluster, born 13 October 1902, died January 1956; Dorothy (Healy) Bender, born 16 November 1907, lives in Florida; Samuel Healy, died as an infant; Harvey L. Healy, born 1910, died March 1942; Byron E. Healy, born 21 February 1913, died 21 October 1944, during World War II; Ora L. Healy, born 17 May 1915, lives in Butler, Indiana; Clarence, born 1917, died 1918 and Lawrence E. Healy, born 2 Feburary 1921, lives south of Auburn, Indiana.

Samuel B. Healy, born 1816, was a distant relative of John Houlton.

MILES WELLER, born in September of 1924, Butler township, DeKalb County, son of Frank E. and Clara E. (Slaffer) Weller, of Butler Township, both deceased, Clara died 18 April 1986. Paternal grandparents were Miles and Effie Weller, both deceased, of Butler Township, maternal grandparents were Henry and Olive Slaffer, of Swan Township, Noble county, both now deceased.

Helen Louis Wilson, born 11 February 1926, DeKalb County, daughter of Aubrey and Wilma (Latson) Wilson, of Auburn, Indiana. Aubrey, died January 1985, Wilma died 23 December 1983. Paternal grandparents were Walter and Effie Wilson, of Union Township. Walter died in July 1952 and Effie in 1960. Maternal grandparents were James and Maude Latson of Auburn, Indiana. James died 3 April 1957 and Maude, died 31 May 1968.

Miles and Helen met at the skating rink, Auburn, Indiana, they were married 14 June 1944, at Brush College, County Line church of God parsonage.

Miles attended school at Garrett, Indiana. Miles is self-employed and owns a dairy farm. Helen is a homemaker. to this union were born four children; Jackie Sue (Weller) Kruse, born 1 February 1946; Sharon, born 6 June 1948; Gregory J., born 16 March 1952; and Rebecca (Weller) Schanke, born 19 October 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller now reside in the rural Garrett area, they are members of the County Line Church of God. Their hobby is traveling.

ROBERT W. FARVER, born 12 April 1931 to Louis Marcelous and Eula May (McCool) Farver. His paternal grandparents are Lewis and Pearl (Ferrier) Farver. his maternal grandparents are Freeman and Cora (Baker) McCool.

Robert married Beverly J. Stomm, 24 December 1951 at her home. she was born 16 September 1933 to Cecil R. and Ruth (Shafer) Stomm. her paternal grandparents are Moses and Mattie Stomm. Maternal grandparents are Jay and Sarah (Chapman) Shafer.

Robert attended Hudson, Hamliton, Poe, Metz and Ashley schools. Beverly attended Fairfield and Ashley schools. they met at Ashley.

Robert was a farmer and did construction. Beverly worked at Auburn Wholesale Hardware and Weatherhead.

Four children were born to Robert and Beverly; Robert W., Jr., born 16 July 1954; Daniel L. born 15 Octoiber 1958; Breck A., born 15 February 1961 and Pamela S., 14 March 1966.

The family are members of St. Johns United Church of Christ, Ashley-Hudson.

They enjoy western square dancing as a hobby.

Aden Carper Family

ADEN LEWIS CARPER, born 28 January 1926, in DeKalb County, son of Howard and Mina Pearl (Mitchell) Carper. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary Ellen Carper. His maternal grandparents were George and Emma Mitchell.

Aden has spent most of his life in DeKalb County, attending schools in Altona and Dutchtown. He served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean five times on escort duty aboard the U.S.S. Gandy DE., then journeyed through the Panama Canal and across the Pacific Ocean to escort the second wave of troops onto Japanese soil. He received his honorable discharge in March 1946.

Opal Valette King, born 4 February 1928, in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Raymond King, of Betz Nursing Home and Wilhelmina Henschen. her paternal grandparents were Homer and Ella (Rumple) King. Her maternal grandparents were Ernest and Louis (Stelhorn) Henschen.

Opal's childhood was spent on her parents farm across from the County Line Cheese Factory. Her junior and senior high school days were dull because of the war and, lest we forget, gas rationing. She was in music and 4-H club work and graduated from Leo High School, in 1946.

Opal met Aden at the Silvermoon Skating rink, north of Auburn. Their courtship consisted of roller skating and visiting the Court Theatre. Aden and Opal were married 12 April 1947, in Leo, Indiana, at the United Methodist Church. They became the parents of six children; Cynthia Louis (Carper) Smith, born 29 July 1949; Thomas Lewis, born 16 February 1951; Phyllis Joellen (Carper) Myers, born 30 January 1954; Melinda Jean (Carper) Dunn, born 20 February 1956; Harold Ray, born 25 February 1957 and Lori Ann (Carper) Vanderpool, born 14 March 1963.

They have nine grandchildren; Shawn, Gretchen and Hollie Smith; Brian, Karen, and Scott Dunn; Dameion Carper; David and Robert Vanderpool.

Aden has worked in factories and lumber yards, farmed and drove trucks. He has built three new homes and rmodeled several others for his family. He is presently with the Highway Department for sixteen years and has served eight years as an Assistant Superintendant. His hobby was restoring old Model T's and A's and belonging to the Huntertown Pioneer Club, then his interest changed to old tractors and helped organize the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club. Aden has always been helpful to people, helping with repairing their homes and doing jobs.

Opal has spent most of her married life as a housewife caring for her family. She has helped with 4-H Club enjoyed Home Ec Clubs, participated with Garrett's Band Parents and played chaffeur to all her children. Opal worked eight years in a factory and then an office but due to bad health, she is semi retired.

Margaret Dilley Family

MARGARET "MILLIE" (MEESE) DILLEY, daughter of Ora and Grace (Scovill) Meese. Her paternal grandparents were John Robinson and Alice (Clingan) Meese, who moved to Nebraska in a covered wagon. They had five children; Cora, Cecil, Mabel, Sarah and Margaret's father, Ora. Her maternal grandparents were Daniel Albert and Philena Elizabeth Scovill.

Margaret was one of six children born 8 September 1915, when "Millie" was three, her mother died. Since her father was left with six children to raise, Ora's brother, Cecil, who had gone to Nebraska, at this time, offered to take three year old Millie, back to Indiana with him and care for her.

Margaret saw her father only twice after that. Once when she was twelve, he returned to Indiana to visit and the other time she went to Nebraska to see him. He died when she was twenty-three.

She attended Richland Township School. Her first years, she rode in a horse drawn school hack. It was heated in cold weather by a stove underneath the rig. The children living furthest from the school, sat closest to the stove. They went from horse drawn hack to a Model T School bus when Margaret was in the seventh grade. She attended Garrett High School.

Margaret attended Showers Corners Church. It was here, she met Howard Dilley. They were married 13 October 1937. Howard's parents were John W. and Daisy (Stansbury) Dilley. His paternal grandparents were Vincent and Ann Dilley, maternal grandparents were Joh Hartley and Martha Jane Stansbury.

They bought a home on North Indiana Avenue, Auburn, Indiana, where she remains since Howard's death, in 1977.

Howard and Millie have three children; Dorothy Laree (Dilley) Treesh, born 13 June 1938, Waterloo, Indiana; Helen Ann (Dilley) Gerig, born 19 March 1943, Auburn; and Carolyn Sue (Dilley) Miller.

Howard has worked at the County Highway, Warner Automotive and owner of Dilley Electric. Millie has worked at Kroger's Company, Hillman's, Harger's and is now employed at Spades Heating and Plumbing. She is a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church.

BURTIS LEE DICKMAN, born 31 August 1932 at Elkhart, Indiana, son of Ernest and Ruth Dickman. His paternal grandparents were Richard and Carrie Dickman. His maternal grandparents were Lyman and Maude Cummins, of Elkhart, Indiana. Burt has one sister; Uree Kincaid, of Pittsboro, Indiana and one half brother; Russell Dickman, of Portland, Oregon.

Burtis married Elsie Baughman, 29 June 1951, at Chapel in the Garden at Angola, Indiana, daughter of Ralph and Janie Baughman. Her paternal grandparents were Cyrus and Nettie Baughman, of Auburn, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were John and Nora Bice, of Scipio, Indiana. Elsie has two sisters; Bessie DeLaughter, Richmond, Indiana and Rozella Mickelson, Newville, Indiana and five brothers; Estel, Angola, Indiana; Floyd, Pleasant Lake, Indiana; LeRoy, Auburn, Indiana; Ralph, Hamilton, Indiana and Robert, deceased.

Burt graduated form Concord Township High School, St. Joe, Indiana and also attended Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana. During high school, he was employed at Sechler's Pickle Factory. The night he graduated from high school, he took employment as a telegraph operator for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and retired from there in 1964. He served in the Navy as a radioman on the USS Grampus 55523 submarine during the Korean War from December 1951 to December 1953. He was elected as Councilman at Large in 1979 and now serving as the fifteenth Mayor of Auburn, Indiana, which he has engaged in full time.

Elsie graduated from Concord Township High School, St. Joe, Indiana. She worked several summers in the pickle and onion fields for Sechler Pickle Factory. She was employed at J.J. Newberry Company, Auburn from 1950 to 1951, then at Auburn Rubber Company from 1951 to 1957, where she mainly painted the faces, hands, belts and boots on the toys made there.

In June 1955, Burt and Elsie opened their first business. she is presently the president and manager of the business.

Burt and Elsie are the parents of five children; Cynthia Marlene Thatcher, who is a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch, Dallas, Texas; Steven Walter, drives for Irving Ready Mix, Fort Wayne; Susan Marie Reger, a Social Worker for the Noble County Welfare Department, Albion, Indiana; Donald Edwin, a mechanical Engineer for Creative Controls, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Gregory Lee, a co-manager of the family businesses and owner of Orchard Bee Company.

Both Burt and Elsie have been active in Church and Civic affairs. Burt has been an elder in the First Christian Church, Auburn for many years and Elsie is also an elder in the church.

Burt is a lifetime member of the Kiwanis International, he is a private pilot and a former Jaycee. He is known as the builder of a three man submarine which is listed in the book "Manned Submersibles", by Frank Busby, as the first U.S. pioneer in the commercial use of submarines.

RICHARD KEITH REGER, born 25 February 1955, at Dayton, Ohio, son of Harvey Adlai, deceased and Margaret Elsie (Wallace) Reger, of Kettering, Ohio.

Susan Marie Dickman, born 29 September 1957, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Burtis Lee and Elsie Caroline (Baughman) Dickman, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Ruth Dickman, deceased, of Elkhart, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Ralph and Jane (Bice) Baughman, of Newville, Indiana, both deceased.

Richard attended school at Fairmont West High School, Kettering, Ohio and attended college at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. Susan attended school at DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana and college at Indiana University. They met at Kendallville, Indiana, and were married 24 May 1980, at First Christian Church, of Auburn, Indiana.

To this union were born two children; Alyson Marie, 13 October 1983 and Adam Keith, born 1 January 1986.

Richard is now employed with the Youth for Christ, Auburn, Indiana. Susan is employed at Noble County Department of Public Welfare, Albion, Indiana.

The Reger family resides in Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Auburn Missionary Church.

DONALD EDWIN DICKMAN, born 31 July 1960, Auburn, Indiana, son of Burtis Lee and Elsie Caoline (Baughman) Dickman, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Ruth (Cummins) Dickman, of Elkhart, Indiana. Ruth is deceased. Maternal grandparents are Ralph and Janie (Bice) Baughman, of Butler, Indiana, both deceased.

Donald attended school at DeKalb Central High School and Tri-State College, at Angola, Indiana and ITT Technical Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He has worked at Gilbert Commonwealth, of Jackson, Michigan, Central Soya Company, of Fort Wayne, and is now employed with Creative Controls, in Fort Wayne. Donald is a member of the Auburn Missionary Church.

GREGORY LEE DICKMAN, born 12 August 1961, Souders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of Burtis Lee and Elsie Caroline (Baughman) Dickman, of Auburn. Paternal grandparents are Ernest E. and Ruth V. (Cummins) Dickman, deceased, of Elkhart, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Ralph E. and Janie E. (Bice) Baughman, both deceased, of Butler, Indiana.

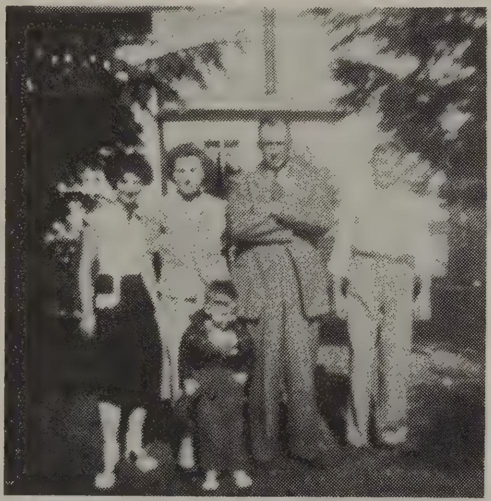
Pam Lynn Rupert, born 1 May 1961, McCray Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Robert E. and Marcella V. (Fell) Rupert, of Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Ralph, deceased, and Irene Rupert of Kendallville, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Ora E., deceased and Gara Fell, or Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Greg and Pam both attended school at DeKalb High School, they met at DeKalb High School. Greg and Pam were married 25 August 1978, at First Christian Church, of Auburn, Indiana. they are the parents of two children; Angela Dawn, born 15 March 1979 and Bryan Lee, born 23 October 1980.

Greg has worked at Auburn Mobile Homes and is now employed as a mobile home serviceman. Pam also works for Auburn Mobile Homes, she is a student at Indiana-Purdue University, Ft. Wayne, and is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickman reside in Auburn,

Indiana. they are members of the Auburn Missionary Church. Their hobbies include sports, rollerskating, reading, boating and skiing.



Rupert Cutshall Family

RUPERT WALTER CUTSHALL, born 6 January 1912, Huntertown, Indiana, son of Frank E. and Katherine A. (Plengey) Cutshall, of Huntertown, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Isaac and Mahalia (Buford) Cutshall, of Huntertown, Indiana, maternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Zollinger) Plengey, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mildred Smith, born 18 July 1913, Churubusco, Indiana, daughter of Dean and Mary E. (Harrold) Smith, of Green Township, Noble County, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Charles Wesley and Martha (Dean) Smith, of Xenia, Ohio, maternal grandparents were Jacob and Sophronia (Brooks) Harrold, of Green Township, Noble County, Indiana.

Rupert attended Huntertown High School and Mildred attended Churubusco High School, they met at the home of her brother. Rupert and Mildred were married 7 April 1933, at Blue River Church of God parsonage.

To this union were born three children; Paul Franklin, born 8 January 1936; Elizabeth Ann (Cutshall) Teegardin, born 10 December 1937 and John Alan, born 19 November 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Cutshall and their two eldest children moved from R.R. 2 Huntertown, Indiana to the Solomon Shank farm in Wilmington Township in 1944. They purchased the farm and lived there one year and sold it. They then purchased the Samuel Lige farm in Jackson Township, where they lived for five years. Their youngest son was born while they were living there. In 1950, they purchased the farm in Keyser Township, where they presently live and have lived for thirty-six years.

Their eldest son, Paul, is one of the partners in farming. their daughters, Ann and husband, Jack Teegardin, live in Texas where she works at drafting and in her spare time translates for the blind. Their youngest son, John, is a Power Engineer in a large factory and does farming.

There are five grandchildren which are children of Ann and Jack Teegardin. They are Michael, Sandra, Laura (Teegardin) Wright, Mark and Susan (Teegardin) Smith. There are two great grandchildren, Candice Wright and Amber Teegardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutshall are still quite active and enjoying life and family.

Mr. Cutshall's ancestors came from Ohio and settled near Fort Wayne in the early 1800's. Mrs. Cutshall's ancestors settled in Noble County, also in the early 1800's.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Cutshall, now reside near Avilla, Indiana, they are members of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana. Their hobbies include gardening, flowers, music, reading and walking.

JOE EDWARD DONALDSON, born 19 May 1928, Auburn, Indiana, son of Newel Edward and Georgia Louis (Phelps) Donaldson, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Norman Perry Andrew and Elisa (Reed) Donaldson, of Auburn, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Clyde Elmer and Sophia Grace (Picker) Phelps, of Auburn, Indiana.

Jo Ann (Rex) Roop, born 27 February 1939, Butler, Indiana, daughter of Blaine Marion and Rita Virginia (Robinett) Rex, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Fred G. and M.E. "Lizzy" (Ridenour) Rex, of Butler, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Judson E. and Pearl Clara (Warren) Robinett, of Bryan, Ohio.

Joe attended school at Auburn High School and Jo Ann attended Butler High School. They met in Auburn, Indiana and were married 13 November 1975, at United Methodist Church, Butler, Indiana. To this union were born three children; Douglas Edward, born 5 August 1955, Auburn; Ned Dwight, born 15 July 1959, Auburn; and Michael Nolan, born 26 February 1958, Auburn.

Joe and his dad, Newell were well established painters and wall paper hangers in the 1950's and Joe has continued this line of work today, as J.D. Decorating.

Jo Ann is employed at Rieke Corporation as their General Ledger Clerk. She has been employed there since 1973. Formerly she held a position of Head Teller at Auburn City National Bank and prior to that, she was employed in the office at Butler Bohn and Aluminum.

Joe has one brother, James "Jim" Donaldson, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Jo Ann has one sister, Gloria Jean "Jeannie" Pratt, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Joe and Jo Ann have made their home in Auburn since 1976. They are members of the Auburn First United Mehtodist Church. Their hobbies include antiques, auctions, good music, lake activities.

Blaine and Rita Rex

BLAINE MARION REX, born 12 March 1912, Butl;er, Indiana, son of Fred George and Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzy" (Ridenour) Rex, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Daniel and Alice J. (DePue) Rex, Montgomery, Michigan, maternal grandparents were Reuben R. and Calista Ann (Sharitt) Ridenour, of Angola, Indiana.

Rita Virginia Robinett, born 20 February 1912, Bryan, Ohio, daughter of Judson Ezekuel and Pearl Clara (Warren) Robinett, of Bryan, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were Oliver S. and A. Della Robinett, maternal grandparents were George and Nancy Warren, of Joliet, Illinois.

Blaine attended school at Butler, Indiana and Rita attended school at Bryan, Ohio. They met in Bryan, Ohio. Blaine and Rita were married 11 April 1936, at Waterloo, Indiana.

Blaine and his father, Fred owned and ran the Little Grocery Store at the corner of Canal and Washington Streets in the years 1940 and 1950. It was the luncheon hang-out for Butler's school children. Many balogna slices and Becthol's Bakery rolls were well devoured by "the kids".

In the forties, meat prices per a picture of the grocery, read: "Side pork 12 cents per pound, hamburger, 15 cents per pound, Swiss steak 20 cents per pound. There were two for 1 cent candy, ice cream cones, 5 cents and 10 cents".

To this union were born two children; Jo Ann (Rex) Roop Donaldson, born 27 February 1939, Gloria Jean (Rex) Pratt, born 12 November 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex reside in Butler, Indiana and are members of the First United Methodist Church of Butler. Their hobbies include study and discussions of history, bingo, helping to beautify Butler and its surroundings. Blaine received the honor of being Butler, Indiana's only Official Appointed Sidewalk Superintendent, in 1985.

OSCAR WALTER BEST, born 16 April 1888 at Delphos, Ohio son of Lawrence Anthony and Anna Mary (Hummer) Best of Landeck, Ohio. his paternal grandparents were John B. and Catherine (Wagoner) Best, of Prussia and Delphos, Ohio. his maternal grandparents are Nicholas and Maria Hummer of Luxenburg and Landeck, Ohio.

Pearl May, born 6 March 1894 at Delphos, Ohio, daughter of Charles and Della (Williams) May of Delphos, Ohio. her paternal grandparents are Adam and Nancy (Nubs) May of Delphos, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents are Alexander and Margaret Jane (Adams) Williams, of Delphos, Ohio.

Oscar and Pearl were married, 11 November 1915, at St. John's Church in Delphos, Ohio. They have lived in Delphos, Ohio, Auburn and Garrett, Indiana. Oscar and Pearl are the parents of seven sons and two daughters. Howard Walter, born 21 August 1916, married Bea Hauck in 1937. They have two sons, Gene Allen and Jerry Lee; Helen Edith, born 31 October 1918, married Robert Baysinger in 1939. They have five children, James Walter, Janet Louise, Joanne Elaine, Julia Kay, Joyce Ellen; Eugene Harold, born 9 June 1920, married Phyllis Shaffer in 1941. They have five children, Eugene Jr., Marianne, Barbara, Nancy, Teresa; Norman Wilbur, born 28 March 1923, married Lois Freeze in 1944. They have two sons, Norman, and Jeffrey; Ralph Oscar, born 11 December 1926, not married; Clarence Edward, born 10 November 1929, married Mary Fluke in 1953. Donald James, born 25 January 1932, died 27 January 1932, Richard Allen, born 1 September 1933, married Sharon Saylor in 1953. They have two sons, David and Steven; Martha Marie, born 14 November 1935, married Marshall Rowe in 1953. They have five children, Debra, Marshall Wayne, John Allen, Patricia, and Marilyn.

Oscar served in the U.S. Navy from 1910 to 1914. he was a stone cutter, one of his jobs being the lettering on the Harrison School in Auburn, Indiana. He also owned his own monument shop which was located in the garage at the back of his Garrett, Indiana home. Regrettably, he did not make a marker for himself. Oscar died 6 February 1950 at the age of 61 years.

Pearl worked at Nature's Remedy for a couple years, then went to work at the Creek Club Bait facotry in Garrett, around 1943, where she served as president of the union until she went to work for her son Ralph on 1 April 1953, when he purchased Best Pharmacy. She worked there until the Pharmacy was sold in 1985. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, V.F.W. Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and Eastern Star.

Oscar Best has three brothers, Edward, Albert, and Arthur. He has two sisters, Matilda and Ida "Edith". Pearl Best has one brother, Charles May.

Robert Baysinger Family

ROBERT LELAND BAYSINGER, born 13 July 1918 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of James Alexander and Maria Susanna (Kinley) Baysinger of Garrett, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Felix Grundy and Lucinda (Overly) Baysinger of Jones County, Iowa. His maternal grandparents were Christian and Fredericka (Minnicker) Kinley of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Helen Edith Best, born 31 October 1918, at Delphos, Ohio, daughter of Oscar Walter and Pearl (May) Best of Garrett, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Lawrence and Anna (Hummer) Best of Delphos, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Della (Williams) May of Delphos, Ohio.

Bob and Helen were married 27 May 1939, at the home of the brides parents in Auburn, Indiana. They have resided in Auburn all their married lives. They also have a summer home on West Otter Lake in Steuben County, Indiana. Bob and Helen met at the Auburn Rubber Company, where they both worked, in 1938.

Bob attended several schools while growing up. His father a carpenter, moved the family around a lot, so Bob attended a differnet school each year. As jobs were hard to come by, Bob also held several jobs in his time. He finally retired from Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he worked from July of 1961 to September 1980. He spends his retirement time between Texas in the winter months and their Auburn Home and lake home in Steuben County in the summer.

Helen attended schools in Delphos, Ohio and in Auburn, Indiana. In 1938 she went to work at the Auburn Rubber Company where she worked until 1941. he then stayed home to raise her five children, returning to work in 1959 at Messenger Corporation in Auburn until she quit in 1974. After that, she did a lot of volunteer work at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Bob and Helen are the parents of five children; James Walter, born 30 July 1941, married Martha Gordon in 1962. They have two daughters, Dawn Marie, born 21 August 1963 and Tracey Lynn, born 11 October 1967. Jim is an electrician supervisor at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana and resides in Auburn, Indiana; Janet Louise, born 26 January 1943, married Burnard Slone in 1964. They have four children, Beth Ann, born 12 February 1962, Brad Allen, born 24 May 1963, Brenda Sue, born 17 March 1966, and Linda Diana, born 18 June 1970. Janet is a housewife and resides in Auburn, Indiana; Joanne Elaine, born 22 October 1944, married Arthur William Cranston in 1962. They have three sons, Timothy Scott, born 4 July 1963, Michael Lee, born 2 November 1964, and David John, born 9 June 1966. Joanne manages Northeastern Indiana Title and Abstract Co. in Angola and resides in Angola, Indiana; Julia Kay, born 14 January 1951, married Mark Ingels in 1974. They have two children, Matthew Hale, born 23 July 1979, and Kathleen Caroline, born 5 January 1984. Julie is director of Special Education in Clinton County, Indiana and resides in Frankfort, Indiana; Joyce Ellen, born 25 August 1952, married Joseph Schnick in 1975. They have one son, Justin York, born 10 Marh 1980. Joyce is a secretary at Northeastern Indiana Title and Abstract Co. in Angola, and resides in Angola, Indiana.

BURNARD SLONE, born 21 February 1938, at Pine Top, Kentucky, son of Miles M. and Ada Lee Slone. His paternal grandparents were Alexander and Martha (Sizemore) Slone of Kentucky. His maternal grandparents were Perry and Arminda (Taylor) Slone.

Janet Louise Baysinger, born 26 January 1943, at Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Robert L. and Helen E. (Best) Baysinger. Her paternal grandparents James Alexander and Maria Susanna (Kinley) Richards Baysinger of Garrett, Indiana.

Burnard Slone Family

Her maternal grandparents were Oscar Walter and Pearl (May) Best of Garrett, Indiana.

Burnard and Janet were married 6 November 1964, at the First Christian Church in Auburn, Indiana, where they are both members. Burnard served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1963. As a youth, he lived in Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and Ohio. Burnie came to Indiana in 1964. He worked at Hubbard Spool in Garrett in 1964, Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn in 1965. In October of 1965, Dana Corporation inAuburn to present. Burnie's hobbies include hunting and playing music.

Janet attended school in Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School in 1961. She is a life time resident of Auburn, Indiana. Janet has been a room mother for all of her children, Brownie leader, assistant Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader, and has spent a great deal of time working on several charitable organizations. she also worked at Cooper Industrial Products from 1962-1965. Janet also worked for the Window Boutique in Auburn and in Angola from 1976-1979. Her hobbies include bowling, reading, needlepoint, and all kinds of crafts.

The Slone children are; Beth Ann (Slone) Refner, born 12 February 1962, a Registered Nurse at Parkview Memorial Hospital, in Fort Wayne. She married Jerry Lee Refner, 19 December 1981 and resides in Ashley, Indiana; Brad Allen Slone, born 24 May 1963, works at Magnavox in Auburn. Brad married Cindy Baxter, 11 August 1986 and resides in Garrett, Indiana. these are children born to Janet from a previous marriage to Bernard Dean Brumbaugh. Burnard Slone had their names legally changed when they were younger. Children born to Burnard and Janet are; Brenda Sue, born 17 March 1966, a junior at Ball State University at Muncie, Indiana, majoring in law; Linda Diane, born 28 June 1970, is a junior at DeKalb high School, Waterloo, Indiana; Burnard has a daughter Elisa Kay born 31 August 1965, from a previous marriage.

James and Maria Baysinger

JAMES ALEXANDER BAYSINGER, born 3 June 1864, Cascade, Iowa, son of Felix Grundy and Lucinda (Overly) Baysinger, of Jones County, Iowa. Paternal grandparents were John and Prescilla (Williams) Baysinger, of Paris, Illinois.

Maria Susanna (Kinley) Richards, born 14 October 1872, Newellcumb County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Christian and Fredericka (Minnicker) Kinley, of Fort Wayne. Maria was adopted by Richards.

James and Maria married 24 May 1891, Le Mars, Iowa. James worked as a carpenter-contractor. He died 15 June 1940. Maria was a homemaker and died 25 May 1957.

To this union were born twelve children; Alpheus Sidney, born 13 October 1892; Lorena Mae, born 27 october 1893; Clarence Averit, born 19 December 1894, all three were born in Plymouth County, Iowa; George Ellsworth, born 28 September 1897; Lawrence Leroy, born 7 June 1900; Grace Beatrice, born 27 September 1905; Eugene, born 31 July 1908; Eunice, born 31 July 1908, twins; James Earl, born 11 December 1909; Chester Paul, born 1 August 1912; Ralph Leo, born 4 April 1915; and Robert Leland, born 13 July 1918. The other children were all born in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CHARLES L. HOWE, born 27 November 1947, Auburn, Indiana, son of Louis and Stella (Gibson) Howe, of Butler and Wolcottville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Charles Lous and Mary Howe, of Missouri, maternal grandparents are Noah and Francis Gibson of Kentucky.

Penny Jean Anderson, born 21 September 1946, Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of John and

Betty (Garman) Anderson, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are John Sr. and Margaret Anderson, of LaOtto, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Jay and Lottie Garman, of Auburn, Indiana.

Charles attended school at Auburn and Penny attended school at Huntertown and also attended Fort Wayne School of Nursing.

They met at the County Line Church of God and they were married 19 February 1972, County Line Church of God.

Charles is now employed with Dana Corporation and also a farmer. Penny has worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and Meadow Haven Nursing Home, she is now a homemaker.

To this union was born one daughter, Sarah Rebecca, born 1 May 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe reside in rural Butler, Indiana and they are members of the County Line Church of God. their hobbies include, carpentry, swimming, reading, and cross stitching.

DAVID L. DANGLER, born 13 April 1934, Waterloo, Indiana, son of Joseph and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler, Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Henry Jesse and Cloe (Johnson) Dangler, of Puttman County, Ohio, maternal grandparents are George and Sarah (Henderson) Whitbey, of Puttman County, Ohio.

Leora Rosenberry, born December 1936, Butler, Indiana, daughter of Millard, died 25 May 1985 and Katherine (Dunkle) Rosenberry, of Butler. Paternal grandparents are Clarence and Ada (Campbell) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Coy and Bina (Walburn) Dunkle, of Edgerton, Ohio.

David met Leora at the Mooresville Store, County Road 49. They were married 24 June 1956, Waterloo United Methodist Church, formerly E.U.B.

David attended school at Waterloo, Leora attended school at Franklin Township and Hamilton. He worked at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, Kitchen Quip, Waterloo and Jordan Construction. He is now in partnership with D.K. & L. Inc., of Waterloo. Leora has worked at beauty shops in Angola and Waterloo. She is now employed at D.K. & L., Waterloo.

To this union were born four children; David D., born 1 August 1960, died 7 November 1980, Danny Ray, born 25 March 1962, Darrin Lee, born 28 January 1966 works for Bob Jackson Ford-New Haven, and Dusti Marie, born 21 March 1968, lives at home, employed at Wendy's and Harger Meat Market.

Mr. and Mrs. Dangler reside east of Waterloo, they are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include, sports, camping, hunting, and fishing.

DANNY RAY DANGLER, born 25 March 1962, Sanders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of David Lee and Leora Beatrice (Rosenberry) Dangler, of Waterloo, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler, of Waterloo, maternal grandparents are Millard, died 25 May 1985 and Katerine (Dunkle) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana.

Tammy Lee Bush, born 16 February 1964, Elmhurst Hospital, Angola, Indiana, daughter of Carl Jr. and Dolores Lee (Nusbaum) Bush, of Dayton, Ohio and Austin, Texas.

Danny attended school at Waterloo and DeKalb High School. Tammy attended school at Angola High School and Wayne University Cosmotology.

They met at North Webster Church Camp, in 1979. Danny and Tammy were married 24 October 1982, Waterloo United Methodist Church. Danny has worked at D.K. & L. Construction and is now with Vulcraft. Tammy is employed with Garrett Magnavox.

To this union was born one daughter; Brandi Lena, born 29 October 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Dangler reside near Waterloo, and they are members of Waterloo United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include hunting, outdoors, family get-togethers and crafts.

HAROLD JOSEPH GOLDSMITH, born 1 July 1914, Spencerville, Indiana, son of Solomon J, and Rilla A. (Van Zile) Goldsmith, of Spencerville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Joseph and Magdalene (Schlatter) Goldsmith, of Jackson Township, maternal grandparents were Thomas and Sidney Farner, of Spencerville, Thomas was Harold's step grandfather.

Fern Warner, born 24 November 1918, Hicksville, Ohio, daughter of Earl Ross and Lola Ethel (Maxwell) Warner, of Hicksville, Ohio. Paternal grandparents were A. Clayton and Maxilla S. Warner, of Hicksville, Ohio, maternal grandparents are Franklin and Mary Maxwell, of Hicksville, Ohio.

Harold and Fern met at the Defiance County Fair. They were married 16 February 1938, Lutheran Church, Harlan, Indiana by the Reverend A. K. Mumma.

To this union were born two children; Earl William, born 16 March 1939, married and Walter Jay, born 1 August 1942, single, still at home.

Harold attended school at Spencerville, Indiana. He has worked at Rhinehart Manufacturing Company and Foltz Repair Shop, he also drove a school bus. He is semi-retired and has a repair shop, he also enjoys restoring two cylinder John Deere tractors and other antique farm equipment.

Fern attended school at Hicksville, Ohio, she has worked at Indiana Bell Telephone, Spencerville schools, and Cooper Industrial Products.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith reside near Spencerville, and are members of Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

JACK RUGER, born 28 February 1932, Payne, Ohio, son of Raymond and Helen Ruger, Payne Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Ward and Anna Ruger, Payne, Ohio, maternal grandparents are George and Angela Burk, of Payne, Ohio. Retha Bloom, born 18 October 1932, Waterloo , Indiana, daughter of Charles and Florence Bloom, of LaOtto, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Ada Belle Bloom, of LaOtto, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Claud and Mary Hanson, or North Manchester, Indiana.

Jack and Retha met on a blind date through Jack's sister, they were married 29 March 1958, at Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, of Garrett. Jack attended school at Payne, Ohio, Huntertown, Indiana, Woodburn, Indiana and Antwerp, Ohio. Retha attended school at Ashley and Garrett, Indiana. Jack served four years in the United States Air Force. He has worked at the International Harvester, Fort Wayne for thirty years. He is now retired and does some farming. Retha has worked for Mutual Security Life Insurance Company.

To this union were born two children; Tamra, born 14 March 1961 and Brentley, born 6 August 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruger now reside southwest of Garrett. They are members of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. Their hobbies include, fishing, traveling, gardening and reading.

JAMES C. BAKER, born 23 January 1939, in Somerville, Tennesse and moved to Spencerville, Indiana, May 1950 and lived there ever since. James is the son of Lavon D., deceased, and Alma Louise (Clutts) Baker, deceased. James has four sisters, who all live in Indiana, and one brother, Thomas W. Baker, deceased. Paternal grandparents were Frank and Anna Baker, of Hicksville, Ohio.

James married Linda L. Shuff, 21 May 1960 and they are the parents of two children; Debbie J., born 1 August 1961, Hicksville, Ohio. She is married and lives in Waterloo, Indiana and Tony W. Baker, born 3 January 1964, Auburn, Indiana. he was the first baby born at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital when the hospital was new. Tony is married and lives in Hamilton, Indiana.

James worked at Universal Tool, in Butler, Indiana for nine years, then International Harvester, Fort Wayne, Indiana for nineteen and a half years until the plant closed. He is now employed at Hamilton Standard, Auburn, Indiana. He has also worked part time for the last twenty years for Kraft Sand & Gravel Co., Spencerville, Indiana.

JEANNE (GRIFFIN) BRAND, divorced, born 28 February 1927, Pleasant Lake, Indiana, daughter of Jeff and Edna (Fletcher) Griffin, of West Palm Beach, Florida. Her grandmother, Mable Ford, of Pleasant Lake raised her.

Jeanne is a self-employed realtor and a bail bondsman, of DeKalb County.

She is the mother of three children; Garry Brand, born 7 October 1952, lives in St. Louis, Missouri, Nancy Jean, born 27 January 1957, she is a credit manager of the Mariott Inn, at Fort Wayne, lives at home, Jack Philip, born 13 May 1963, he is in the mobile home business, lives at home.

Jeanne Brand is a member of the Methodist Church, she resides in Auburn, Indiana.

Dean Cornell Family

DEAN ERNEST CORNELL, born 15 April 1928 in Jackson Township, near Auburn, Indiana, the son of Ernest Dewey and Garnet May (Dove) Cornell. His paternal grandparents were Percy and Sara (Schoph) Cornell of the Garrett area. His maternal grandparents were Samuel and Alice (Martin) Dove of Jackson Township.

Mary Marlene (Cook) Cornell, born 1 December 1931 at Ann Arbor, Michigan to John W., from Delhi, Louisiana and Margaret (Lake)

Cook from Spencerville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Fred and Mary (Campbell) Cook of Delhi, Louisiana. Her maternal grandparents were William O. and Francena (Rhoads) Lake of Spencerville, Indiana.

Dean and Marlene were married 2 June 1951 at Coburn Corners Church of Christ near Spencerville.

Dean's forefathers were primarily farmers. His great-great grandfather, William Cornell came from Carroll County, Maryland about 1850 and settled in Butler Township, where later, he and his son, William Henry Harrison Cornell built a brick house currently owned by John Martin Smith. Dean has records of the Cornell lineage going back approximately thirty-five generations. It is pretty certain he descended from Richard, Earl of Cornwall, born 1209 in England. Thomas Cornell, 1594-1956, a descendant of Richard de Cornwall, came to America and settled at Portsmouth, Rhode Island around 1640.

Dean lives on and works the family farm in Butler, Township and has been employed by the Phelps Dodge Magnet Wire Division in Fort Wayne for thirty-nine years to date. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the Military Police and the Motor Pool from 1951 to 1953. He graduated from Spencerville High School at Spencerville.

Marlene majored in business in high school and has been employed by the Dana Corporation in Auburn for sixteen years, currently as a secretary and clerk. She graduated from Spencerville High School.

Both Marlene and Dean are active in the church and civic affairs. Dean is currently on the advisory board in Butler Township. They are members of the Meese Chapel Church, rural Auburn.

Dean has one sister, Beth Eileen (Cornell) Gerig, a pastor's wife at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Marlene has three sisters; Joan (Cook) Beers of Huntington Beach, California; Donna (Cook) Bradberry, Moscow, Idaho; and Carol (Cook) Stanley of Valencia, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornell are the parents of four children and one foster child; Deanna (Cornell) Smith, Santa Monica, California, a registered nurse at U.C. L.A. Medical Center; John D., a teacher and counselor at the Community Grade Schools in Alvin, Texas and has a son, Smith Evan; Kay Rosanna Cornell of Santa Barbara, California, a teacher; David E., of Spencerville, employed by Fleming Excavating; and Betty (Craib) Grawcock of Ligonier, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have resided in Butler Township for most of the past thirty-five years.

WILLIAM H. BRECBILL, built a house in 1901 across the road from Christian Brecbill. They lived north of Waterloo.

He married Emma Fisk and they had a son, Van. Van married Mary Nodine in 1922. They lived on the family farm till their deaths before 1980. They were farmers and milked cows for forty years. They operated the Breezy Hill Dairy Farm from 1910 to 1930. This farm sets on the center hill of three hills.

Van and Mary Brecbill had two daughters; Joan lives in the west and has three children, Sadonna lives on the family farm. This year it was declared a Centennial Farm which Christian Brecbill purchased in 1884. Sadonna Brecbill married Lloyd E. Eckert and they have two sons; Steven W. Eckert lived on the land purchased by William Brecbill. Steven is the father of two daughters; Hattie and Maggi. Christopher M. Eckert, lives on seven acres purchased from Van Brecbill. He has one daughter, Jennifer Mary.

JERRY W. SPRINGER, born 28 March 1938, Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital, son of John and Marjorie (Schmuck) Springer, of Garrett, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Henry and Daisy Springer of Garrett, Indiana, maternal grandparents are Albert and Corrine Schmuck of Kendallville, Indiana.

Joyce Rohm, born 21 November 1934, Sander's Hospital, Auburn, Idniana, daughter of Ford Lisle and Bessie M. (Oberlin) Rohm, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are John and Edith Rohm, of Waterloo, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Commodore Perry and Mary Nietta (Corbin) Oberlin, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Jerry Springer attended Kendallville schools. He has worked at A & P, Westwood, Rogers of Kendallville, where he is now manager of the meat department.

Jerry met Joyce in Auburn, Indiana. They were married 4 June 1960, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana. Joyce was a dental assistant for Dr. Duncan of Auburn, she is now employed at TenEyck Florist as a florist and designer.

To this union were born two children; Lynn Ann, born 11 March 1962, married Sam Greuter, one son, Shane Benjamin, born 6 January 1986; Amie Nietta, born 26 October 1974.

The Springer fmaily are members of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

FRANK H. BUEKER, JR., born 24 May 1918 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Frank H. and Adella (Ehrman) Bueker. all four grandparents were born in Germany in the middle of the nineteenth century. He attended the Fort Wayne schools, graduating from North Side High School in 1936. He graduated from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida in 1940 with majors in accounting and economics. He worked in a public accounting firm from 1941 to 1942, before joining the United States Army. He was a battalion supply sergeant in the 866 Engineer Aviation Battalion in the Southwest Pacific theatre of operation, receiving an honorable discharge as a tech sergeant after thirty-seven months of service.

Frank and Helen Elizabeth "Betty" Kreischer, married 24 May 1947, in Fort Wayne and moved to Auburn. They had two children; Stephen F., born 1 November 1948 and Karen Jean, born 19 November 1950. Karen married Gearld Henderson and has one daughter, Nicole Marie, 25 October 1978.

Betty, born 5 April 1918 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Clarence E. and A. Ruth (Mowrey) Kreischer. She attended the Fort Wayne public schools and graduated from South Side High School in 1936. She graduated from Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan in 1941 with a B.S. degree in liberal arts with a music major. She taught school in Michigan, four years, returning to Fort Wayne to play cello in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. She retired form the Philharmonic in May of 1986, after forty-one years of service.

Frank joined the Philharmonic in January 1946, playing French horn, and retired in 1986. Frank began working for Messenger Corporation as a cost accountant in 1946 and was vice president and treasurer when he retired in 1980.

Frank and Betty are members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. Other affiliations for Frank are; Masonic Sol D. Bayless Lodge of Fort Wayne, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Knights Templar Fort Wayne and Mizpah Shrine for Fort Wayne. He is a former member of Auburn Jaycees, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Accountants. He is currently a member of the Auburn Lions Club, 1954, American Legion, 1945, Post 47, Fort Wayne American Legion Band, Fort Wayne Summer Symphony, Mizpah Shrine Band, Auburn Community Band, Fort Wayne Musician's Associate, and Fort Wayne Executive Club.

Betty's affiliations are the Fort Wayne Summer Symphony, Fort Wayne Musician's Association, Lyric String Quartet, Daughters of the Nile, and the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild. She joined the Guild when it was organized in 1964. She is on the co-ordinating council, has been chairman of the council and president of the Northeast area of Hospital Auxiliaries.

DONALD LAVERN YOUNG, born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana 9 September 1911, son of Arleigh and Laura (Martin) Young. His paternal grandparents were Dee and Susan (McDonald) Young, maternal grandparents were Julius and Louise Martin.

Zella Ruth Marsh, born 31 august 1913, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, daughter of James Guy and Dolpha Ethel (Hogue) Marsh. Her paternal grandparents were Julius and Minnie (Bell) Marsh, maternal grandparents were Albert Hogue and Hannah (Kugler) Hogue, all of DeKalb County.

Donald served in the Navy and was employed by Horton Washing Machine Company in Ft. Wayne and Case Company in Churubusco and retired from Fikes Machine Company at Garrett.

Ruth graduated from St. Joe Hospital in Ft. Wayne, as an L.P.N. and worked at Parkview and Irene Byron and Garrett Hospitals. She retired from Parkview. Both are members of the Cedar Creek Church.

To this union were born three children; Ruth Joan, born 26 January 1938, deceased, Richard Donald, born 19 October 1942 and Joseph Allen. born 11 March 1946.

Mr. Young has three sisters; Evelyn (Young) Smith, Grogg; Dorothy (Young) Shoepke and Kathryn (Young) Borthwick, deceased. Mrs. Young had a baby brother, James Francis Marsh that died at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have six children, all living in Ft. Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Young have a home in LaOtto, cottage at Whitmer Lake and spend thier winters in Homestead, Florida.

Gary Flood Family

GARY ALAN FLOOD, born 4 September 1950, Auburn, Indiana, son of Grover and Opal L. (Olinger) Flood, of Waterloo, Indiana. Grover Flood was killed in an auto accident, 23 august 1956. Opal (Olinger) Flood married William A. Mann, 7 June 1963. They resided in Butler, twenty-four years, before moving to Waterloo, August 1986.

Gary's paternal grandparents are Harry

Barringer and Lillian Caroline (Davidson) Flood of New Jersey, maternal grandparents are Jay Floyd and Georgia Ruth (Smurr) Olinger, Garrett, Indiana. Olinger homestead is located north of Garrett, at intersection of 327 and State Road 8. Jay and Ruth Olinger were both teachers in the two room school house across the road from their home.

Gary married Diane Sue Worman, 19 June 1971, Mr. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Butler. Diane Sue, born 12 July 1950, Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Richard B. and Barbara J. (High) Worman, of Butler, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Terry A. and Perlie M. (Hoffman) Worman, of Garrett, Indiana, maternal grandparents are William E., Sr., and Edith H. (Mapes) High, moved to LaGrange in 1983. Edith Helen Mapes is the sister of the late Arthur Franklin Mapes of Kendallville, the Indiana State Poet.

Gary attended Eastside High School and Purdue University, graduated with B.S. degree, Reg. Pharmacist. Diane attended Eastside High School, graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, Registered Nurse.

Gary worked for Geddes Drug Store in Butler after graduating from Purdue as a registered Pharmacist in 1973. He also worked there as a stock boy during his last two years of high school. In October 1975, Gary began his career with Hook Drugs. He began as Assistant Manager of the Ligonier Hook's Drug Store in August 1976.

After graduation as a Registered Nurse in June 1971, Diane worked at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in LaFayette until 1973 when Gary graduted from Purdue. Since that time, she has worked at DeKalb Memorial, and as a Nursing Home Consultant, and as a school nurse for DeKalb Eastern School District.

Mr. and Mrs. Flood have been active in both church and community activities. Gary has been active in The Butler Chamber of Commerce as board member and vice president. He has been active in Boy Scout leadership for many years as well as organizer of the Butler Days Classic Road Race. As a member of Calvary Chapel of Butler, he has held numerous positions as church treasurer, member of board of directors, Deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Diane has been active in PTA activities, past PTA treasurer, and as a Girl Scout leader. She currently is serving on their church mission board, has taught Sunday school for the past twelve years and was a member of the Board of Christian Education.

Gary and Diane are the parents of three children; Eric Alan, born 8 February 1974, Amy Lynn, born 15 October 1975 and Mark Curtis, born 19 April 1980.

Gary and Diane live in rural Butler, Indiana. they are members of the Calvary Chapel of Butler. Their hobbies include camping, gardening, farming, raising waterfowl.

JAY OLINGER, born 23 January 1889, Keyser township, son of Jacob N. and Sarah (Deihl) Olinger. Jacob, born 18 November 1839, in Stark County, Ohio. he purchased land in 1863 when Garrett was still a dense woodland. Jacob opened his house to board those who were constructing Garrett. Jacob died 21 May 1910. Sarah born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, 1861. Sarah married Jacob 31 August 1886; she died 2 July 1934 of a broken hip and heart problems.

Ruth, born 9 October 1892, in Auburn, daughter of William and Sarah (Morr) Smurr. Sarah, born 14 August 1864 and died May 1952 of a stroke.

Jay and Ruth were both teachers in DeKalb County when they met and were married 18 August 1915. Jay taught from 1909 to 1939. He always put extra into his teaching. When teaching in Altona, he had the winning county volleyball and basketball teams in 1928 and the winning county baseball team in 1931. There were always "penny suppers" school picnics, programs for parents on Christmas, last day, etc. In 1939, after retiring from teaching, he sold Farm Bureau Insurance. Ruth died on 1 May 1953 of cancer. Jay remarried Fay Forker of Albion, on 23 May 1957. Jay died 15 June 1962 of a broken hip and complications.

Both Jay and Ruth were active in Methodism locally as well as district. Jay was a district youth leader for twenty years. Ruth was district president of the Women's Society. They were also active in Farm Bureau and other community activities. Jay was very active in Republican politics.

William and Opal Mann

OPAL LAVON (OLINGER) FLOOD MANN,

born 21 February 1919, in Garrett, daughter of Jay Floyd and Georgia Ruth (Smurr) Olinger, of Keyser Township, north of Garrett.

Opal graduated from Garrett High School, in 1936 and Manchester College in 1938. She taught seven years in Steuben County, during which time she was actively involved in Tri-State Drama Club. She attended Plymouth, Massachusetts Dramatic Festival on a scholarship, in 1943. In 1945, she left teaching and worked at WOWO first as a receptionist then Jay Gould's secretary and later as Jane Weston's assistant. During this time she broadcast from WOWO-FM. In 1947-48, she was Woman's Director of WFTW.

Opal married Grover Flood, of New Jersey, on 29 May 1948. They moved to Auburn the latter part of 1949 where they opened and successfully operated "Bud and Opal's" ice cream and sandwich shop from 1949 to 1951. They then moved to the Auburn Airport which Grover "Bud" Flood managed for two years. A house was purchased in Auburn, in 1952, and Bud returned to U.S. Rubber Company in Fort Wayne where he had previously worked.

The 1942 first graders of Pleasant Lake, honored Opal, their first grade teacher, in 1953 by dedicating their High School Annual to her.

Opal was widowed in 1956 when Bud was killed in an auto accident. they had three children; Gary Alan, born 4 September 1950, married Diane Worman, 19 June 1971. He graduated from Purdue University in Pharmacy and is currently managing Hook's Drug Store in Butler; Stephen Jay, born 19 September 1952, graduated from Indiana Central University and taught Elementary Art in Prairie Township, out of Indianapolis for eleven years. He married Brenda Baird, 10 August 1974. He is currently attending school at CBN, in Virginia Beach; and Sharon Lee, born 12 October 1953, married Keith Kessler, 9 April 1972. They were divorced in May 1983. She remarried Michael Kline, on 2 November 1984 and is currently DeKalb County Plan Commissioner.

Opal has been very active in United Methodist church on the local, district, conference and regional levels. She's been involved over the years in numerous community activities as Needlework Guild, Cancer Society, Meals on Wheels, etc.

She married William A. Mann, on 7 June 1963. Bill came to Auburn in May of 1962, as General Superintendent of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital for the Lathrop Construction Company of Toledo, Ohio. Bill, born 23 December 1916, son of Benn D. and Lena (Arndt) Mann, in Marcellus, Michigan.

Prior to arriving in Auburn, he had supervised construction projects both large and small in four other states. He remained in construction until December 1970. During this time, he and Opal built and operated "Bill's Driving Range" at the mile corner, north of Garrett. After selling the range, they purchased and operted the former Farm Bureau Store from 1971-1974. Following this, Bill was employed by DeKalb County as their Building Commissioner. During this time, he designed and implemented the DeKalb County Rural House Numbering System.

Bill retired in late 1984. he has three children by a former marriage. Bill and Opal enjoy cruising rivers, golfing and reading. Bill is an avid fisherman and enjoys making furniture and other woodworking projects. Bill might be better known for teaching ball room dancing than any of the above mentioned activities.

The couple lived in Butler until August 1986 when they moved to their present home in Waterloo.

ADAM BOHLER, born in Ireland and married an English girl. They came to America and one of their descendants was William Bohler, who married Ann and he lived in Richland County, Ohio.

John Bohler, born 27 August 1833, in Richland County, Ohio and died 5 May 1901, in Waterloo, Indiana, son of William and Ann Bohler. he married Mary Abigail Meese, born 6 March 1839, died 19 May 1874. After she died, John married Susanna Reed, a widow. When John came to DeKalb County is unknown, but all his children were born at a Waterloo address.

The children were; Rosealtha "Alta", born 1863, died 2 July 1884, married to John Hughy; Emma Estella, born 17 october 1864, died 28 March 1923, married 6 December 1887; Mary O., born 18 November 1865, died 1934, married Simon Holden; Purley Adrian, born 27 May 1869, died 23 February 1939, married 1 February 1891 to Elizabeth "Lizzy" Lorraine Wilhelm; Ursula Ann, born 3 February 1871, died 16 January 1945, married Lewis Clark, 5 April 1891.

Amasa Bohler, son of William and Ann Bohler, born 27 July 1841, in Richland County, Ohio. he married Margaret McEntarfer and became the parents of a son, Ora Exra Bohler, in 1868. Ora married, Laura Mae Fee, born 1873, daughter of Richard and Alice (Chaney) Fee. Laura died 13 November 1959 and Ora died 8 December 1960, in Garrett, Indiana.

JONATHAN WILHELM, born 18 January 1843, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, son of David, born 25 June 1806, died 12 August 1864, and Christina (Schanbacher) Wilhelm, born 27 March 1809, died 19 April 1881 and a grandson of Abraham Wilhelm. Jonathan married Mary Elisha Geeting, born 16 October 1848, died 22 October 1883. Jonathan bought and sold cattle for his occupation until his death, 8 June 1924.

Their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; Elizabeth "Lizzy" Lorraine, born 11 December 1870, married Purley Adrian Bohler, son of John and Abigail (Meese) Bohler, 7 February 1891. She had a heart attack at the home of her father during the preparation of a family dinner to celebrate the safe homecoming of her two sons from World War I. She died two weeks later on 5 June 1919. Children of Purley and Elizabeth were; Ralph Oliver, born 1891, died 1966, married Geneva E. Crise, their children; Effie Ann Schimes, Betty May Newby and Donna Lou Dantzer; Elmer Ellsworth Bohler, born 1892, died 1968, married Opal Marie Stayer, their children; Thelma Maxine Myers, Phyllis Jean Weirich, Dunn, Robert Earl and Everett Dale; Edith Ione Bohler, born 1894, died 1961, married Frank Morr, their children; Floyd Fern, Eugene Frank, and Doris Virginia Carpenter; Floyd Vern Bohler, born 1902, died 1971, married Leona Fern (Bowman) Binns, they had no children; Sophrano Wilhelm, died 30 May 1937, she never married; Gertrude Christina Wilhelm, born 7 April 1882, married Vern Wise, 8 December 1921, died 19 February 1965. There were two step-daughters; Louise Badman and Mildred Reinoehl; Mary Elisha Wilhelm, born 21 October 1883, died 13 January 1965. She married Carl Thomson, son of Edwin and Laura (Farrington) Thomson, on 30 april 1911. Their children; LaVon Thomson, born 1914, married James Bricker, their children; Ronald, Dorothy June Winston, Lyle Jean and Nancy Carper; Roger, born 1918, married Mildred Getts, one child, Thomas Edward, deceased, died as an infant, and Glen, born 1922, died 1977, never married.

PURLEY ADRIAN BOHLER, born 27 May 1869, near Waterloo, Indiana, died 23 February 1939, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. he was the son of John and Mary Abigail (Meese) Bohler, and the grandson of William and Ann Bohler. On 7 February 1891, Purley married Elizabeth "Lizzy" Lorraine Wilhelm, born 11 December 1870, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Elisha (Geeting) Wilhelm, and granddaughter of David and Christina (Schanbacher) Wilhelm. Purley Bohler was a farmer.

To this union were born children and grandchildren; Ralph Oliver Bohler, born 25 August 1891, died 2 February 1966, married 12 April 1940 to Geneva E. Crise, born 13 July 1912, Children; Effie Ann Bohler, born 29 January 1941, married 7 June 1975 to Raymond John Schimes, born 8 March 1949; Betty May, born 20 January 1942, married 11 June 1962 to Luther Wayne Newby, born 18 October 1943; Donna Lou, born 8 March 1944, married 25 September 1964 to Paul Eugene Dantzer, born 23 November 1946, divorced 1980. Elmer Ellsworth Bohler, born 12 October 1892, died 14 October 1968, married 14 July 1926 to Opal Marie Stayer, born 20 March 1902, died 21 September 1972. their children; Thelma Maxine, born 19 September 1928, married 4 January 1947 to Ralph Glen Myers, born 14 June 1927; Phyllis Jean, born 19 April 1932, married 4 April 1952 to Robert Dean Weirich, born 10 July 1932, divorced 1977, married Harold Dunn, born 17 March; Robert Earl Bohler, born 18 April 1938, married 12 July 1959 to Patricia Mae Walter, born 25 May 1940, divorced 1978; Everett Dale, born 31 July 1939, married 6 February 1960 to Linda Lou Stahl, born 20 January 1940; Edith Ione Bohler, born 1 January 1894, died 30 May 1961, married 31 December 1914 to Frank Morr, born 10 June 1893, died 13 October 1949. Their children; Floyd Fern, born 26 May 1916, died 26 November 1932; Eugene Frank Morr, born 27 November 1917, married 1 January 1949 to Melba Irene Hartman, born 17 July 1916; Doris Virginia Morr, born 15 October 1925, married 20 July 1963 to Robert Carpenter, born 18 July 1916; Floyd Vern Bohler, born 6 October 1902, died 1 august 1971, married 7 September 1951 to Leona Fern (Bowman) Binns, born 5 July 1904, died 18 December 1966.

RALPH BOHLER, born 25 August 1891, near Waterloo, Indiana, died in Fort Wayne, 2 February 1966. He was the son of Purley Adrian and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Lorraine (Wilhelm) Bohler. A grandson of John and Mary Abigail (Meese) Bohler, and Jonathan and Mary Elisha (Geeting) Wilhelm. He was a veteran of World War I and served eight months in France. He was employed by the Irving Gravel Company for thirty-two years before retiring, 1 January 1962. Heart pacemakers were quite new when he had one impanted, 27 May 1963. He married 12 April 1940 to Geneva E. Crise, born 13 July 1912, in Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Albert Chester and Esta May (Bowman) Crise, and a granddaughter of Walter Weimer and Elizabeth Ann (Wilsey) Crise and William and Ella (Chaney) Bowman, all of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Their children and grandchildren; Effie Ann, born 29 January 1941, married 7 June 1975 to Raymond John Schimes, born 8 March 1949; Betty May, born 20 January 1942, married 11 June 1962 to Luther Wayne Newby, born 18 October 1943, children; Wayne Daniel Newby, born 27 August 1963, married 28 July 1981 to Tammie Sue Corum, born 3 May 1966, their children; Jennifer Michelle Newby, born 6 June 1982 and Ashley Danielle Newby, born 12 February 1986; Pamela May Newby, born 19 September 1964, married 29 May 1986 to James E. Randolph Hensley, Jr., born 24 July 1961; Donna Lou Bohler, born 8 March 1944, married 25 September 1964, divorced 1980 to Paul Eugene Dantzer, born 23 November 1946, children; Thomas Eugene Dantzer, born 20 May 1965; Tammy Eileen Dantzer, born 22 March 1967, married 29 September 1984 to Clifford Alfred Rotach, born 16 September 1966, children; Jonathan Leroy Dantzer, born 4 February 1984, died 4 February 1984 and Kristine Marie Rotach, born 4 September 1985, in Germany; Timothy Gerald Dantzer, born 22 July 1969 and Tricia Sue Dantzer, born 13 October 1972.

JACOB CRISE, born 24 September 1818, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, son of John and Elizabeth (Walter) Crise. John's grandfather, John Crise, brought his family to America about 1750. Peter, his fourth rhild, was five years of age when they came to America from Germany. The Crises' were not German, but Irish. They were lawyers and doctors, and some went to Germany to study. A few stayed and perhaps married German girls. John was either one of these or a descendant of one.

The family settled in Fredrick County, Maryland, and had ten children in all. Peter enlisted in the Army and was a private in the Revolutionary War. Afterward, he lived in Pennsylvania. John, his son, was born 9 August 1785 and his wife, Elizabeth, on 23 October 1783. John died early in 1827, shortly before they had planned to move to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he bought land. Jacob was the fifth of six children born to them. He married Sarah Ann Weimer, 1 December 1842, at Wilmot, Ohio.

Sarah Ann, born 13 December 1822, in Dover, Tuscarawas County, daughter of Gabriel and Anne (Overholt) Weimer. Her great grandfather, John Weimer, came to America from Germany and was one of the first settlers in Melford Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He was in one of the Regiments that spent that hard winter at Valley Forge with General George Washington.

Jacob and Sarah had three children when they moved to Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1849. He had been a school master and continued teaching school in Indiana. He was also a farmer. The railroad, New York Central, cut the farm in two when it was constructed.

On March 6 1884, while doing the morning chores, he was kicked in the head by a horse, and died that evening. Sarah Ann lived on until 14 May 1904. they are buried in Big Run Cemetery near Butler, Indiana.

Their children were; Anna (Crise) Kanage, born 1 February 1844, died 3 December 1869, married 28 October 1862, lived in DeKalb County; Walter Weimer, born 28 November 1845, died 11 February 1929, married 9 March 1867, lived in Steuben County; Sybilla Shatto/Arford, born 9 November 1847, died 28 August 1911, married 24 December 1870; Orlando, born 24 November 1849, died 28 September 1850, DeKalb County; Salome (Crise) Pepper, born 24 July 1851, died 24 May 1935, married 24 June 1871, lived in DeKalb County; Chester Briggs, born 28 November 1853, died 8 June 1921, married 5 June 1884; Mary Elizabeth (Crise) Koder, born 14 February 1856, died 1 December 1931, married 31 October 1880, lived in Tennessee; Sarah Jessie, born 5 August 1858, died 8 December 1861; Eva Jane, born 14 November 1860, died 9 Feburary 1862, DeKalb County; Martha Mayville (Crise) Durstine, born 14 March 1863, died 9 June 1888, married 18 June 1885; Louisa Ursula (Crise) Robertson/Potts, born 3 December 1866, died 26 December 1952, married 1905, lived in Lebenon, Ohio.

WALTER WEIMER CRISE, born 28 November 1845, in Stark County, Ohio, son of Jacob and Sarah Ann (Weimer) Crise. In the spring of 1849 the family moved to Indiana and the trip was long and tiresome to the three children. Walter was the proud possessor of a new hat, and thought of a new game to play, so he held the hat outside the wagon and yelled "My hat's out! My hat's out!". Jacob stopped the horses and of course Walter had the hat. After a few times no attention was given when the call came, only this time, he had dropped it and he lost his hat. The big occasion of the trip was when they crossed the Maumee River on a ferry boat. He never fogot it or tired of telling these stories and others to his children and grandchildren. At last they arrived at their land in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, and stayed with folks from "Back home" untilt their log house was built. Walter became a school teacher and farmer. He died 11 February 1929.

Elizabeth Ann Wisley, born 2 September 1847, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, daughter of William and Ursula Jane (Haskins) Wilsey, who had moved from Tompkins County, New York, to Indiana in 1845.

Walter and Elizabeth were married 9 March 1867, and set up house-keeping in Fairfield Township, where all ten of their children were born. Then they moved to Salem Township, Steuben County, and lived the rest of their lives in that township. She died 30 January 1925 and they are buried in Circle Cemetery near Hudson, Indiana.

Walter and Elizabeth's children and who they married were; Clara Alice Crise, born 16 April 1868, died 4 August 1940, married 14 October 1886 to William John Shook, born 16 September 1869, died 5 February 1935; John Henry Crise, born 10 July 1870, died 28 February 1929, married 26 October 1892 to Louisa Didama Roosa, born February 1876, died 27 November 1903; Sarah Jane Crise, born 27 August 1872, died 16 January 1879; Salome Ellen Crise, born 11 March 1874, died 18 January 1879; Mary Etta Crise, born 18 April 1876, died 30 June 1964, married 24 December 1895 to Clayton Spencer Benjamin, born 14 September 1876, died 9 May 1954; Luella Louise Crise, born 26 March 1878, died 26 September 1909, married 1 September 1900 to Irvin S. Bair, born 3 April 1875, died 29 May 1954; Robert Jacob Crise, born 11 October 1880, died 20 January 1881; Martha Sybilla Crise, born 22 November 1882, died 18 July 1961, married 27 January 1906 to Francis Friedt Freed, born 7 February 1876, died 4 April 1934; Albert Crise, born 13 July 1884, died 26 October 1949, married 3 June 1905 to Esta May Bowman, born 18 May 1887, died 2 June 1955; and Rosa Anna Crise, born 13 September 1887, died 26 April 1894.

Sarah Jane, Salome Ellen, Robert Jacob and Rosa Anna are buried in the County Line Cemetery, west of Ashley, Indiana.

WILLIAM HENRY WILSEY, born 10 July 1821, in Greene County, New York, to native-born parents, Isaac and Jane (Carpenter) Wilsey. It is unknown when the Wilseys came to America, but they came from Holland, so it is possible that they had been living in New York since the "New Amsterdam" days. The Carpenters were from Scotland and of Puritan ancestry. The Wilsey family moved to Tompkins County, New York in 1839, and 25 January 1843, William married Ursula Jane Haskins of Rutland County, Vermont. She was born 7 September 1824, daughter of Christopher and Sarah (Warner) Haskins, whose parents were also native-born. It is unknown when they came to America. Both the Haskins and Warners came from Ireland.

In 1845, William, his wife, and baby daughter moved from Newfield Township, Tompkins County, New York to Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where they settled on land bought fromt he government a mile or so south of Hudson, known then as Jarvis, Indiana. Ursula Jane, died 6 February 1893 and William, died 6 December 1899. They are buried in the little County Line Cemetery west of Ashley.

Their children were; Mary Jane, born 20 December 1844, died 7 January 1913, married 29 November 1863 to George W. Anstett; Elizabeth Ann, born 2 September 1847, died 30 January 1925, married 9 March 1867 to Walter Weimer Crise; John W. married Harriett Cox; Henry Edward, born 28 November 1860, died 18 March 1936, married 26 January 1882 to Mary Louise Crum; Sarah M.; Sarah N.; Charley L.; and Frank E. These last four died as infants or very small. It is unknown where in the line-up they belong.

ALBERT CHESTER CRISE, born 13 July 1884, on the DeKalb side of the Steuben-DeKalb County Line, in Fairfield Township. He was the son of Walter Weimer and Elizabeth Ann (Wilsey) Crise, the ninth of ten children and all born there. Sometime after the last one was born, they moved one-half mile north of the county line in Salem Township, and there he grew up, later becoming a preacher in the United Brethren in Christ Church.

Esta May Bowman, born 18 May 1887, in Richland Township, DeKalb County. She was the daughter of William and Ella (Chaney) Bowman. She was the church pianist and taught piano. Albert and Esta met when he was the Evangelist holding a series of Revival meetings at her church, the old Maple Grove united Brethren Church located on the old "Toledo and Chicago Pike", one mile south of the present U.S. 6, in Richland Township. this building has since been remodeled and enlarged and is now the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Albert and Esta were married 3 June 1905, in the U.B. Parsonage, in Hudson, Indiana. he died 26 October 1949, and she died 2 June 1955, near Bristol, Indiana. They are buried in the nearby Zion Lutheran Cemetery. They had four children and nineteen grandchildren; Cleophas "Cleo" W., born 20 April 1907, died 4 April 1974, married 10 July 1926 to Esther Elma Wade, born 15 April 1909, children; Ruth Viola Waggonner, born 17 June 1927, married 21 August 1946; Ira Leroy, born 5 December 1929, married 25 May

1949; Esther May Collins, born 20 August 1933, died 20 August 1968, married 17 September 1949; Virginia Ellen Meredith Trost, born 28 January 1936, married 6 December 1952; Carl Raymond, born 22 June 1937, married 8 July 1958; Robert Wade, born 4 October 1944, married 20 November 1964; Joseph Paul, born 27 December 1948 married 14 November 1970; John Albert, born 24 August 1951, married 5 June 1969; Mary Alene Robinson, VanDerBerg, Johnson, born 9 July 1955, married 19 June 1971; Emery LeRoy Crise, born 30 October 1908, died 1 December 1976 married 18 July 1928, Elosise Broyles, 11 April 1911, divorced 1936, married Opal Beatrice Miller, 11 July 1936, born 1 April 1904, died 12 February 1977, children; Donald LeRoy, 3 September 1929, married 8 July 1947; Effie Irene, born 8 May 1931, died 1936; Betty Jeanne, born 20 January 1933, died 1936; Wayne Lee, born 29 April 1938, married 30 March 1958; Geneva E. (Crise), born 13 July 1912, married Walter Z. Zent, born 30 November 1907, divorced 1936, married 12 April 1940, Ralph Oliver Bohler, born 25 August 1891, died 2 February 1966, children; Effie Ann Schimes, born 29 January 1941, married 7 June 1976; Betty May Newby, 20 January 1942, married 11 June 1962; Donna Lou Dantzer, born 8 March 1944, married 25 September 1964; Gladys Berneice (Crise), born 23 August 1918, died 27 July 1983, married 29 September 1936 to Homer Franklin Bloss, born 27 February, died 6 January 1983, children; Bernard Lee, born 15 June 1941, married 16 June 1962; Richard Theodore, born 14 October 1950, married 22 November 1969; Edward Ray, born 3 July 1952, married 12 February 1974.

JOSEPH BOWMAN, born 30 January 1814, in Pennsylvania, died 2 April 1880, in Indiana. He was the third of twelve sons, no daughters, of Samuel and Mary Magdalene (Klinger) Bowman. Samuel was the son of Jacob Baumann, who was born 1 February 1752, in Germany and came to America in 1772 and settled in Pennsylvania. Some of his children used the name of Bowman instead of Baumann.

In 1817, Samuel and some others, with their families, migrated to Stark County, Ohio, where Joseph grew up and married Eve Bortz, who was born 8 September 1817. In 1839, they moved to Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He used the name Baumann until he grew tired of correcting people and began using the name Bowman. the homestead that he owned is on the southwest corner of Roads 19 and 40.

Their children were; Samuel, born 11 November 1834, died 7 June 1891, married Margaret Miller; Elizabeth, born 1836, died May 1865, married 11 May 1854 to Daniel Swihart; Mary "Polly", born 21 March 1838, died 14 October 1896, married 17 November 1857 to Joseph G. Raub; Caroline, born 1842, died 1865, married 13 October 1861 to Alexander King; JoAnna, born 13 December 1851; died 25 January 1935, married 26 December 1871 to George D. Denison.

Eve died 6 November 1855. On 9 October 1856, Joseph married Ida, born 12 May 1829, daughter of William Brand and the widow of William Tongue. She is reported to have had three children during her first marriage, but information has been found for only one. She was; Alice Rebecca, born 22 October 1852, died 18 May 1929, married 3 July 1870, George McConnell.

The children of Joseph and Ida were; William, born 24 SEptember 1857, died 18 January 1926, married 27 September 1877 to Martha Ella Chaney; Lydia, born 24 July 1859, died 16 August 1910, married 31 January 1884 to George King; Eva, born 9 February 1861, died 1885, married 10 September 1878 to John Palmer: John, 18 February 1864, died 2 September 1866; Stephen, born 1 November 1865, died 26 August 1933, married 16 September 1887 to Cora Fisher; Franklin, born 31 July 1867, died August 1939, married 14 September 1895; George, born 6 May 1871, married 2 February 1891 to Jenney Delong; two other children unnamed, one was married 7 May 1893 to Bessie Oiler and the other married 23 August 1897 to Minnie.

Stephen was a colonel in the United States Army. Joseph and both wives are buried in the Old Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

WILLIAM BOWMAN, born 24 September 1857, in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Joseph and Ida (Brand) Bowman. He married Ella Chaney, 27 September 1877, in Waterloo, Indiana, the Reverend B. Baldwin officiating. She had been named Martha Ellen, but did not like the name and chose to be called "Ella". She was born 25 July 1856, in Richland Township, DeKalb County, the daughter of Nelson and Mary Ann (McCague) Chaney. She was born about two miles north of where William was on what is now known as Road 19. They lived for a time in Keyser Township and then bought a farm in Richland Township on Road 17. They both died there, he on 18 January 1926 and she on 8 June 1936.

Their children and grandchildren; Emery D., born 31 January 1879, died 24 June 1945. He married Libby Viola Hartman, daughter of Aaron and Alone (Casner) Hartman, 2 February 1899.

Their children; Hubert, born 1899, died 1979; Dorothy Mae Dailey, born 1902, died 1954; and Leona Fern Binns, Bohler, born 1904, died 1966. Libby died 3 February 1921 and on 16 February 1922, he married Vesta Fretz, daughter of George and Eva (Howard) Fretz. Their children; Paul Eugene, born 1923, Ruth Maxine LaRowe, born 1925, Howard Chaney, born 1926, and Melvon Earl, born 1931; Un-named daughter, born 1880, died at age three months; Ada, born 22 September 1881, died 3 august 1957. She married Marion Martin Shippy, son of Robert and Susan (McNab) Shippy, 25 April 1900. their children; Iva, born 1901; Wilbur Marion, born 1907; Viola May Alspaugh, born 1909; and Harold William, born 1912; Esta May, born 18 May 1887, died 2 June 1955. She married Albert Chester Crise, son of Walter and Elizabeth (Wilsey) Crise, 3 June 1905. Their children; Cleophas "Cleo" W., born 1907, died 1974; Emery LeRoy, born 1908, died 1976; Geneva E. Zent, Bohler, born 1912; and Gladys Berneice Bloss, born 1918, died 1983; Effie, born 11 October 1890, died 21 March 1964. She married Carl Raymond Reinhart, son of Martin and Ida (Roehm) Reinhart, 26 April 1911. He died 27 February 1940. She married Hugh Hamman, 6 September 1947, who died 15 October 1949. She married again 19 August 1954 to Arthur Strubble and he died 11 October 1954. She never had any children; Milferd Chaney, born 24 September 1892, died 28 May 1954. He married Inez Eva Park, daughter of William and Sarah (Miller) Park, 22 March 1911. Their children; Bertha Mar Korff, born 1911, died 1984; Kenneth Ray, born 1914, died 1951; Edna Louise Stahl, born 1915; and Marie Elizabeth Penick Ohlwine, born 1917, died 1981; Nettie Pearl, born 1897, died 1902.

William, Ella and all but two of their children never lived in any other county and all the first spouses and Vesta, were DeKalb County natives.

NELSON CHANEY, born 15 August 1827, in Harrison County, Ohio, son of Charles and Barbara Chaney. While he was still a small child the family moved to Ashland County Ohio. There he attended school and grew to manhood. He made a trip to Indiana in 1853 and selected and bought land in Richland Township, DeKalb County. When he went back home to prepare for his move, he told his folks that he had met "the prettiest girl in DeKalb County, yea, the whole of Indiana!", and that he was going to marry her. The girl was Mary Ann McCague, born 6 July 1833, in Washington County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of John and Julie (Inglish) McCague, who was the son of James and Elizabeth (Treesh) McCague. Soon after her birth, both families moved to Holmes County, Ohio, where they lived until 1848, they both moved to Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Nelson and Mary Ann were married 15 June 1855. She died at the age of fifty on 15 January 1884. Nelson lived on until 21 April 1913.

Their children and who they married; Martha Ellen "Ella", married William Bowman, lived in Richland Township; Elizabeth Ulala, married Albertus Raub, lived in Richland Township; James Irvin "Irv", married Naomi Blucher, lived in Rock Island, Illinois; Nelson Milferd, killed by a train in Auburn at the age of nineteen; William Hebert, never married; Cora, married James Sheffer, lived in Auburn, Indiana, both were shot; and Edith married Eli Walker, lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana. One died in infancy.

HERSHEL D. PRESSLER, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 8 February 1897, son of Ellery A. and Olive (Davis) Pressler. He had one brother, Landis R. and two sisters, Troas Sitton and Jessie Francis. He also had one half brother, Harry D. Hovarter. Hershel was seven years old when his father, Ellery, was killed by being crushed between two rairoad cars at the B & O Railroad Yards in Garrett, Indiana.

Hershel's maternal grandparents were Reuben and Louisa (Maggert) Davis. His maternal great grandparents were Nathan and Pamela (Butt) Davis and Jesse and Rebecca Ann (Jones) Maggert. His paternal grandparents were Adam and Mary (Witham) Pressler. Adam was six years old when he came from Fairfield County, Ohio, to Whitley County, Indiana in a schooner wagon. Adam's parents, John and Mariah (Egolf) Pressler was born in Centre County, Pennsylvania, 29 January 1807 to Valentine and Magdalena Pressler.

Hershel married Jennie C. Hathaway, 3 May 1919. Jennie, born 4 March 1900, daughter of Page and Ella (Feller) Hathaway. She was the oldest of ten children. Her paternal grandparents were Lucian and Elizabeth (Swanders) Hathaway. her paternal great grandparents were Nathan and Hannah (Hamilton) Hathaway and Jonathan and Christianna (Row) Feller. Jennie's maternal great grandparents were Frederick and Elizabeth Feller and George and Sarah Ann (Luther) Lockwood.

Hershel and Jennie were the parents of three children; Marlo M. of Ashley, Indiana; Marjorie D. of Auburn, Idniana; and Donald D. of Waterloo, Indiana. Hershel was employed by the DeKalb County Co-op Association at the time of his death, 13 April 1943. Jennie died 10 March 1972. They resided near Fairfield Center, DeKalb County, most of their married life.

DONALD DEA PRESSLER, born 7 October 1924, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Hershel Dea and Jennie C. (Hathaway) Pressler. His paternal grandparents were Ellery A. and A. Olive (Davis) Pressler. His maternal grandparents were Page and Ella (Feller) Hathaway. He has one brother, Marlo of Ashley, Indiana and one sister, Marjorie of Auburn, Indiana.

After graduating from Ashley High School in 1942, Donald was drafted into the army and served in the European Theatre of Operations in Germany during World War II, for which he received a bronze star. He was honorably discharged from service December 1945. Donald's father, Hershel, served in World War I and his son Kevin, served in the Viet-Nam War, being stationed there for fourteen months.

Donald was united in marriage to Elaine Snyder, 9 November 1947 in the Auburn Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Pressler are now members of the First United Methodist Church of Waterloo, Indiana.

Elaine (Snyder) Pressler, born 4 September 1927, in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Paul L. and Jeannette E. (Imler) Snyder. Her parternal grandparents were Charles S. and Minnie (Lehner) Snyder. Her maternal grandparents were Irvin and Hattie (Leeson) Imler. She has one brother, Donald E. Snyder of rural Ashley, Indiana and one sister, Gayle Lee wife of Kenneth Koeppe, of rural Butler, Indiana.

Donald and Elaine have resided on fifty acres of land at the south edge of Waterloo, since October 1957. Donald retired from the U.S. Postal Service in September 1986, having served over 500 families on rural route two, Waterloo, for the past twenty-two years. Prior to that he was an agent for The Standard Oil Company in Ashley-Hudson and Waterloo. Elaine attended International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was an accountant at Kitchen-Quip, Inc., Waterloo, for twenty-seven years. She retired in February 1987.

They have four sons; Kevin Dea, born 21 March 1949, married Janet K. Butler, 13 July 1969. Their children are Teresa Kay and Jeremy Dea, born 13 May 1971, Jason Paul born 18 March 1975 and Daniel Ray born 28 January 1977. Kevin attended Purdue University and is a tool and diemaker. They reside near Goshen, in Elkhart County, Indiana; Roderick L. born 19 March 1951, married June E. Pfefferkorn, 8 June 1973. Thye have two daughters, Jenny Nicole, born 31 March 1976 and Susan Marie, born 23 April 1981. They live in Waterloo, Indiana. Roderick graduated from Manchester College and St. Francis College. He teaches at Garrett High School, where he also coaches the girls' varsity basketball team; Roger E., born 26 July 1953, married Vickie L. Lawrence, 23 August 1975. They have a daughter, Amy Lynn, born 29 September 1978. They live near Waterloo, Indiana. Roger received his associate degree from Tri-State University and is an engineer at Auburn Gear, Auburn, Indiana; Scott D., born 7 April 1956, married Kelli J. Randle, 29 April 1978. They live in Auburn, Indiana and have a son, Corey Scott, born 4 July 1979, and a daughter, Kristen Chante', born 1 July 1981. Scott received his associate degree in accounting from Tri-State University and is employed by the U.S. Postal Service at the Auburn post office.

RODERICK "ROCKY" PRESSLER, born 19 March 1951, at a hospital in Auburn. June Elizabeth Pfefferkorn, born 6 February 1952, at a hospital in Garrett. Rocky and June were married 8 June 1973, at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo, Indiana.

Rocky's parents are Donald Dea and Doris Elaine (Snyder) Pressler of Waterloo, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Hershel Dea and Jennie C. (Hathaway) Pressler, both deceased, of Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents are Paul L. and Jeannette E. (Imler) Snyder, both deceased of rural Ashley, Indiana.

June's parents are Aelred A. and Myra M. Pfefferkorn of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Andrew and Louise Pfefferkorn, both deceased of rural Ashley, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Harry, deceased, and Frances Horstman of Cloverdale, Ohio.

Rocky graduated from DeKalb high School in 1969. He received his bachelor's degree from Manchester College in 1973, and his master's degree from Saint Francis College in 1973, June graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970, and from Parisian Beauty School of Fort Wayne in 1972. June has been a hairdresser in Auburn for the past fifteen years. His first two years were at DeKalb High School and the last eleven years have been at Garrett High School.

June and Rocky are the parents of two daughters, Jenny Nicole, born 31 March 1976 and Susan Marie, born 23, April 1981.

Rocky came from a family of four boys; and June came from a family of four boys and six girls. Rocky and June are proud to be life-time residents of DeKalb County. They hold fond memories of being in attendance at the Waterloo Centennial Celebration in 1956. The also helped celebrate the Bicentennial on 4 July 1976, to honor the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They helped the Waterloo Depot Foundation in its efforts to save and restore the Waterloo Depot. They miss the Old Waterloo School and Gym which they attended until 1967 when DeKalb High School opened its doors.

Mr. and Mrs. Pressler and daughters live in Waterloo, Indiana. They attend the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

They enjoy traveling, especially in Indiana, hiking, sports, reading, cooking, and crafts.

PAUL L. SNYDER, born 19 October 1905, in DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Charles S. and Minnie (Lehner) Snyder. He had two brothers, Glen W. and Gerald E. and one sister, Marcella (Snyder) Rockwell. His paternal grandparents were Henry Franklin and Chloe (Haynes) Snyder. Paul's paternal great grandparents were Samuel and Mariah (Getts) Snyder and Samuel S. and Mariam (Mead) Haynes. His maternal grandparents were Jacob G. and Susannah E. (Treesh) Lehner. Susannah E. Treesh was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Hoveles) Treesh.

Paul L. Snyder was manager of the Garrett Lumber Company at the time of his marriage on 24 October 1926, to Jeannette E. Imler. Jeannette was the youngest of two daughters born to Irvin O. and Hattie Jane (Leeson) Imler. Her sister was Georgia M., wife of James Rink. Jeannette's paternal grandparents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Ober) Imler. Her paternal great grandparents were John S. and Margaret (Snyder) Imler and Joseph and Ann (Smith) Ober. Jeannette's maternal grandparents were Joseph and Eliza (Downend) Leeson. Eliza (Downend) Leeson's parents were James and Mary (Shaw) Downend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Snyder were the parents of three children; Elaine (Snyder) Pressler, married Donald Pressler of Waterloo, Indiana. Donald E. of rural Ashley, Indiana; Gayle Lee, married Kenneth Koeppe of rural Butler, Indiana.

In 1932 Mr. and Mrs. Snyder purchased the Ashley-Hudson Lumber Company and moved to Hudson, Indiana. After selling the lumber company they moved to a farm south of Ashley, Indiana. They resided there until their deaths on 25 November 1975 and 8 August 1972 respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder were active members of the Methodist Church in Hudson, Indiana, and Mr. Snyder was a fifty year member of the Lions Club.

MADELAINE SUSANAH CREAGER, born 6 July 1919 in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Roy E. and Dell Marie (Topper) Creager, lifelong residents of DeKalb County. Madelaine was the first of five children, others were William L., deceased, Earl L., Wayne L. and Roy J., all reside in Garrett. Her paternal grandparents were William L. and Cora (Cramer) Creager, of Garrett, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were William A. and Susanah (Ricketts) Topper.

Madelaine Creager and John A. Zumbaugh, Garrett residents were married 28 August 1937 in Winchester, Indiana. John was the son of Ervin Zumbaugh and Clara (Wilson) Zumbaugh of Garrett.

Madelaine and John became the parents of Mary J. (Zumbaugh) Laub, of Butler, Indiana; John Ervin and Michael William of Garrett. Mary Zumbaugh married Gary E. Laub, Butler, Indiana in August of 1964 and became the parents of Douglas G. Laub in 1967.

John was employed by the B & O Railroad from 1937 until an automobile accident in 1956 left him handicapped. In 1959 he opened "John's Electric Repair", a shop to repair electric motors and power tools. He operated this until his death, 8 May 1978.

Madelaine became the elected assessor of Garrett and Keyser Township 1 January 1958. She still holds this office. In 1968 she obtained her Real Estate Salesman License. She became affiliated with and worked from the office of Melvin F. Didderich Real Estate. She retired from Real Estate in 1982.

A member of the garrett Homemakers Home Demonstration Club, Madelaine was named the recipient of DeKalb County's Jane Award, given each year to an outstanding County woman for contribution as a volunteer and community leader. In 1983 she was presented the Garrett Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, having served as Garrett Bloodmobile Chairman from 1964 to 1983, member and secretary Garrett Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, member and secretary DeKalb County Mental Health Association Board of Directors, 4 County Human Resources Board, Board of Directors Red Cross DeKalb County, member and past president Garrett Business and Professional Women's Club, member and past president Garrett Homemakers Home Demonstration Club. An active member of the First Church of Christ and pianist for the Primary Department for many years.

Madelaine graduated from Garrett High School in 1937 and the Bill Miller School of Real Estate in 1967.

PAUL EUGENE REINOEHL, born 24 April 1925 in Fairfield Township, in the house he still lives in. His parents were John Henry Reinoehl and Effie Teresa Hamman. His paternal grandparents were Peter Reinoehl and Elizabeth

Hovarter of Fairfield Township. His maternal grandparents were John Hamman and Lydia Rohm of Smithfield Township. Paul had three half brothers, Henry Reinoehl and Willis Reinoehl, both deceased, and Harold Reinoehl. He has one full brother John and two sisters, Olga Taylor and Ruth Parr, deceased.

Jean Ardeth Shumaker, born 3 December 1930 in Salem Township, Steuben County, daughter of Marlton D. Shumaker and Daisy Dorothy Tritch. Her paternal grandparents were John Edwin Shumaker and Addie Ringler of Hudson, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Adam Tritch and Mary Shade of Hudson, Indiana. She had five brothers, Keith Robert, deceased, John Burdette, Herber, Wilbur Dean and Ned, and two sisters, Velma Farrington and Beverly Blood.

Paul Eugene Reinoehl and Jean Ardeth Shumaker were married 17 March 1950 at their home in Fairfield Township.

Paul graduated from Ashley High School and Reisch School of Auctioneering. Jean graduated from Waterloo High School.

Paul has been a lifetime farmer raising hogs and feeding steers and a part time auctioneer. They both were members for over twenty-five years of the Ashley Grange.

They are the parents of five children; Sally Jean, born 23 February 1952, married Terry Wilson of Butler, Indiana and the parents of two sons, Joel and Nicholas; Cathy Eileen, born 27 April 1954, married Timothy Wells of Waterloo, Indiana. Thye are the parents of three children, Heidi and Christopher of Waterloo, Indiana and Jeannette of Germany. Sally and Cathy are both elementary teachers in DeKalb School District; Sam Paul, born 14 November 1957, is a Vo. Ag. teacher at Eastside School District in Butler, Indiana; Mike Daniel, born 3 June 1961 is a G.M. Certified Technician Mechanic and works at Kendallville, Indiana; Peter Lynn, born 28 December 1971, is a student in DeKalb School.

Their whole family are members of and attend Pleasant Chapel Church of Brethren, southwest of Ashley, Indiana.

Maurice Smith Family

MAURICE WILLIAM SMITH, born 14 September 1910 in Jackson Township, Allen Co., Indiana. He was the third oldest of nine children, son of Jay W. and Lida (O'Brien) Smith. Paternal grandparents were William F. and Sophia (Hagy) Smith of Monroeville, Idniana. Maternal grandparents were John and Louise (Heckler) O'Brien, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Inez Anna Stasell was born 17 April 1913 in Jackson Township, Allen Co., Indiana. She was the youngest of four children born to William F. and Rose (Hagenbucher) Stasell of Monroeville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Gerhard and Eva (Shubert) Stasell of Leetsdale, Pa. Maternal grandparents were Tobias and Caroline Hagenbucher came to America from Germany when Rose was 6 years old and settled in Chicago, Illinois and ran a milk depot.

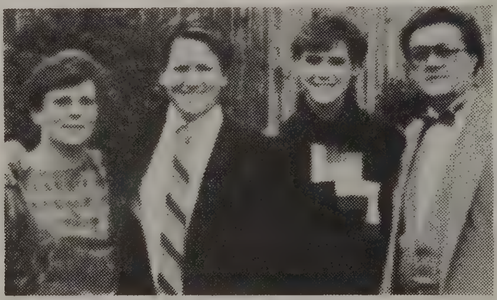
Maurice and Inez were married at St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville, Indiana 19 April 1939. To this union seven children were born. James William, Thomas Jay, Martha Rose, Mary Ann, Kristina Louise, Carolina Dianne and William David, deceased 30 July 1986.

In April of 1953 the Maurice Smith family moved to DeKalb County on State Road 101 just north of the Allen and DeKalb County Line. They had purchased this 80 acre farm from Albert and Mildred Keller.

The children attended grade school in Jackson Township, Allen, County, Indiana, Spencerville, Indiana, Riverdale, St. Joe, Indiana. High school in St. Joe, Indiana and Butler, Indiana. Colleges in Fort Wayne, Indiana and Ball State, Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. Smith was a part time farmer and factory worker. During World War II he worked at Casad Ordinance Depot, New Haven, Indiana. He later worked and retired form Universal Tool and Stamping, Co., Butler, Idniana. He retired from farming 23 August 1986.

The family were members of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, Ohio.



Jerry Smith Family

JERRY DEAN SMITH, born 5 August 1943 in Kendallville, Indiana, son of Phyllis and Lauren John Smith. His paternal grandparents were

Claude and Nellie Smith of Kendallville. Maternal grandparents were Earl and Grace Renkenberger of Kendallville, Indiana. As a child he moved to the Cedar Creek area of rural Garrett, Indiana, where he grew up. Jerry has two brothers, Thomas Lauren of LaGrange, and Theodore Earl of Auburn, Indiana and two sisters, Nancy (Smith) Lantz of Garrett, and Patsy (Smith) Davidson Kent of Hunington, Indiana.

Sherry Lou Hunter, born 25 February 1944, in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Lyle and Yvonne Hunter. Her paternal grandparents were Grace and George Hunter of Garrett, maternal grandparents were Dan and Jeanette Weaver of Garrett, Indiana. She has one sister Peggy Ann (Hunter) Flagg of Elkhart, Indiana.

Jerry and Sherry were married, 23 November 1965, by Reverand Glenn Mulligan at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. Reverand Mulligan baptized and married all of the Smith children. The Smiths moved form Auburn to their farm on State Road Eight, 1 August 1971, where they have raised swine and pure bred cattle. The Smiths purchased the Hoham Feed and Seed Company from Hal Hoham in July of 1984.

Jerry graduated from Garrett High School in 1961 and attended I.U.P.U. in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sherry graduated from Garrett High School 1962, Ball State University in 1966 and Indiana University in 1970. She taught first grade from 1966 to 1971 in the DeKalb Eastern School District in 1979, where she currently teaches sixth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two wonderful children; Beth Ann, born 27 April 1971 and Jon Thomas, born 15 January 1974. Mrs. Smith is active in the Butler BPW and several educational organizations.

Mr. Smith is president of the Butler Rotary Club, vice chairman of the DeKalb County Democrats, and belongs to the Auburn Elks Club and the Indiana Feed Dealers Association.

The Smiths have been active in the Rotary Exchange program since 1982, hosting students form several foriegn countries.

WAYNE O. WILHELM, born 1 October 1921 in Smithfield Township, son of Jonathon Edward and Margaret Edith (Bard) Wilhelm. He had two brothers, Harold Eugene and John Edward. His maternal grandparents were Edwin T. and Jennie Mahala (Benjamin) Bard. Paternal grandparents were Jacob and Magadalena (Trumpy) Wilhelm. Magadalena came to the United States from Switzerland as a bound servant. She was to work two years for the person who paid her passage. When a friendship sprung up between her and Jacob Wilhelm, who lived on an adjoining farm, her boundsman forbid her to see him for fear of losing his bound servant. To overcome that obstacle, a pick up tree was established on the line fence between the two farms and this was where each would leave their note to be picked up by the other one. They were married 19 April 1885.

Wilma C. Getts, born 30 October 1919 in Fairfield Township to Cleveland O. and Chloe Blanche (Hamman) Getts. She has one sister, Bernetta Marie (Getts) Bird. Maternal grandparents were Thomas and Charlotte (Erwin) Hamman. Paternal grandparents were Isaac H. and Catharine (Cox) Getts.

Wayne was inducted into the U.S. Army, 10 July 1942 and discharged, 9 November 1945. He worked at the Co-op Flour Mill which was located on S. Wayne St., Auburn, before becoming interested in the gravel business. He was employed by Stonestreet & Burtzner Gravel prior to becoming a partner. It is now known as Burtzner & Wilhelm Sand & Gravel. Wyane died 14 May 1977.

Wilma graduated from Tri-State University and worked as clerk-stenographer at the DeKalb County Welfare Department from 1 July 1938 to 28 February 1949. Her starting salary was $50.00 per month and at that time the county paid monthly. Other employments were the DeKalb County Credit Bureau from April 1966 to 13 January 1972 and the county Auditor's Office from 16 January 1972 to 31 December 1986.

Both Wayne and Wilma were active members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Smithfield Township. Where Wayne served as treasurer, elder, deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Wyane and Wilma were married 30 April 1944. They had two children; Marilyn Kay (Wilhelm) Nierman, born 5 August 1949, a physical therapist for Allen County Society for Crippled Children and Adults and Gerald Lynn Wilhelm, born 15 December 1952, a partner in the gravel business. Gerald married Jane Ellen Phillips, 15 April 1978 and they have one son, Tyler Brandon, born 13 June 1983.

WILHELM W. STEFFEN, immigrated to America in 1871 via steamship from Hamberg, Germany and landed at New York. he was born near Stavenhagen, Mecklenberg, which is now in East Germany, 30 December 1849. He settled almost immediately in DeKalb County, Indiana. In 1873, his wife, Maria Demmin, born in Sultan, Germany, 15 September 1851, also came to America with their son, William C. Steffen. Wilhelm and Maria were married 1 November

1873 by the pastor of the German Methodist Church of Kendallville, Andrew Mayer. Wilhelm was employed by the city of Auburn and worked in the street department.

Born to this union were six children; William C., born in Germany, 17 February 1873. He first married Mary Kay (Sanders) Marker, 10 January 1895 in Auburn. They had no children. His second wife was Minda Belle Kinney, born in August 1875, in Concord Township, daughter of James Kinney and Kathryn Scott. They were married, 7 April 1897. they had seven children; Mary A., born September 1898; Fred, born 26 June 1902; James W., born 8 February 1904; Charles "Tops", born 22 September 1908; John D., born 25 July 1913; George H. born 26 March 1906; and Geraldine, born 8 January 1919. William was employed by the Warner Automotive Parts Division. William C., died in Auburn, 18 June 1940 and Minda "Lizzie", died 28 March 1947. they are both buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Emma, born 16 April 1875. Her first husband was Henry Cobbler whom she married 6 April 1895. her second husband was Charles Herrick whom she married 28 March 1896 in Auburn. they had one son Louis W. Herrick, born 2 March 1897 in Auburn. on 29 September 1902, she married Romeo Draggoo, born 3 May 1868, son of David and Cazasrann Draggoo. They had two daughters, Sophia Ann, born 15 October 1903, and Thelma, born 5 October 1941. He was employed as a steam engineer. Both died and are buried in Auburn.

Elizabeth, born 24 February 1878. She first married Mr. Hough and they had a son Harry, born December of 1894. Elizabeth then married James DeWitt, 22 October 1898 in Auburn. James DeWitt, born 14 December 1878, son of Newton DeWitt and Mary Borne. Their family consisted of two daughters and five sons; Mary Ella, born 30 March 1901, Ethel Mae, born 21 June 1910, Carl, born 8 April 1899, Earl, born 1906, Charles, born 6 November 1904, Clarence Edison 11 August 1914, and Harold, born in 1918. Elizabeth died 24 September 1956 and her husband, James died 13 August 1957. He was retired from the Auburn Foundry.

John, born 24 February 1880 in Auburn. John married Malinda Berrick in Fort Wayne, in 1915 and they had no children. two years after their marriage, Malinda died, 3 February 1917 of tuberculosis at the Irene Byron Hospital along with their misscarried child. John was never able to cope with this great loss and was eventually committed to the Richmond State Mental Hospital and died 29 November 1929.

Phillip, born 14 September 1885 in Auburn. On 28 March 1905 in Auburn, he married Mary Jane Watson, her second marriage. her first marriage was to Harvey Hanes, who was killed in a railroad accident on 25 February 1904. they had no children. Mary Jane and Phillip had two sons; Ralph Aaron, born 2 January 1910, and Chester Louis, born 27 November 1916, both born in Auburn, Indiana. Phillip died in Fort Wayne where he lived, 18 July 1947. his wife Mary Jane preceeded him in death, 26 July 1925, in Auburn. After her death, Phillip married Wilda Alice (Carlyle) Lambert, 2 January 1926, but this marriage didn't last very long and ended in divorce.

Charles, born in Auburn, 30 April 1887. He married Edith A. Kenline, 2 July 1908 in Fort Wayne where they continued to live. They had five children; Beatrice M., born 16 June 1912; Gerald B., born 26 June 1920; Marie, Irene L. and Viola Elizabeth, born 28 February 1910. Charles was employed as a woodworker at the Rastetter Chair Company. Charles died in Fort Wayne, 2 September 1954 and his wife died, 30 July 1963.

Wilhelm, died 10 July 1924 in Auburn. Maria, died 18 March 1908 at their home in Auburn Junction.

Donald Kanaga Family

DONALD RALPH KANAGA, the son of Ralph Stanley and Kennis (Potts) Kanaga was born 17 August 1935 in Fairfield Township in DeKalb county. his paternal grandparents were Samuel Leroy and Effie (Slaybaugh) Kanaga. His maternal grandparents were Grover Cleveland and Emma Roush Potts.

Judith Ann Shore, daughter of John and Dorothy (Kirchner) Shore, was born 1 February 1935 in Smithfield township, DeKalb County. Her paternal grandparents were William and Anna Shore. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Daisy (Cottrel) Kirchner.

After graduating from Ashley high School. Donald began farming in the area. he married Judy Shore in 1954. They are the parents of five children; Stanley, deceased, Wesley, Bradley, Kelly and Nancy.

While farming, Donald attended Tri-State college, studying Business Management and Motor Transport Management. In 1964 they moved to Washington, Illinois where Donald accepted a position with a Transportaion Firm in Peoria, Illinois. They made their home in Washington and became active in the Methodist Church and school and sport activities.

Ralph Kanaga Family

RALPH STANLEY KANAGA, son of Samuel Leroy and Effie Slaybaugh Kanaga, was born 30 June 1915 on the Kanaga Homestead where he now lives at 2264 CR6. his paternal grandparents were Samuel Altman and Chloe (Cool) Kanaga. his maternal grandparents were Franklin and Adline (Smith) Slaybaugh.

Kennis Viola Potts was born 8 January 1915, south of Corunna, the daughter of Grover Cleveland and Emma (Roush) Potts. Her paternal grandparents were John S. and Barbara (Zigler) Potts. Her maternal grandparents were Henry Jackson and Ida (Pinchon) Roush.

After graduating from Ashley High School in 1932, Ralph began farming. his father had always farmed until his death in 1930.

Ralph farmed in the Ashley area until 1944 when he purchased the Kanaga Homestead and returned to the home farm. A few years later he began working as a carpenter part time until his son became old enough to farm, then he worked full time as a carpenter until semi-retirement in 1984. Ralph's grandfather Kanaga and his grandfather Slaybaugh were both carpenters.

Mr. and Mrs. Kanaga are both active members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren and are active in the Farm Bureau. Kennis was active in the Fairfield Township Homemakers Club for many years, having become a member before she was married and serving as president for several years. Kennis is also a member of the Purdue Extension Choral Club.

Ralph has one sister, Ruth Gramling of rural Ashley and Sebring, Florida.

Kennis had two brothers, Elmer and Woodrow, both deceased and one sister, Golda (Potts) Tarlton, also deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Kanaga are the parents of two children, Donald of Washington, Illinois and Ruth Ann Kanaga Witt living in the farm house built in the late 1880's. The Kanaga Homestead was purchased in 1859 by Samuel Altman Kanaga and was recognized by Governor Otis Bowen in 1977 as a Century Farm, having been in the same family for one hundred years or more.

Donald Kanaga married Judith Shore, daughter of John and Dorothy Shore of near Ashley. they have three sons, Wesley, Bradley, Kelly and a daughter Nancy. One son, Stanley, died at the age of 19. Donald and his family moved to Washington, Illinois in 1964.

Ruth Ann Kanaga married George Witt, son of Albert and Rena Witt of rural Waterloo. They have one son Albert at home. One daughter, Lori Ann, died in infancy. George is an employee of Moore Business Forms branch in Angola.

Albert Witt Family

ALBERT LEROY WITT, born 21 November 1895 near Auburn, Indiana son of Charles and Dora (Thomas) Witt. His grandparents, Joachim and Mary Witt, were born in Germany and immigrated to this county around 1865.

Katherine (Stevenson) Richardson was born on 1 February 1896 in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Katherine Richardson. The family moved to Edinburg, Scotland when she was 9, and she returned to this county when she was 17. She was nicknamed Rena and she used this name on legal papers for her whole life.

Albert met Rena while he was stationed in

Chicago as an M.P. during World War I. They were married on 23 February 1921 at the Grace Episcopal Church at 15th and Wabash in Chicago, Illinois.

The couple lived on several farms in Grant Township and finally bought a farm on County Road 41. Albert worked as a farmer all of his life and occasionally took odd jobs to help make ends meet. He worked for a short time for the Auburn Automobile Company by carrying parts in buckets across Cedar Creek to the new building they had built. Rena helped Albert on the farm.

The Witts had six children; Edith (Witt) Lower, who lives in Steuben County, Earl, a twin of Edith, and Russell, who both died in childhood, Roy Edward Witt, who lives in Auburn and works at Auburn Gear, Rena Mae (Witt) Klinger, who lives in Delphos, Ohio and works as a nurse, and George Albert Witt, who lives on a farm near Ashley and works at Moore Business Forms in Angola, Indiana.

Albert Leroy Witt died 7 October 1976. Rena sold the farm and lived with her children for a time before moving to Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. she joined Albert in death 14 March 1984.

LOREN E. JINNINGS, born west of Edgerton, Ohio, in 1902, son of LeRoy, 1870-1952 and Emma (Durr), 1874-1961 Jinnings. Loren and Dorothy, daughter of Ellis and Anna Ridenour, were married, 6 June 1926. Two sons were born to this union; Orrin married Patricia Meyers, their children are John William, married Linda Green, parents of one daughter, Amanda Beth; Mary Kay, married James Fairchild, parents of two children, Jennifer and Jeff; Scott Howard married Lori Boardman, parents of one child, Abbie Jean; Loren Jr. married Marlen Fee, their children are April Louise, married Mark Wheeler, parents of two children, Angela and Zeb; Denise Ellen, married Robert Fairchild, parents of four children, Andy, Kelly, Deryl and Brad; Paula Joyce married Tom Martzke; Allan Jinnings.

Loren attended grade school in Troy Township, DeKalb County, graduating in 1916. Four years of high school in Butler, 1916-1920, driving horse and buggy the seven miles. In very bad weather walk the railroad tracks. College; Indiana State Normal, which is now Ball State, and taught school one year. In 1923 studied pre-med, medical school proper in 1925, MD in 1929 from Indiana University. Took post graduate work several places in U.S. and some foreign countries, Taihiti, two times in Mexico, Caribbean Islands, Danato Domingo, Universities of Michigan, Detroit, Cincinnati, Chicago and Ann Arbor.

The Jinnings and Jinnins family originated in England and to my knowledge the first to come to America was in 1761 and settled on the east coast, not too far from the site of Washington, D.C. Peter Jinnings, settled in DeKalb County in 1843. he had six sons and three daughters. The sons were Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, John, William and George. He was a very religous individual. I have heard my aunt tell that he would not salt his cattle on Sunday, he said it would not hurt them to do without that one day. Of the three daughters I only knew one, Phoebe Coll. One married Dan Hunter, who lived northeast of Edgerton, Ohio. I never knew the other one. The family moved from the Pennsylvania line to near Akron, Ohio. The move from Akron to near Butler was by covered wagon, taking thirty days in 1843. John age 11 and a brother helped drive the stock. There was still an Indian Camp on the creek not very far from their home in Troy Township. The Indians were waiting to be transferred to reservations west of the Mississippi. Peter Jinnings died at the ripe old age of 96. His father was in the Revolutionary Army, and was in the military guard that was present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence. During the period of his military service he was stationed at Ft. Defiance, the site of Defiance, Ohio. I also had a grandfather Burr in the war between the states, a cousin in World War I. I was in service in World War II and my youngest son was in the Korean War.

My mothers family Burr, settled across the Ohio State line in 1867. The territory was in the process of settlement at that time. Shortly after that they built a tile mill about one and a half miles east of Blakesle, Ohio at what was known as Six Corners. This mill was kept in operation up to World War II. They also had a saw mill there and that continued in operation until after World War I.

BRUCE JOHNSON, a native of DeKalb County, son of Robert and Juanita (Mitchener) Johnson. Daisy Johnson died as an infant 1948, Randy Wayne died as an infant 1951, Nolan Dean 1953, Doris 1955, Ruth Ellen 1958 and Bruce Lee 1960.

Bruce is presently self-employed as an agriculturist of swine and as salesman for the family RV business with his step-father, Chancey Ringler. Bruce lives in the small community of Concord.

His parents Robert and Juanita Johnson were married 6 December 1947 in DeKalb County.

Juanita Evangaline (Mitchener) Johnson, born in Union Township 14 April 1929. She remarried after the death of Robert Chancey Ringler, 18 December 1947 in DeKalb County.

Juanita's parents were Leona Mitchener, born 4 December 1895, Concord Township, died 1 July 1967 and was a farmer. her mother Bonnie (Shilling) born Jackson Township, 14 September 1900 and died 15 March 1961.

Leone, son of Ben and Nyie (Staymate) Mitchener, Bonnie, daughter of Sam H. Shilling born in Jackson Township 16 October and died 6 March 1943, and Maud (Stafford) Shilling, born 24 August 1880 in Auburn and died in 1962.

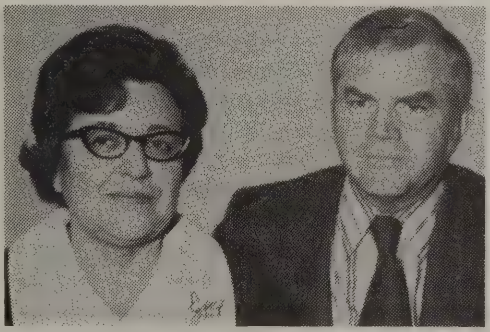
Sam Shilling, son of Dan, born 19 October 1849, died in Massillian, Stark County, Ohio, and Annetta (Widney) Shilling born in Auburn 1 March 1859 died in 1881.

Dan, son of Soloman Shilling born in Stark County, Ohio, 1823 and was one of the earliest settlers in the area, and Ester (Bieler) Shilling, born in Pennsylvania.

Soloman, son of Adam and Mary (Roan) Shilling. Maude (Stafford) Shilling, daughter of Bill Stafford, Bill Stafford was one of the four only men alive at the last Gettysburg reunion, and of Mary Jane (Walters) Stafford, born in Jackson Township, 8 February 1848 and died 19 May 1900.

Robert Johnson, born 6 July 1908 at Concord Township, DeKalb County died 22 May 1965. He was mail carrier for the St. Joe area and a farmer. Robert was the son of George and Geneva (Hall) Johnson, George, son of William, of Jackson Township and Rachel (Hayward) Johnson, of Lenawee County, Michigan.

William, son of Amariah and Jane (Wyatt) Johnson. Rachel, daughter of S.R. and Polly Hayward.



Wayne and Eleanora Sebert

WAYNE ALBERT SEBERT, born 4 November 1913, on the family farm in Fairfield Township, northwest of Waterloo; son of George A. and Evelyn (Draper) Sebert. His paternal grandparents were Park and Mary (Wright) Sebert. His maternal grandparents were William and Sally Ann (Doane) Draper.

Eleanora Nevada Smith, born 27 October 1916, on the family farm in Smithfield Township, northeast of Waterloo; daughter of Alivin L. and Friedrike "Ricky" (Schiek) Smith. Her paternal grandparents were Elmer M. and Margaret (Hampshire) Smith. her maternal grandparents were Wilhelm F. and Friedrike (Schaal) Schiek.

Wayne and Eleanora married 17 June 1937, in Waterloo. Wayne started the Sebert Insurance Agency in 1938 and worked at the Waterloo Dairy and Warner Gear in Auburn to supplement his income in the early years of building his agency. His agency was run from an office in his home, with the help of his wife. It grew over the years to a full time job and when he acquired two additional agencies he moved the entire operation to an office uptown in Waterloo where is operated until his death.

Eleanora worked at the Auburn Rubber Company before her marriage. She was a full time homemaker and helped with her husband's Insurance Agency while it was in their home.

Both were active in church, civic affairs, Masons, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star. Wayne served as a trustee and treasurer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Waterloo, served as president of the Waterloo Town Board and was president of the Waterloo Lions Cluib during their 25th year. He was also active in the DeKalb County Republican party and served as treasurer of the Central Committee.

Wayne has six brothers and one sister; Ralph Sebert, Kenneth Sebert, Park Sebert (deceased), Dwight Sebert, Robert Sebert, Ward Sebert and Leah (Sebert) Hagen. Leah lives in Grabill, Indiana, Robert lives in Cicero, Indiana and the rest of the brothers all live in DeKalb County.

Eleanora has one sister, Marie (Smith) Greuter Sanger, who presently lives in Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebert are the parents of four children; twins — Lillian L. (stillborn) and Carol (Sebert) Leins born 24 February 1938, who is Corporate Secretary of Peoples Federal Savings & Loan Association in Auburn and manager and agent for Peoples Insurance Agency; Jean (Sebert) Rinehold, 22 July 1943, whose family owns and operates Rinehold Tack & Wetern Wear and lives on and operates the Smith family farm in Smithfield Township; and Linda (Sebert) Madden 22 July 1947, who teaches second grade at Riverdale Elementary School in the DeKalb Eastern school system.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebert lived in four different homes in Waterloo during their thirty-seven years of marriage. Eleanora died 15 December 1974, and Wayne died 16 November 1976. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Herbert and Carole Leins

HERBERT LEE LEINS, born 21 September 1937, in Fairfield Township, son of Lesla and Esther (Freed) Leins. His paternal grandparents were David and Rose (Rowe) Leins. Maternal grandparents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed.

Carole Joan Sebert, born 24 February 1938, in the family home in Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Wayne A. and Eleanora (Smith) Sebert. Her paternal grandparents were George A. and Evelyn (Draper) Sebert. Her maternal grandparents are Alvin L. and Friedrike "Ricky" (Schiek) Smith.

Herb and Carole were married 25 May 1958, in Waterloo, Indiana and began their married life in Auburn, Indiana, where they presently live. Herb is employed at Dana Corporation in Auburn and Carole is Manager and Agent for Peoples Insurance Agency at Peoples Federal Savings and Loan in Auburn and is also their Corporate Secretary. They have no children.

Dale Rinehold Family

DALE E. RINEHOLD, born 22 April 1941, in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of Carl I. and Loraine (Likens) Rinehold. His paternal grandparents were Clay and Eva (Warstler) Rinehold. His maternal grandparents were Grover C. and Margarite (Hampshire) Likens.

Jean Ellen Sebert, born 22 July 1943, in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Wayne A. and Eleanora (Smith) Sebert. Her paternal grandparents were George A. and Evelyn (Draper) Sebert. Her maternal grandparents were Alvin L. and Friedrike "Ricky" (Schiek) Smith.

Dale and Jean were married 12 May 1963, in Waterloo. They own and operated both Rinehold Tack and Western Wear and the Smith family farm. They are the parents of Cheryl Louise, born 29 July 1965, a senior at Ball State University and Timothy Lynn, born 10 June 1968, a 1986 graduate of DeKalb high School.

Wayne Madden Family

WAYNE ALLEN MADDEN, born 28 October 1946, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Loren A. and Wilma Christine (Doub) Madden. his paternal grandparents were Fred and Katherine (Worthington) Madden. His maternal grandparents were Robert and Ada (Gray) Doub.

Linda Lee Sebert, born 22 July 1947, in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Wayne A. and Eleanora (Smith) Sebert. Her paternal grandparents were George A. and Evelyn (Draper) Sebert. Her maternal grandparents were Alvin L. and Friedrike "Ricky" (Schiek) Smith.

Wayne and Linda were married 14 September 1968, in the Chapel on the Manchester College campus in North Manchester, Indiana, of which they are both graduates. Wayne is owner of Widner Madden Insurance Agency in Auburn and Linda teaches second grade at Riverdale Elementary School in the DeKalb Eastern School System. they are the parents of Jennifer Lee, born 10 February 1969, a senior at DeKalb high School, and Julie Christine, born 14 December 1973, a seventh grader at DeKalb Middle School.

IRA JACKSON SLENTZ, born 31 August 1880, in Williams County, Ohio, son of George

Ira J. Slentz

and Mary (Searfoss) Slentz. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Lydia Slentz.

Hattie Lunsford, born 25 June 1877 in Franklin Township, daughter of Richard and Lydia (Burns) Lunsford. her maternal grandparents were William and Henretta (Olinger) Burns, of Wilmington Township.

Ira and Hattie were married in 1902, and to this union were born two daughters; Vera Haynes, who resides in Butler and Veda McConnely who died in 1984.

Ira lost his father in 1886 when he was only six years old and he and his brother, Clarence and two sisters, Ada and Maggie, were not able to attend school regularly in order to supplement their mother's income by working odd jobs on their neighbors farms.

Ira, as a young man, farmed several farms in DeKalb County. He has a janitorial position with the Butler Public Schools and later in life, became a carpenter, painter and paper hanger. He also worked in several factories until he became ill and died in Butler, in May of 1944.

Hattie had one half-sister, May (Campbell) Souder. She only enjoyed life with her family for a short time. Hattie died in 1914 of Bright's Disease.

Ira remarried in 1920 to LoDena (Olds) Searfoss, and to this union a daughter, Ilah Shaffer, born 10 October 1923, who resides in Hamilton, Indiana. LoDena died 30 October 1934.

In November of 1935 Ira married Hattie Moughler who survived him. Ira and his first wife Hattie and second wife LoDena are buried in the Butler Cemetery.

THOMAS ASA HAYNES, born 23 March 1869 in Troy Township, son of Andrew Asa and Martha (Leason) Haynes. His paternal grandparents were Asa Philander and Mary Polly (Parsons) Haynes. His maternal grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Gillett) Leason. Mary died in 1855 in Ohio and in 1857 he married Mary Abbott, a widow with a young son.

Thomas and Lora Haynes

Lora Etta Jennings, born 1 June 1871, daughter of George and Mary Jane (Powers) Jennings in Troy Township. Her paternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Rainsberger) Jennings of Troy Township.

Thomas and Lora were married, 10 March 1897 in Troy Township, from this union three children were born; Florence Laurene, who died in infancy; Rudolph lives in Butler; Lillie Genevieve Teegardin, of Butler.

Mr. Haynes was a farmer early in their marriage, and later hired out to the New York Central Railroad as a carpenter and bridge builder until his retirement in 1939.

Mrs. Haynes was content being a homemaker and mother, and loved to cook. She had a flock of chickens in the yard. She seldom used a recipe, either knew them by heart or made them up as she mixed. Every meal was a banquet.

Thomas' father, Andrew was a Civil War Veteran and served from 1862 until 1865 in Company K, 100th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. He was with General Sherman's Army in their march from Chattanooga, Tennessee through Georgia.

Mr. Haynes grandfather Asa was one of the first settlers in this area, coming here in 1837 from Vermont. The Haynes family has been traced to Walter Haynes, born in 1583, who left England in 1638 with his fmaily and settled in Watertown and later Sudbury, Mass.

Thomas' grandfather, Thomas Leason, came to this country form England in 1845 aboard a sailing ship tht was marrooned in the Sargasso Sea for over a year. Starvation became a way of life, and those on board resorted to catching and eating rats to survive until a favorable wind freed them from the sea's dense vegetation. He first settled in Sandusky, Ohio and came to Troy Township in 1863 to farm and raise stock.

Mrs. Haynes grandfather, Peter Jennings came to DeKalb County in 1843 from Tuscarwas County, Ohio. he was born in 1802 in New Jersey. The Jennings family has been traced to England.

Thomas had one sister, Mary Riddle. Lora had six sisters; Mary McCellan, Ada Rummel, Catherine Rickard, Lillie May, Phadima Rummel and Bertha Carl; and one brother, Samuel.

Thomas and Lora lived most of their married lives in Butler after leaving Troy Township. Their later years were spent in Butler, Indiana. Thomas died 30 January 1956 and Lora died 9 October 1958. Both are buried in Eddys Cemetery in Troy Township.

Thomas and Marilyn Haynes

THOMAS IRA HAYNES SR., born 10 December 1920, in New Haven, Indiana, son of Rudolph Jennings and Vera Quavada (Slentz) Haynes. His paternal grandparents were Thomas Asa and Lora Etta (Jennings) Haynes. His maternal grandparents were Ira Jackson and Hattie Alice (Lunsford) Slentz, all from the Butler area.

Marilyn Kathleen Houck, born in Troy Township, DeKalb County, 2 February 1925, daughter of Chester Arthur and Nancy Almira (Bryant) Houck. her paternal grandparents were Andrew H. and Lula C. (Surfus) Houck, and her maternal grandparents were William and Micha (Rickard) Bryant, all from the DeKalb County area.

Thomas and Marilyn were married, 6 April 1942 in Crown Point, Indiana. he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in March of 1942, after attending Tri-State college in Angola, Indiana, for two years, and served until November of 1945. Both graduated from Butler High School.

After World War II, they temporarily made their home on Western Ave. in Butler, Indiana. In July 1949 they bought the James Rickard farm in Troy Township and are still living there at this time.

Thomas was employed by the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company for fourteen years, first as chief clerk of the accounting department in the Butler office and later as a rural and farm representative for the Butler district. In January of 1960 he resigned his position and joined a printing firm in Grabill, Indiana as a printer until he retired in December 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are the parents of six children; Sharon Dawn Noga, Ft. Wayne, who is employed by the Lincoln National Bank; Dale Eugene, Belevae, Washington, who is employed by a Bank Mortgaging firm; Vaughn Lee, who is deceased; Cathy Jeannine Roberts, Westerville, Ohio, who is employed by a tax accounting firm; Thomas Ira, Jr., Waterloo, Idniana, who is employed by the Knisely National Bank in Butler; and April Lynn (Haynes) Wilson, Butler, Indiana, who recently moved from Houston, Texas where she was employed for seven years. Their children have presented them with ten grandchildren.

Mr. Haynes has twin sisters, Madge Ault, Butler and Marion Richardson, Auburn, Indiana. Mrs. Haynes has one sister, Treeva Ulm, Butler, Indiana.

Mrs. Haynes was a busy homemaker and mother caring for six children, but in 1970, with the family down to two teenagers, decided it was time for additional fulfillment. She was employed by Oberlin Sales for over a year as an accountant. Then realizing her forte was really being a seamstress, she joined Nugen's Interiors of Butler, and created draperies and accessories which are in many homes within a thirty mile radius of Butler. She retired in October, 1983 due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes have been spending their winters in Texas and Florida since retiring and their summers at the homestead catching up on their many projects.

WILLIAM HENRY BRYANT, born 13 October 1866 in Troy Township, son of John S. and Almira (Whitman) Bryant of Troy Township. his paternal grandparents were Asahel B. and Sarah (Stockwell) Bryant. his maternal grandparents were Simon and Kathryn (Shoemaker) Whitman.

The first Bryant's to migrate to the states from England was Stephen in 1645. he settled in Massachusetts, married Abigale Washbury, and is

William and Micha Bryant

Rudolph and Vera Haynes

buried in Danbury, Massachusetts.

The lineage came down to Asahel who was born in Massachusetts, moved to Ohio, later to Wabash County, Indiana. And finally settled in DeKalb County. Asahel was a wood and iron worker. He was a first cousin to President Garfield, and related to Mrs. Henry Ford, the first who was a Bryant. He was also related to William Cullin Bryant the poet. Asahel died in 1875 and is buried in Eddys' Cemetery.

Micha (Rickard) Bryant, born 21 September 1871 in Troy Township, daughter of Joseph H. and Nancy (Rosenberry) Rickard. Her paternal grandmother was Susanna Lewis Rickard. Her maternal grandparents were Jonnathon and Micha Rosenberry.

William and Micha were married in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, by Rev. Daniel Tedrow, 12 December 1891. To this union was born one son, Loren, who is deceased, and three daughters, Consuelo and Nancy, both deceased, and Mildred Souder who resides in Butler, Indiana.

William had three brothers; Chauncey, Eugene and Manton, one sister, Josephine Malony. Micha had three sisters, Susanna Wise, Sarah and Mary who were twins. All are deceased.

Bill was a farmer and farmed several farms over the years, mostly in Troy Township. Bill and Micha were members of the Zion Church north of Artic, and loved to have their children and grandchildren over for Sunday dinners often.

William died 23 December 1943 and Micha died 5 April 1951. Both are buried in Eddy's Cemetery.

RUDOLPH JENNINGS HAYNES, born in Troy Township, 14 December 1900, son of Thomas Asa and Lora Etta (Jennings) Haynes. his paternal grandparents were Andrew Asa and Matha (Leason) Haynes. His maternal grandparents were George and May Jane (Powers) Jennings, all were from Troy Township.

Vera Quavada Slentz, born in Steuben County 16 December 1902, daughter of Ira Jackson and Hattie Alice (Lunsford) Slentz. Her paternal grandparents were George and Mary Catherine (Searfoss) Slentz. Her maternal grandparents were Jay and Lydia (Burns) Lunsford, all were from DeKalb and Steuben County area.

Lydia's parents, William and Henretta Burns were killed in 1900 at a railroad crossing west of Butler, and are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. He was a retired minister, it is believed of the Mt. Pleasant Church.

Rudolph and Vera were married at his parents home in Butler, Christmas day in 1919, and they took up residence in New Haven, Indiana. Mr., Haynes was a railroad telegrapher and worked for the old Wabash railroad, now the Norfolk and Southern Railway System. In 1927 he bid in the third trick at Butler and held that position until 1943, when he became a roving agent, and worked in several locations in the area until he retired in 1966 after over forty-eight years of service. They have resided in their present home in Butler for over fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are the parents of three children; Thomas Ira of Butler; Madge Ault of Butler and Marion Richardson, of Auburn, Indiana. All are retired. They have thirteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren. One grandchild and two great-grandchildren are deceased.

Mr. Haynes has one sister, Genevieve Teegardin, Butler. another sister died in infancy. Mrs. Haynes has a half-sister, Ilah Shaffer of Hamilton. A sister Veda McConnely died in

1984.

Rudy was a man of many hobbies and will be remembered best as the person who repaired radios and later televisions for many families in the area over the years. Vera was content as a homemaker and mother, although, she did work at the Butler Hotel and Oberlin Sales to help supplement their income in later years.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, now in their mid eighty's are still in good health and enjoying their long retirement. On Christmas of 1986, they will have been married sixty-seven years. They are members of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Butler where he was a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Chester and Nancy Houck

CHESTER ARTHUR HOUCK, born 15 September 1899 in Butler Township, son of Andrew H. and Lula C. (Surfus) Houck. His paternal grandparents were George W. and Anjuline (Hartzel) Surfus. It is believed that John Houck migrated from Ohio into Allen County, Indiana after serving in the Union Army during the Civil War.

George's father John Surfus was a native of Ohio and settled in Allen County, Indiana in 1833.

Nancy Almira Bryant, born 22 August 1902, daughter of William Henry and Micha (Rickard) Bryant. Her paternal grandparents were John S. and Almira (Whitman) Bryant. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph H. and Nancy (Rosenberry) Rickard.

Chet and Nancy were married 22 June 1921 in Auburn, Indiana, at the Methodist Parsonage and are the parents of two daughters, Treeve R. Ulm, and Marilyn K. Haynes, both of Butler, Indiana. They have ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. One grandchild is deceased.

Mr. Houck learned the painting and decorating trade at a very early age from his father and worked at it for about seventy years. He says there are not very many barns or houses within a radius of twenty-five miles of Butler that he hasn't painted at least once. He also spent several winters in Florida practicing his trade. Chet served in the Balloon Corps during World War I.

Mrs. Houck graduated from Butler High School, and was content being a homemaker and mother, caring for their two daughters. She spent most of her life on a small farm on Fish Creek in Troy Township. In later years she and Chet spent their winters in Florida. She died 8 May 1978 and is buried in Eddys Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Houck were active in the Church of Christ of Butler for many years.

Mr. Houck has two sisters living, Marie Trim of Ft. Wayne and Clowa Kinsey of Woodstock, Illinois; two brothers, Alanzo of Butler and Ora of Ft. Wayne. Two brothers, Buren and Dewey are deceased.

A brother, Loren and a sister Consuelo Scaggs preceded Mrs. Houck in death. A sister, Mildred Souder of Butler survives.

Chet now makes his home in the Northcrest Trailer Park, Butler, doing a little furniture refinishing and tending his flower gardens.

Harold and Sirleine Smith

HAROLD WILLIAM AND SIRLEINE MINDA SMITH, moved from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Jackson Township, DeKalb County with their four children in December 1959. Harold's family had been pioneer settlers in New Haven, Indiana. His father, Harold Deloss Smith, born 21 June 1901, was from the farming family of Charles Nehimiah and Hannah Emily (Noble) Smith. His mother, Harriett Louise (Rogers) Smith was the second daughter of Willie Stafford Rogers who was a businessman, and the second child of five children, of Lamont Montgomery and Harriett (Corlew) Rogers of New Haven, Indiana. He married Mary "Molly" Florence (Pursley) Rogers, his third wife 6 June 1901, following the deaths of his previous two wives. Molly was the daughter of William Pursley and Sarah S. Hart. Two daughters were born of this union, Harriett Louise, born 1 July 1903 and Mary Imogene, born 10 December 1905. A son died in infancy. An older daughter, Inez May Rogers had been born to his first wife in 1890 and lived with the family.

Harriett L. and Harold D. Smith were married 21 March 1921. Harold William, born 27 February 1922 and James Edward born 8 March 1928. Harold Deloss worked for the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company in Fort Wayne until his death in 1948. Harriett worked in sales until she became a partner in Cameron Interiors where she remained until her death in December 1971.

Harold William Smith graduated from North Side High School in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and flew thirty missions as an engineer with the 8th Air Force, 2nd Air Division, 458th Bomb Group, stationed in Norwich, England. On his discharge in 1945, he attended Indiana University, Fort Wayne, where he met Sirleine Minda Smith. They were married, 13 September 1947, in Simpson Methodist Church. Harold worked for the Indiana Air National guard, which was activated during the Korean Conflict, then for the U.S. Government in Quality Assurance until he retired in 1979. Currently he is employed as a Quality Engineer for Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne. He has been active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as a leader and counselor. He served two terms as president of the Auburn Kiwanis Club and as Lt. Governor of the Johnny Appleseed Division, Indiana District. He is a twenty-five year member of the DeKalb Masonic Lodge No. 214, and member of the Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Valley of Fort Wayne, and has served as a Deacon of the Auburn Presbyterian Church where he and Sirleine are members.

Sirleine Minda Smith daughter of James Henry and Frances America (Murphy) Smith. James, born 30 January 1901 was the seventh of eleven children in the Robert Burney and Aminda Minda (Woods) Smith family of Morristown, Tennessee. Robert was the son of Robert Smith and Rebecca Scarlet Smith. Minda was the daughter of David Weir and Serphina (Odell) Woods of Jefferson County, Tennessee. Frances America (Murphy) Smith was the second child born 10 December 1899, of the eleven children of William Thomas Patton Murphy, whose parents are unknown but believed to have migrated from Ireland and Mary Elizabeth Collins, daughter of Winfrey Collins and Mary J. (Collins) Collins of Grainger County, Tennessee. James and Frances were married 5 September 1925 in Morristown, Tennessee then moved to Woodriver, Illinois where their only child, Sirleine Minda was born 23 June 1926. They then moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana where James worked at the International Harvester Company until his death, 15 December 1959. Frances worked as a salesperson until her retirement. Sirleine graduated with honors from South Side High School and later earned her B.A. degree from Indiana University. She substituted in the Auburn School System until accepting a position with the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn where she advanced to Library Administrator in 1975. She is active in the community and is president of Kenwigs Literary Club, past president of Business and Professional Women, sits on the Board of Directors of the Auburn Improvement Association, is a founder and board member of Auburn Network of Enterprising Women, board member of the American Library Association, Indiana Library Association, Tri-Area Library Services Authority, Indiana University Alumni Association, DeKalb County Indiana University Alumni Association, and past president of the Indiana Libraries Film and Video Association.

The first of Harold and Sirleine's children, Cynthia Ann, born 5 August 1949. She graduated from Auburn High School and attended Indiana University. She and Larry D. Sanxter, son of Lawrence and Doris (Cramer) Sanxter of Auburn, were married 18 August 1973. Their son, Branyan Timothy William was born 14 November 1977 in Houston, Texas. Channing Elizabeth Minda was born 14 July 1980 in Des Moines, Iowa. The family resides in Des Moines where Larry is a psychologist with the board of mental health.

Roger Lee, born 30 March 1952 and before graduating from Auburn High School, he had earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended Tri-State University graduating with an associate degree in drafting and design. he moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico. There he met and married Elizabeth "Betty" Nance, daughter of Robert and Emily (Rosenquest) Nance, 5 July 1981. He is presently working at the Los Alamos National Laboratories and Betty is a professional free lance artist.

Barry Allen, born 23 March 1954. He achieved the God and Country Award from his participation in Scouting before graduating from DeKalb high School. Barry received a degree in Meteorology from Purdue University. He and Leah Beth Scattergood, daughter of Wayne and JoAnne (Hartman) Scattergood of Corunna, Indiana, were married 4 August 1974. they live in Indianapolis, Indiana with their two daughters, Amy Elizabeth, born 17 November 1981 and Sara Ann, born 18 June 1984. Barry is employed by the Indiana State Board of Health specializing in the field of air polution and Leah Beth is a legal secretary.

Susan Elaine (Smith) Scholtes, born 30 December 1955. On graduation from DeKalb High School and with a degree in elementary education from Ball State University, she moved to Nebraska and taught for two years in a one room school. After marriage, 23 May 1980 to James Dean Scholtes, son of Luke Anthony Scholtes of Ainsworth, Nebraska and Frieda (Windorffer) Scholtes, a native of Munich, Germany, she entered the Ainsworth school system where she still teaches. James is in partnership with his father in the auto repair business.

O. BRUCE GURTNER, son of David and Mildred (Fee) Gurtner, born in Franklin Township, 17 October 1907.

His grandparents on the Gurtner side of the house were Henry Gurtner, a civil war veteran, on his mother's side his grandparents were John Fee, who was married to Julette Cameron. His great grandfather was also named John Fee, who was one of the early settlers on the north part of DeKalb County and the southern part of Steuben County. At one time he owned most of the land on the west side of Hamilton Lake.

Bruce went to Houlton school in Franklin Township, Hamilton High School, Tri-State University and Manchester College. He taught in Franklin Township schools for six years, Waterloo schools for 28 years, Hamilton schools for 16 years and then retired after 50 years of teaching.

He married Luella Mae Duncan, 19 September 1931.

Luella, the only daughter of John and Mae (Mortorff) Duncan. Luella had three brothers, Joe of Ft. Wayne, Glen deceased and Raymond of Ft. Wayne.

To Bruce and Luella were born four children. Betty Lou, who lived only six days, John David, born 13 March 1936; Donald Eugene, born 2 August 1939; Larry Lee born 26 August 1942.

John David married Marilyn Wiggins of Waterloo to whom was born two sons. David Lee, an agriculture teacher in the DeKalb schools. Jeffrey Lee, a farmer who married Linda Christlieb.

Donald Eugene married Rose Surface of Butler. They have three sons. Duane Allan who married Tawyna Maxton of Hamilton. They have two children, Brigham and Tiffany. Dwight a farmer lives at home at Fremont. Darrell, who married Tracy Shearer, have two children, Amber and Kile Darrell.

Larry Lee, who married Phyllis Palermo of Ft. Wayne, have a son Mark, three daughters, Tricia, Christina and Lisa, all at home at rural Auburn.

Bruce and Luella have lived at their present home since 1934. Later they purchased 156.5 acres from Frank and Martha Schomberg. They then bought four acres to the north of the six acre tract. An 1880 atlas tells that a saw mill was located on this piece of land. We still plow up ashes when the field is plowed.

After the rural schools of Franklin Township were no longer used for school purposes we purchased Taylors corner school and one acre of land on Co. Road 12 and 427. Bruce taught in this school for two years, 1928-1930.

Bruce and Luella have both been very active in community affairs. In addition to teaching the 6th grade in Waterloo; he was principal of grades 1-6, coached basketball and baseball for 20 years and cafeteria manager for many years.

At the township level he served on the Franklin Township advisory board for 29 years and has been precinct committeeman for more than 30 years. He also served 3.5 years on the Hamilton School Board and is serving his 2nd 4 year term as a DeKalb County Commissioner.

While teaching Jr. High at Hamilton he spent some time coaching basketball, baseball and Jr. High golf.

Luella also has been very active in community affairs. She was a Franklin Township 4-H leader for 25 years. She served 10 years as an officer at the county extension level, including 3 years as county president and 6 years as Franklin Township's president. At the present time she is chairman of the Heimack Center of Auburn, a post she has held for 6 years.

CHARLES SCHRAMM, born on the family farm in Stafford Township, 29 October 1905, son of Prudence (Kyle) and Frank Schramm. He had two sisters, Laura Rowley and Lucille Bearss and one brother, Gerald.

He graduated from Butler High School in 1924. He worked for the New York Central Railroad as a painter, and a self-employed painter and at one time for the Auburn Automobile Company. He retired from Warner Gear in 1967. He suffered a stroke shortly after retirement and lived as an invalid, cared for by his wife until his death, 12 September 1979.

His birth place was one of the first settlements in Stafford Township. It was awarded a Centennial Farm Family placque from the

Indiana Historical Society dated 1830. His great grandfather, Charles Reign Wanemaker settled there. C.R. Wanemaker married a cousin, Lucinda Wannamaker. Their daughter, Minerva married Frank Kyle. Their daughter Prudence, was Charles' mother. This farm was sold in 1968. Charles' father was from the Toledo, Ohio are.

Charles married Thelma Cherry in Bryan, Ohio, 3 February 1931. They had three children Jimmie D., Suzanne Brown and Penelope Tuttle.

Thelma, born 15 July 1910 in Franklin Township, daughter of Jason and Irene (Draggoo) Cherry. Her brothers and sisters are as follows: Frances McKee, Richard, Hilda Frick and Marjorie Fesler.

Thelma graduated from Waterloo High School in 1928. She retired from Rieke Corporation in 1975 after twenty-four and a half years of employement there. She still resides in Auburn. Her granddaughter, Mandy (Brown) Mitchell and her husband Rick, live with her.

Thelma's mother, Irene (Draggoo) Cherry was the daughter of Cora (Stout) and Ellsworth Draggoo. Cora's mother, Maria Pierson came to DeKalb County form Ohio in 1845. Irene's father Ellsworth, was born to Sanford Slater. He was adopted by James Draggoo and his first wife, Zerniah (Johnson) when Sanford Slater had to go to the Civil War. The Slaters were from Ohio.

Thelma's father, Jason Cherry, son of Anna (Squires) and Albert Cherry. Albert Cherry, son of Mary (Hubbell) and Noble Cherry. Mary Hubbell's father, Jason, came to Franklin Township in 1842. She was born in DeKalb County and married Noble Cherry who was an early justice of the peace in Wilmington Township.

SUZANNE MARIE (SCHRAMM) BROWN, born in Stafford Township at the Schramm fmaily farm, 3 April 1940, daughter of Charles R. and Thelma (Cherry) Schramm. Charles is deceased. She has a brother Jimmie and a sister, Penelope.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1958. Her first job was at Nobbson's Women's Apparel in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She worked at Warner Gear in Auburn and W. S. Shamban in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She held secretarial positions with these companies. After staying home with her family for many years, she worked at the First United Methodist Nursery School for three years. She is presently working at the Eckhart Public Library as a member of their night staff and at Auburn Industrial Supply.

Suzanne married Jim R. Brown, 29 September 1962, at the First Methodist Church in Auburn. They were married by Rev. Willard Doyle.

Jim is the son of Philip and Beulah (Gloy) Brown, born in Wilmington Township, 25 August 1934, and graduated from Butler High school in 1952. His brothers and sisters are as follows; Philip, Naomi, Ted, Iona Cook, Gerald Wayne and Jane Hons. Jims' mother was born to William and Clara Jane (Keller) Gloy. His father's parents were Remus and Clara Melissa (Shirley) Brown. Jim's grandparents were the first of his family to settle in DeKalb County.

Jim operated the Gulf Station on West 7th for eight years. Tom's Donuts is now at this location. He worked thirteen years at Foley Pattern Company. Due to the depressed economy and International Harvester problems, he was laid off from there and is presently employed by Diversified Pattern in Avilla, Indiana.

Suzanne and Jim live in Auburn and have three daughters; Kelly, married Philip Mathew ''Matt'' Cool, 30 June 1979. They have two daughters, Kristen, born 9 June 1980 and Kirby, born 3 June 1985. Philip is manager of the Allison Store in Garrett. Kelly is employed at the First United Methodist Nursery School. Kelly graduated from DeKalb High School in 1979 and Matt graduated from DeKalb in 1971.

Mandy married Stewart Rick Mitchell, 18 July 1986. They both graduated from DeKalb High School in 1984. They both also from International Business College. Mandy is employed as a secretary at Tokheim and Rick works in the Accounting Department of Tokheim in Fort Wayen, Indiana.

Melissa is currently a sophomore at DeKalb High School. She is active in Methodist Youth Fellowship, DeKalb Band and Particia Krus School of Dance in Garrett.

The entire family has lived in DeKalb County since birth except Rick, Mandy's husband. He came to DeKalb County from Noble County in 1976.

RICHARD ROGER BROWN, born 19 July 1916, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Herman and Marguerite Brown. Herman organized and was the first president of the Auburn Lions Club. Marguerite Brown helped organize the Auburn Garden Club and was a state officer of the Indiana Garden Club. Richard's paternal grandparents were Samuel Brown Jr. and Sidney Jane (Jackson) Brown. His maternal grandparents were John and Alice (Coats) Weimer.

Mary Elizabeth Timberlin, born 26 December 1916, in Grand Ledge, Michigan, daughter of Jacob Ellsworth Timberlin and Dottie Mae Feagler. Two years following the death of Jacob, Dottie married Claude P. Fitch, a former DeKalb County Treasurer. Mary's paternal grandparents were David M. and Emma Lou (Gump) Timberlin. Her maternal grandparents were William A. Feagler and Eliza Whetsel. In August, 1861, William enlisted in Company H, Thirteenth Infantry, and was appointed leader of the Regimental Band. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River and Chickamauga. At the latter place 21 September 1863, he was captured and confined in Libby Prison and later in Andersonville until 8 December 1864. Before his capture he wieghed 180 pounds and when released he weighed 100 pounds.

In 1871 he and Eliza moved to Butler Township, purchased 63 acres and built his own barn and house. The barn is still standing in 1986. Mary's great maternal grandparents were Henry and Rebecca (Wyrick) Feagler. They lived in Jackson Township. In 1860 he was elected to the legislature on the Republican ticket. He took great interest in local affairs and wrote an account of his recollections of the early settlement of DeKalb County. Mary's other maternal great grand parents were Michael and Caroline (Symons) Whetsel. They came to DeKalb County, 28 December 1823. Their log cabin was the 40th in the County and there were nine families in Auburn.

Richard and Mary were married 25 February 1938. Richard graduated from The International School of Business. Upon graduating he was employed in the office at The International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He left there to work in a defense plant during the war. He worked seven days a week making airplane motors for the B-17. In 1947 he became a life insurance salesman. In 1952, upon the death of his father, he purchased the Brown Insurance Agency. His son, Fredrick, joined him in 1968 and it became The Brown & Brown Insurance Agency. Richard retired in 1980.

Richard Brown served as president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, president of Greenhurst Country Club and was a member of the Auburn Lions Club. His hobbies include reading and playing golf.

Mary worked as a telephone operator for the Indiana Bell Telephone company in Auburn. She was the first receptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She was also employed by the Brown & Brown Insurance Agency. Mary was very active in both the active and associate chapters of Kappa, Kappa, Kappa. She is also a member of Kenwigs Literary Club. Her hobbies are sewing, knitting, oil painting, playing bridge and golf.

Richard and Mary are both members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of two children; Fredrick married Gretchen Frisch and they have two daughters, Jennifer and Kelly. Sheryl married Dennis Whittington and they also have two daughters, Tracy and Kristen. Mary and Richard also have one great grandchild, Craig Richard Pepple, son of Tracy (Whittington) and Rex Pepple.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown reside in Auburn, Indiana.

GEORGE CLAYTON FLUKE, born 26 August 1898 at West 7th Street, Auburn, died 28 June 1972, at McCray Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana. He was a farmer then sold the farm and worked at International Harvester and retired from there. He lived first at R.R. 3, Auburn then at Big Long Lake, Hudson, Indiana.

He married Gratia Irene Walter, of Kendallville, Indiana, in Kalamazoo, Michigan on 5 May 1919. She was born 7 November 1898, she died 2 July 1978, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Idniana.

They had five children; Doris May, born 21 November 1921, died 23 August 1975, aged 53. She married Floyd Joseph Somers, 5 May 1942. He was born 24 April 1918, at Garrett, Indiana. They resided at Roseville, Michigan, no children; Philip Walter, born 1 June 1923, at Auburn. he retired form Navy and is a civil service worker. He resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia, 5 May 1955, he married at Colon Republic of Panama, to Josephine (Peralti) McElhanney, born 7 May 1922, at Sante Fe, Panama. He adopted two daughters, Josephine had from a previous marriage; Avis Zorrina, born 16 June 1942, single, resides with parents; Dorothy Ann, born 26 October 1948. She married, first to David Hines, one daughter, Michelle Zorinna, divorced. Second marriage, David Joliff, one daughter, Amber Lorraine, born 28 September 1979. Divorced again, and now resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Mary Louise, born 17 July 1925, married, first to Gerald Haifley, in May 1948. Divorced, April 1951. No children. Second marriage to Clarence Best, born 10 November 1919, at Corunna, Indiana. They were married at Nazarene Church, Garrett, Indiana, 24 January 1953. She is retired after thirty years at Dana Corporation. He works at Dana Corporation. No children; Elton Nixon, born 7 September 1927. he is set up man as Dana Corportion. He married Jane Vivian Rupert, at Butler, Indiana, on 1 March 1952. She was born 14 November 1934, in Ft. Wayne, Idniana. They reside at Waterloo, Indiana. They have two sons, Elton Nixon, Jr., born 13 January 1953, married first to Katherine Baker, 28 February 1970, she was born 25 September 1952. They had two sons; Nathanial, born 27 October 1970 and Adam, born 11 September 1973. They divorced. Elton received custody of the children. He married the second time to Mary Jane Maugherman, born 25 September 1959, at Owensboro, Kentucky. She had one son by her previous marriage to Mark Knott, the son was Jeremy, born 1 January 1976. He was adopted by Elton, Jr., 5 March 1980. They have one daughter, Amanda, born 17 September 1977. They reside in Waterloo, Idniana; Philip Walter Fluke, born 27 August 1956; Sarah Jean, born 13 January 1939, at Auburn, Indiana, in October 1958 she married James Betts, born 24 November 1939. Sarah is a nurses aid and James is employed at Dana Corporation, Weatherhead, Angola, Indiana. Two children were born to them; Debra Kay, born 4 January 1960 and Jeffrey Lynn, born 10 December 1961. They reside at Big Long Lake, Wolcottville, Indiana.

FRANKLIN ALLISON FLUKE, born 11 May 1930. He was killed in an auto-train collision, 31 August 1978. he was a school teacher and resided in Naperville, Illinois.

Franklin married Mary Haywood, November 1956, in Marysville, Ohio. Mary, born 11 April 1937 in Ohio. They have five children; Joni Ruth, born 6 September 1958, at Columbus, Ohio. She married Lawrence Rybick, a computer operator. They have one son, Jeremy, born 1975. Joni is divorced. She is a surgical nurse and lives with her mother at the present time; Sally Ann, born 7 January 1961, Columbus, Ohio. She is a nurses aid and resides at Carol Stream, Illinois. She married Robert Pecora, born 22 January 1959, at Warrensville, Illinois. He is a sport store manager. No children; Michael Franklin, born 15 January 1964; Steven Philip, born 10 March 1965; John Eric, born 30 October 1968.

PHILIP FLUKE,born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, 27, 1816, son of Jasper and Elizabeth Fluke. He moved to Richland County, Ohio, in the fall of 1816, on November 1844, he moved to DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana. He was a currier and tanner. He retired from active life and sold his tannery in 1874. Philip accumulated a lot of property and was wealthy at the time of his death, 30 September 1900, aged eighty-four years, three months and five days. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Idnaiana.

Philip married Ruth Ford, daughter of Thomas Ford, 5 January 1849, in Auburn. Ruth born 3 March 1830, died 25 March 1853, aged twnety-three years and seventeen days. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery beside Philip. They had one son, Wakeman S., born 24 January 1850, died at Auburndale, Florida. He is buried at Coldwater, Michigan. He was a retired druggist. Wake was married first to Zaida Kessler, in 1873, no children. Zaida, born 24 January 1850, died 4 June 1918. his second marriage was to Nellie Stehler Green, 7 April 1926, no children. They were married in Florida.

Philip married Sarah Thomas, daughter of David Thomas, of Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 10 January 1857. Sarah, born 30 December 1829, died 17 January 1883. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery beside Philip. Three children were born to them; Eliza J., married Samuel L. Gibson, there were five children; Philip, married, Harold, born 28 May 1883, died 24 February 1905, aged twenty-one years, eight months and twenty-six days, buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana; Hazel, married H.T. Myers; Ross; and Dallas; Frank E. Fluke, born 25 June 1866, in Auburn, Indiana, died 11 March 1933, at home on the farm, Auburn, Indiana. he married 29 June 1889, in Auburn, to Etta Lucinda Kline, born 19 September 1865, in Corunna, Indiana, died 18 May 1930. Both buried at the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, Indiana. Frank was a printer and helped start the Auburn Times. Later was a farmer; Ida May, died April 1865, aged four months.

PHILIP KLINE FLUKE, born 25 June 1893, died 11 March 1964, buried at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, Indiana. Philip was retired from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, also was a farmer.

Philip married first to Fern Kessler, Dixon, Illinois, 23 August 1919, divorced 1924, no children. Second marriage, to Ruth Hagguist, of Hector, Minnesota, 24 July 1925. They had two children; Phyllis Ruetta, born 8 May 1926, Detroit, Michigan. She married Joseph Kubinski, born 22 August 1921, Joliet, Illinois, 10 January 1948. Phyllis is registered nurse. Joe was a city police officer. They reside in Joliet, Illinois. They were the parents of four children; Linda Marie, born 19 August 1948, Joliet, Illinois. She married Michael Quilam, born February 1943, in Iowa. They have two sons; Jamie Michael, born 19 July 1973 and Christopher, born 7 April 1977. Michael is a government worker; Gloria Jo, born 5 September 1949, married David Churchhill in 1969, divorced 1971, no children; Jeffrey Joseph, born 5 April 1954, married 30 November 1974 to Dianne Brown, at Joliet, Illinois. they have two children; Joshua Jeffrey, born 30 March 1975 and Devon Lee, born 17 April 1979; Marilee Sue, born 26 October 1956, at Joliet, Illinois; Franklin Allison Fluke, born 11 May

1930.

Philip Kline Fluke, married for the third time to Mary Hollis, at Valparaiso, Indiana. She was born 1899, and died 1960. She was a daughter of Jacob, born 1870, died 1941 and Catharine Hollis born 1869, died 1937. Mary is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, Indiana, beside Philip.

Donald Inlow family

DONALD K. INLOW, born 8 January 1930, son or Oren E. and Emma (Mann) Inlow, who had moved to a farm on State Road 101, near Saint Joe, Indiana from Adams County, Ohio. In 1948, Donald graduated from Saint Joe High School, was employed by the Auburn Clutch Company, now Dana Corp., and enlisted in the army. He served with the 2nd Infantry Division in the Korean Conflict where he was wounded in action. He was honorably discharged as a Technical Sergeant with a Purple Heart and three unit citations in 1951. In 1952, he returned to his job and married Jeanette Long, on Valentine's Day. They lived in Auburn three years and then moved to a new home they built one mile east of Auburn where they still reside. Donald continues to work at Dana Corp. and also farms. The couple enjoy traveling, and have visited Hawaii numerous times, and Alaska, Canada, many South Pacific Islands, Mexico and most of the continental states.

Jeanette says she has spent most of her life along Indiana State Road 8. She was born 2 September 1933, daughter of Donald and Viola (Temple) Long, at the Souder Hospital and went home to her grandparents Jackson and Lillian Long's farm west of Auburn, moved to Auburn the next year, walked to Auburn schools, a 1951 graduate, and attended the First Methodist Church. She was employed at the Auburn Recreation Center, the Kroger Company, Westwood Super Market,, V and R Foodlines and for the past 21 years at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She has lived at 3822 State Road 8 for 32 years. And she and Donald became the parents of three children, born at the Souder Hospital.

Lori Dian, born 31 July 1957. She graduated from DeKalb high School in 1975 and from Indiana University in 1981. She resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana and is employed as a dental hygienest.

Martin Alan, born 23 December, 1958. He graduated from DeKalb high School in 1977. He lives in Auburn, and he is employed by the Garrett Magnavox plant as a manufacturing supervisor. Martin was married and has one son, Michael.

Lisa Dawn, born 4 August 1963. She graduated from DeKalb high School in 1981 and attended Indiana University for three years. She married Alan Johnston of Waterloo, 22 February 1986. they live in Angola, Indiana where Lisa is employed by the Magnavox Company and Alan is a mechanic for Cole's Honda Sales.

JERRY LEE ZONKER, born 11 July 1935 in Butler, Indiana, son of Sylvester Jay and Evelyn (Moughler) Zonker. His paternal grandparents were Jay and Dessie (Hathaway) Zonker, of Corunna, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Bert Moughler and Vae (Moore) Moughler of Butler.

Jerry's great-great grandfather, Anthony Zonker of Fairfield Township, had been one of the early settlers of DeKalb County arriving here in the 1840s. Anthony built a saw mill on Indian Lake and later built the most expensive home in the county at that time, a $7,000 large brick home which still stands today on Route 327 north of Corunna. Anthony and Elizabeth (Rude) Zonker were an integral part of the early life of DeKalb County.

Jerry's great grandfather William Zonker owned a hardware store in Corunna for many years. Jerry's grandfther, Jay Zonker, was also a retailer in Corunna. He and his wife, Dessie, owned a grocery store on the south side of the railroad overpass for many years.

Sharon (Zee) Zonker, born 14 September 1939 in Buffalo, New York, daughter of Raymond Willis and Jeannie (Gordon) Zee.

Jerry and Sharon met while students at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. They were married in East Aurora, New York, 20 June 1959. They settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana where Jerry began his teaching career at Riverdale School in St. Joe-Spencerville, Indiana.

Jerry and Sharon became parents of Beth Anne, born 23 September 1961 and Todd Kevin, born 21 October 1962. While Jerry and Sharon are both I.U. graduates, both children are graduates of Purdue University in West Lafayette. Beth married David William Niehoff of Rushville, Indiana, 15 June 1985 and Todd married Tammy Leigh Gilvin of St. Joe, Indiana, 5 October 1985.

Jerry and Sharon have both spent their entire teaching careers in DeKalb County. Jerry taught at Riverdale School in St. Joe, Indiana and then at Butler High School. Later he became Guidance Director for the consolidated Eastside High School in Butler. Sharon began teaching at East Auburn Elementary in Auburn where she taught fourth grade. She was one of four finalists for "Indiana Teacher of the Year" in 1981. In 1983 Sharon transferred to DeKalb Middle School where she began teaching sixth grade.

Jerry and Sharon are active members of Auburn's First United Methodist Church. Both are history "buffs" and enjoy collecting antiques, memorbilia, and traveling to historical sites. Sharon has done extensive geneology work. due to her research, Jerry, Beth and Todd are all members of the Mayflower Descendents as their grandfather was Myles Standish. Sharon and Beth are members of the John Houlton Chapter of the D.A.R.

MAURICE "BILL" DAYTON STARKEY, born in Newark, Ohio, 23 February 1924 and moved to Waterloo, Indiana, with his parents and brother Karl Thomas, born 1918, from Toledo, Ohio, in 1931. His father and mother were P.E. "Pat" and Lenna Gladys (Orr) Starkey who were born, raised and married near Glenford in Perry County, Ohio. P.E. and Gladys were step-brother and sister when they married, their parents having made a second marriage after their first spouses died. P.E. Starkey became renowned in Waterloo as a salesman and managed the Mast Department Store in Waterloo from 1946-1961 when he retired. He died in July 1968. Gladys was a housewife and mother to two boys and worked part time at Masts. She died in January 1978.

Maurice Starkey's paternal grandparents were Oliver Perry and Elizabeth (Loughman) Starkey. his maternal grandfather was Thomas Melvin Orr. All were originally from Perry County, Ohio. P.E. "Pat" Starkey was an only child and Gladys has one brother Melvin and a sister Alice still living in Florida.

When Bill returned from World War II in 1946 where he served as a telegrapher in the Signal Corp attached to the Air Corps in the China-Burma-India and South Pacific areas, he worked as a clerk in Greuter's grocery store, then five years as a postal clerk with Waterloo Post Office, and thirteen years as cashier of the Citizens State Bank in Waterloo. In 1968 he returned to college, Indiana University and received his B.S. degree and teaching certification in 1972 and taught fifth grade at East Auburn Elementary School in Auburn. This was the most rewarding and satisfying time of his career. he died, 18 July 1985.

Maruice and Ronda Elaine Noffinger were married 25 December 1947 by her father in Definace, Ohio. Her parents were the Rev. Orville Ray Clide and lottie Lucille (Wirick) Noffsinger. Her paternal grandparents were Franklin and Ella (Kneese) Noffsinger of Defiance, Ohio and her maternal grandparents were David O. and Hattie (Noll) Wirick of Bryan and Toledo, Ohio.

Ronda came to Waterloo in 1943 from Manchester College and taught history and English and was school librarian in Waterloo until 1948. Ronda returned to the classroom in Waterloo in 1956, went to Auburn to teach junior high reading 1961-1974 and then was district elementary librarian for DeKalb Central from 1974 until her retirement in 1985.

The Starkeys have been active in Church and civic affairs. Bill belonged to Lions Club and was on the Waterloo-Grant Township Library Board several terms. Ronda is presently on that board. She has also been a Bible teacher and is particularly interested in Old Testament history. She is a member of Minerva Literary Club and often gives book reviews to organizations.

The Starkeys began married life in the Swartz apartment. Lived eleven years at 335 Franklin Street and since 1960 have lived on S. Wayne in Waterloo. Two children were born to this union; Donn Ray, born 1952, married Connie Sue Bassett, 17 August 1974. Connie, born in 1952, daughter of Lloyd and June (Warstler) Bassett, of Auburn. Donn is a chemist for Reeves Bros. in Auburn and Connie teaches first grade at McKenney-Harrison School in Auburn. They have three sons, Jason Douglas, born 1977, Tyler O'Neal, born 1980 and Aaron Ray Clide, born 1982. The family enjoys an active lifestyle, Donn makes antique guns. They reside south of Auburn.

Jo Ellen Starkey, born 1948, married Mark J. Heindselman of Elkhart, 20 August 1977. They lived in Marshalltown, Iowa, where Mark is an industrial researcher for Fisher Controls and Jo Ellen is a homemaker. They have two daughters, Carly Marie, born 1980 and Lindsay Ann, born 1982 and are active in the Center Street Baptist Church in Marshalltown.

ANDREW JACKSON COLLINS, born in Hocking County, Ohio, to John and Sophia (Stebelton) Collins in 1852. Shortly after Andrew was born, his father moved the family to Van Wert County, Ohio.

Andrew and Sarah Collins

Andrew grew up in Van Wert County, the third child in a family of probably fifteen children. At age twenty-eight, Andrew still lived at home. Twenty years later he was an ordained minister of the Friends Church.

He married Sarah Grosl and had eleven children. He had moved his family to DeKalb County, Indiana. The children were born in Van Wert County, Ohio; Sabilla Margaret, born 17 August 1882; Huldah Elizabeth, born 25 December 1883; Wilber Ephriam, born 30 June 1885; Rosco Frankline, born 5 September 1886; Samuel James, born 12 September 1887; Charles Rogers, born 17 September 1889; Clifford Marion, born 29 April 1891; Isadore M., born 26 October 1893; Barton Andrew and his twin sister, Bertha Beatrice, who died at birth, born 26 April 1897; and Leroy Anthony, born 2 April 1899.

Andrew came here to be a minister for the Friends. There was no church building, so many of the Friends' meetings conducted by Andrew were held in one of the church buildings in Newville. Others may have been held in other parts of the county. Several area couples said their marriage vows with Andrew as their minister. Since his following was small and he could not support his family on ministering alone, he settled his family on a farm on the "sink hole" road and he farmed.

Sarah gave birth to Alva Emerson 4 March 1901, and to Doyt Alexander 12 August 1902. On 11 May 1904 Sarah died. They returned her body to Van Wert County, Ohio, for burial in Woodland Cemetery.

Sometime after Sarah's death, Andrew went South, possibly to Mississippi, taking the four youngest children with him. While there he remarried and came back to DeKalb County, Concord Township. He and his second wife had one child, a boy. The marriage didn't work out and she took the child and returned home.

When Andrew died, 3 November 1935, he was living in Auburn with his daughter Savilla. His body was returned to Van Wert County and he lies in Woodland Cemetery beside Sarah.

Charles Collins Family

CHARLES R. COLLINS, born in Van Wert County, Ohio, on 17 September 1889, son of Andrew J. and Sarah (Grosl) Collins. His father moved the family to DeKalb County sometime during the 1890's. They settled on a farm on CR 59 — the "sink hole" road — though they may have lived in Newville Township first. The older boys helped with the farming and attended Sailor School, a one-room school on the corner of CR 59 and CR 52. When Charles was twenty-three, he took Effie Reasoner as his wife. They were married 13 April 1912 in the Methodist Parsonage in St. Joe by Reverend McCaslin.

Effie was born and raised in DeKalb County on CR 56 in Concord Township. She had three older brothers and one older sister. Her sister died at age thirteen after a short illness. Their parents were Chalmers and Celesta (Shenberger) Reasoner. Raised on a farm, she did her share of the farm chores and attended school. She went first to Orangeville School and then to Cheesetown School where she completed all eight of the grades offered. Either school was a two-mile walk and walk they did.

Charles worked on the B & O Railroad as a section hand during the years the children were born and raised. The children were Everett Charles, born 28 July 1913; Dale Deloss, born 10 April 1916; Herman Laverne, born 5 June 1921; and Ruby Ileen, born 29 March 1929. Charles was taken ill in 1941 and his illness forced him to retire. He lived in poor health for the next eight years and finally succumbed, due to further complications, on 11 June 1949.

Effie started working at General Electric in Fort Wayne on 9 December 1943 and worked there until she started work at Universal in Spencerville, Indiana, in September, 1946. She worked there until August, 1950.

On 3 July 1950, Effie married her second husband, Raymond Truesdale Collins, born 4 May 1889, to Isaac and Sarah Collins in Van Wert County, Ohio. Raymond was a first cousin to Effie's first husband, Charles. Charles' and Raymond's fathers were brothers. Effie and Raymond were married in Angola, Indiana, at the Chapel in the Garden and moved to Van Wert, Ohio, where Raymond worked for Kennedy Kit.

Raymond's health became poor in 1968 and he was admitted to Indianapolis Veteran's Hospital, where he died 8 August 1971. In November, 1968, Effie returned to DeKalb County. She is now a resident of Betz's Nursing Home in Auburn and a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana.

Chalmer and Celesta Reasoner

CHALMER REASONER, born 1858, in Ohio, son of Daniel and Sarah (Boyle) Reasoner. His family moved sometime before 1870 and he lived the rest of his life in DeKalb County.

Celesta Shenberger, born 9 March 1856, in Ohio, to Baltzer and Leah (Sunday) Shenberger. She probably had seven siblings. Celesta came to Indiana to visit friends and met Chalmer whose family lived near her friend's home. They decided to marry. Her father bought a small farm in Concord Township. They were married 9 December 1877, in DeKalb County and settled on the farm where they lived the rest of their lives. They raised five children; Herman Franklin, born in 1878; Alva Raymond "Ray", born 28 December 1880; Mary "Maye" Leah, born in 1884 and died of kidney failure in 1897; Clarence Bertram "Bert", born 1886; and Effie Luella, born 15 August 1891.

Chalmer made his living farming, baling hay and working on the roads in this county which were at this time all gravel.

In September 1925, at age sixty-nine, Celesta died and was buried in the Riverside Cemetery, in St. Joe, where her daughter is also buried.

Chalmer lived for another ten years and was remarried when his second wife died and he was widowed again. He then moved in with his son, Ray, until his death in 1935. He was laid to rest in the Riverside Cemetery. There is no head stone to mark these three graves.

EVERETT CHARLES COLLINS, son of Charles and Effie (Reasoner) Collins, born 28 July 1913, in Orangeville, DeKalb County, Indiana. He has two younger brothers, Dale and Herman, and a younger sister, Ruby. He was raised in the St. Joe area and graduated from St. Joe High School in April, 1932. He began working for Indiana Service Corporation in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Audra Mae Hook, born 3 October 1917, in Auburn, Indiana, to Ermal Wilmore and Priscilla (Schlatter) Hook. She has three brothers. Her family moved several times while Audra was growing up, settling in Spencer Township, DeKalb County, in 1934. Audra graduated from Spencerville High School, on 18 April 1936.

Everett and Audra were married 26 April 1937, by Reverend Ferster in his home, the Lutheran Parsonage in Spencerville, Indiana. They moved several times when they were first married but all three of their boys were born in Auburn, Indiana. Edward Trowbridge, born 5 August 1938; Everett Gale, born 30 November 1940; and Elton Bradley, born 9 September 1948.

While living in DeKalb County, the family belonged to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, in St. Joe, Indiana. Everett belonged to Knight of Pythias Lodge and Audra to the Pythian Sisters of the Knight of Pythias.

When World War II began, Everett worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana. General Electric was involved in highly classified Government work and Everett was required to stay instead of joining the service.

In October, 1951, Everett moved his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they lived for the next twenty-six years. In October, 1977, Everett and Audra retired. He had worked many years for General Electric and had also sold Lutheran Life Insurance. Audra was a sales clerk at

Montgomery Wards for many years then at the Sears, Incorporated at Glenbrook Mall, both places in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They retired to Melbourne, Florida.

Elton Bradley graduated from Fort Wayne Northside High School then joined the Army in November, 1967. He went to Vietnam in May, 1968. He was twice wounded before being reported missing in action. He lost his life at An Khe, South Vietnam, on 30 December 1968. Corporal Collins was a paratrooper and S.R.R.P. Recondo with the 173rd Airborne. He is buried at Concordia Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His name appears on Panel 35W, Line 8 on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

CALVIN E. EASTERDAY, born in Butler, Indiana, 18 July 1926, son of William Henry and Edna Ellen (Bunce) Easterday. He received his schooling in Butler and in August, 1945, he joined the Army. He served in the South Pacific in the Phillipines, as did his only brother, during World War II. He was discharged in 1947 with the rank of Corporal. He went to work at the Ball Brass Foundry in 1947. On 30 December 1948, he married Ruby Collins of St. Joe, Indiana.

Ruby was born in St. Joe, 29 March 1929, on Good Friday, the only daughter of Charles Rogers and Effie Luella (Reasoner) Collins. She and Calvin went to Jeffersonville, Indiana, to a little chapel by the Ohio River to be married.

Ruby began working part-time for the St. Joe Hardware at age eleven. She also worked part-time at the West-End Grocery owned by Moore's for four years. When she was fifteen, she went to work for Universal Tool in Spencerville, Indiana. Calvin and Ruby lived in St. Joe and became the parents of two boys, both born in Auburn, Indiana: Michael E., born 21 January 1950, and Roger William, born 23 January 1953. The family moved to Butler and Calvin began police work with the Butler City Police Department. He worked there for four years then went to work as a Patrolman for the Auburn City Police Department about 1959. The family moved to Auburn and Calvin gave fifteen years to the Department before his untimely death, 21 September 1974. He is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Ruby held several different factory jobs then began working for Cooper Industrial around 1961. She worked there eighteen years before retiring in 1979. She now works for Ames, formerly Murphy Mart, in Auburn.

On 25 June 1976, Ruby married John Freeman Tuttle, Jr., son of Freeman and Clara (Fry) Tuttle. John was born in York Township, Steuben County, Indiana, 13 July 1927. He has one daughter, Debra Kay, from a previous marriage.

John has been a factory worker most of his life, working for the Auburn Foundry off and on for twenty-five years. He is now employed by Klink Concrete of Kendallville, Indiana. The Tuttle's reside in Auburn, Indiana, DeKalb County.

Herman and Ruth Collins

HERMAN L. COLLINS, born to Charles R. and Effie L (Reasoner) Collins, in St. Joe, DeKalb County, Indiana, 5 June 1921. He was raised in St. Joe and graduated from St. Joe High School in 1939. He went to work for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad where his father also worked.

Ruth, daughter of Artie H. and Gladys E. (Carper) Warstler, born 18 August 1923, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her brothers and sisters are June, Wayne, Blaine, Donald, Elaine, and Wesley. Ruth graduated from Auburn High School in 1941.

On 26 June 1943, Herman and Ruth were married at Angola, Indiana, at the Chapel in the Garden. They settled in St. Joe. Their first child, Dennis Dale, was born and died 5 January 1946, in Sanders Hospital, in Auburn. Their second child, David Wayne, was born 10 April 1947, at Souder Hospital, Auburn, and on 22 February 1951, Pennie Darlene was born at Souder Hospital.

The family lived in St. Joe until 1953 when they moved to Jackson Street in Auburn. In 1947 and 1948, they ran a restaurant in St. Joe, called Ruth and Vernie's Cafe.

Soon after moving to Auburn, Ruth began working for FENG which made fiber-glass Christmas tree ornaments. She later worked for six years as a cashier at the IGA store. Herman began with Auburn Soft Water and worked for them eleven years. His next four years, 1967 to

1970, were spent serving as DeKalb County Commissioner. During this time he opened the new bridge in Spencer Township, DeKalb County on CR 64, the bridge which replaced Dill's Covered Bridge.

Herman and Ruth still live in Auburn. They are members of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Auburn. After Herman's term of office, he worked several years for the Fort Wayne Newspapers. He now is employed at the House of Spirits in Auburn.

Dale Collins Family

DALE DELOSS COLLINS, born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, 10 April 1916, son of Charles and Effie (Reasoner) Collins.

Dale graduated from Concord Township High School in St. Joe in 1934 with a class of eight boys and eight girls. While in high school, Dale spent his summers working with his grandfather, Chalmer Reasoner, on the roads in this county. At that time, all roads were gravel. He also worked in both the Widney and Leighty apple orchards, and helped the local farmers plow in spring with teams of horses and harvest in fall. After graduation, he worked at St. Joe Coal and Lumber Office and was manager for a time. In April, 1941, he joined the Army during World War II.

Before he left, he asked Ruth, then a senior at St. Joe's Concord Township High School to be his bride and she accepted. Ruth, born 30 March 1923, in St. Joe to Walter and Eva (King) Keesler. After graduation, Ruth went to work at Magnavox and was laid off in December, 1941. She and her sister, Myra, went to Hattiesburg, Mississippi where Dale was stationed and they were married 7 February 1942. She and Myra returned home and Dale was transferred to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis. Ruth joined him there and worked for Barrett Insurance Company as a policy writer. When he went to Officer's Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia, she returned to St. Joe and went to work at General Electric. Before Dale went overseas, Ruth found that they were to be parents, Cheryll Anna, born 9 February 1944. Dale saw his daughter for the first time when Cheryll was ten months old. Dale was back stateside to recover from wounds received at Anzio, Italy, and in southern France. He spent the next twelve months in Army hospitals before being released from active service in January, 1946. Ruth and Dale settled on Widney Avenue in St. Joe and Dale began working for Myers Elevator.

On 20 September 1949, the second daughter, Mary Lucinda, was born in Hicksville, Ohio.

Dale, an accomplished carpenter, built a new home for his family on SR 1, outside St. Joe, in 1957. Over the years, he worked for Ralph Sechler and Son, Incorporated, W.C. Mayer, Incorporated, Oberlin TV and Appliance, and Gengnagel, retiring 10 April 1977.

After the girls were in school, Ruth went to work for Ralph Sechler and Son, Incorporated and stayed there for twenty-one years, retiring 30 April 1980.

Dale served on the Town Board and the St. Joe Fire Department for a time while they lived in St. Joe. He served on the St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council and has belonged to the American Legion since 1946, first in St. Joe and recently in Leo, Indiana. Ruth was a member of the Legion Auxilliary, from 1948 to 1952.

Dale died 7 July 1986 and is buried at Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Indiana.

Walter and Eva Keesler

WALTER RALEIGH KEESLER, born 14 May

1900 in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Samuel and Caroline Belle (Coburn) Keesler. He had two brothers, Charles Russell, born and died in 1902 or 1903, and Henry Clay, born 1908. He also had two sisters, Doris, born 1905, and Jane, born 1915. Walter was raised in the St. Joe area and attended St. Joe Church of Christ with his family. He attended St. Joe School into his Freshman year. He left school and went to work at the St. Joe elevator which his father managed. He also worked with the company which put up the first electric light lines in St. Joe. His next job was with a telegraph company which strung lines through the Southern states to the tip of Florida. At this time, Florida was mainly mangrove swamps and the crew wore knee-high leather boots to protect themselves from rattlesnakes. While working their way through southern Alabama, Walter met the girl he would marry. Eva Beatrice was born to George W. and Martha Anna (Beasley) King in Coffee County, Alabama, 11 October 1906. She and Walter married in Geneva, Alabama on 24 June 1922. Walter brought his bride home to DeKalb County, Indiana. On 30 March 1923, their first child, Ruth Evangelene, was born in St. Joe, Indiana. When Eva next found herself expecting she planned a trip home where Myranella was born 17 September 1924 in Bellwood, Alabama. During these early years of marriage, Walter worked again at the elevator in St. Joe. On 30 March 1932, their third child and only son was born in Bellwood, Alabama. He died 21 May 1932 of pneumonia and is buried in Bellwood Cemetery. Gloria Dawn was born in St. Joe, Indiana, 18 June 1933. In 1945, Walter accepted a job with the elevator in Nappanee, Indiana. He, Eva, and Dawn left DeKalb County. Myra was living and working in Fort Wayne at this time. Ruth was married to Dale Collins who was in the Army. She stayed in DeKalb County to await his return. During the Summer of 1952, Walter, Eva, Dawn, Myra, Ruth, Dale, and two daughters all moved to Miami, Florida. Dawn married Louis Suter and returned to Nappanee, Indiana, at Christmas of 1952. In June of 1953, Dale, Ruth, and daughters returned to DeKalb County. Walter, Eva, and Myra remained in Miami. On 29 November 1979, Eva died in Miami and she was returned to DeKalb County for burial in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Indiana. Her daughter, Myra, preceeded her in death by four days. Her ashes are at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana with those of her husband, Bud Southard. Walter came back to Indiana after the deaths of his wife and daughter and lived with his daughter, Ruth Collins, until his death on 5 February 1983. He is buried with his wife in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Indiana.

Samuel and Caroline Keesler

SAMUEL KEESLER, born 19 August 1873, Marshalltown, Iowa, son of Henry Martin, born 1841, and Mary (Baker) Keesler, born 1847, Ohio. Henry and Mary went west for a time, but moved back to DeKalb County in 1886. They were the parents of nine children: Charlie, born 1866; John, born 1872; Samuel, born 19 August 1873; Alvin, born 1876; Minerva, born 1878; Allie, born 1879, Kansas; Bertha, born 1886; Clara, born 1889; and Frank, born 1892. The last three were born in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Samuel married Caroline Belle Coburn, 11 November 1899, daughter of Charles Martin and Jane E. (Allen) Coburn. Her paternal grandparents were Ebenezer and Deliverance (Wilson) Coburn, early settlers of DeKalb County, who arrived here August of 1838.

Sam and Belle settled in Concord Township, DeKalb County, and had five children but only three survived childhood. Their second child, Charles Russell was born and died in 1902 or 1903 and is buried in Alton Cemetery without a marker. Jane E. was born 2 August 1915 and according to her obituary, "...and at the tender age of thirteen years and five days, after an extended illness of nearly two years, passed out of this life to be at home with the Lord...." She died 7 August 1928, and is buried in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe. Their other children were: Walter Raleigh, born 14 May 1900 and died 5 February 1983; Doris DeLora, born 15 October 1905, married Wilber Yeiser; and Henry Clay, born 5 February 1908, died 30 July 1981, married Pearl Rigg on 4 February 1928.

When the children were young, Sam and his partner owned and operated the St. Joe Mill where flour and corn meal were ground. Later, he became manager of the St. Joe Elevator and worked there the rest of his life.

Samuel and Belle were members of the Church of Christ in St. Joe, Indiana.

Samuel died 30 June 1950 at the home on Widney Avenue in St. Joe. Belle died 13 May 1961 in Auburn, Indiana. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Indiana.

Desmond and Doris Yeiser

DESMOND WILBER YEISER, born 6 February 1905 in St. Joe, Indiana, son of Lloyd Wilber and Iva C. (Baughman) Yeiser. His sisters and brothers are: Lileth M., born 1902 in St. Joe; Keith B., born 1911 in Avilla and died 1925 in South Whitley, Indiana; Morris M., born 1911 in Avilla and died 1960; and Harriett L., born 7 July 1919, married Clayton A. Baker, residing in DeKalb County. Wilber's father was a printer by trade and the family moved several times while the children were growing up. He printed the St. Joe newspaper from around 1901 to 1906. The family had moved back to the St. Joe area by the time Wilber was in high school. He graduated from St. Joe High School in 1923. In the same graduating class was his future wife.

Doris DeLora Keesler, born to Samuel and Caroline Belle (Coburn) Keesler, 15 October 1905. She had three brothers and ~~one sister~~; Walter, born in 1900; Charles, born and died 1902; Henry, born 1908; and Jane, born 1915 and died 1928. Doris was raised in St. Joe and began studying the violin. At this time each Church in St. Joe had an orchestra (Lutheran, Methodist, and Church of Christ). Doris, raised in the Church of Christ, played in their orchestra. Some times all the church orchestras would combine and played at the Opera House. Doris also played violin in this group.

On Saturday evening, 1 March 1924, Wilber and Doris had supper with his folks, went to Newville to the United Brethren Parsonage and were married by Pastor Meed. They moved into a little house in St. Joe. Over the next six years, three children were born: Harold Lloyd, born 26 November 1924, resides in St. Joe and works at Yeiser's Standard Station; Rosemay, born 23 March 1927, married Gerald Means and they live in Tennessee; and Donald Keith, born 4 July 1930, also a St. Joe resident.

Wilber's first employment while he was still a youngster was on a farm. After marriage and during the Depression years, he, like most young men, worked at whatever jobs they could find. One job he took was construction on the gymnasium building in St. Joe. He started working at the filling station for his father-in-law, 29 November 1925 and it became his life work. The station still operates in its original location though the building has changed several times.

Doris has been a homemaker all her life. She has also been an active member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, a forty-six year member of the Ladies Literary Club, and belonged to the local Home Economics Club until it folded in the mid-1970's.

JOHN S. CAMPBELL arrived in DeKalb County between 1863 and 1865 from Wayne County, Ohio, where he had farmed for about forty-five years. He brought with him, his third wife, Eliza Ulm, whom he had married in Wooster Township, Wayne County, Ohio, 4 July 1863. Also with him were probably Henry, a son from his first marriage; Eldridge and Alvira, both from his second marriage. After their arrival in the Butler area, three children were born: Albert, born 16 September 1865; Mary Melisa, born 20 June 1868; and Eugene Purdy, born 19 December 1871.

John S. Campbell had finally arrived in Indiana, probably at the repeated urgings of several of his older children, particularly, Hannah Catharine Moughler, who with her husband, Valentine, had removed to Butler, then called Norristown, in the mid-1850's. Letters from her written back to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1857, expressed hope that her father and brother would come to Indiana. John Acton Campbell, the brother, removed to DeKalb County about 1859 and two younger brothers, William Franklin and Lyman Wesley, followed a few years later.

John Campbell died in Butler of lung fever, 8 February 1872. He was buried in the Campbell family plot in the Butler Cemetery. He had been born in what is now West Virginia, 24 September 1799. Eliza (Ulm) Campbell died on or about 26 May 1879, in DeKalb County, at which time, John A. Campbell was appointed administrator of her estate and guardian of her two living children: Albert and Melisa Campbell.

John S. Campbell married first in Chippewa, Wayne County, Ohio, 16 December 1824 to Mary Brown, who had come to Ohio in 1817, from New Jersey. Ten children were born to this couple before Mary died in Chippewa Township, 29 April 1846, at forty-one years, ten months, and nine days.

The children were: Angeline, born 8 September 1825, died later that month; Elizabeth, born 19 July 1827, died 1 June 1887, in Cleveland, Ohio, married John Meisner, 20 October 1853, Trumbull County, Ohio; Hannah Catharine, 15 December 1830, died 8 January 1921, in Garrett, married (1) Valentine Moughler, 27 September 1849, Wayne County, Ohio, and (2) George Dickerhoof, 14 May 1879, DeKalb County, Indiana; Mary Ann, born 7 June 1832, died 24 August 1905, Akron, Ohio, married (1) David Pollard, 7 November 1851 and (2) Michael Young, 25 April 1858, both in Summit County, Ohio; John Acton, born 25 December 1836, died 11 November 1905, in Butler, married (1) Mary Adelaide Jadwin, 15 June 1861, Butler and (2) Catherine Grace Champion, 31 July 1883; Ellen, born 29 April 1840, died 15 September 1847, Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio; William Franklin, born 20 March 1842, died 18 June 1869, in Butler of typhoid fever, married Sarah E. Sake Young in Butler, 29 January 1865; Lyman Wesley, born 28 February 1844, married Lucinda Oberlin in DeKalb County, 31 March 1863; and Henry, born 19 April 1846.

John married (2) Mary (Day) Ulm, 24 November 1846, Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio. Three children were born to this couple, Sarah Louise, born 15 September 1847, married ca. 1868, George Repp and resided in Medina County, Ohio; Eldrige Augustus, born 3 December 1849, married ca. 1885, Sylvia; and Alvira, born 16 September 1853, died 27 January 1937, Edgerton, Ohio, buried Rude Cemetery, north of Butler, married James Campbell, 3 October 1869, in DeKalb County, Indiana.

He was always active in community affairs, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Odd Fellows' Society. He died at his home on East Main Street in Butler, 11 November 1905, and was buried in the family plot in the Butler Cemetery.

ROMAINE "CURT" CLARE CAMPBELL, son of John Acton and Mary Adelaide (Jadwin) Campbell, born in Butler, Indiana, 12 October 1872. He graduated from Butler High School in 1890 and later attended Tri-State Academy in Angola. He married (1) Martha Elizabeth "Mattie" Hamilton, 26 March 1893, in Angola. A daughter, Vera, was born to this union, 19 January 1894, died in 1934. Mattie died in Butler, 21 May 1899, and was buried in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Romaine and Maude Craun were married in Butler, 8 June 1909. Maude, born in DeKalb County, 23 November 1884, was the child of James and Jane (Greenawald) Craun. She attended a rural school southeast of Butler and at age sixteen became a telephone operator. Prior to her marriage, she was employed as a clerk in the drug store and ice cream parlor of George W. Geddes in Butler.

Four children were born to this union: John Acton, born 29 March 1910, worked for the Fur Products Company and later for Maxton Motors in Butler and Angola. He established his own Chevrolet dealership in Kendallville and before retirement, operated the Campbell Hardware in that city. On 10 May 1931, he married H. Mowitza Hood, born 16 October 1911. They are the parents of two children, Julie and John, Jr. They now reside in rural DeKalb County. Edward Alfred, born 3 April 1915, moved to Chicago after working several years for C.J. Maxton in Butler. He became a licensed architect and is still practicing this profession. On 9 September 1950, he married Eleanor Warriner, born 4 February 1922, Benton Harbor, Michigan, a social worker, who has recently become a family historian. They are the parents of Christopher Edward, James Acton, Ann Warriner, Sara Eleanor, and Peter Gwyn. Mary Louise, born 23 August 1916, worked for Dr. C.B. Hathaway and for the Butler Board of Education before entering government civil service, in Washington, D.C., in 1937. She is currently employed by the District Office of the Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, where she has her residence. Geraldine Adelaide, born 19 January 1925, worked in Fort Wayne before her marriage to Sanford Loyal Miller, born 24 October 1925, in Fort Wayne. They were married in Butler on 24 September 1947, and are the parents of Stephen, Margaret, Brian, Mark, and David. They reside in Vicksburg, Michigan where Sanford has recently retired after forty years service for the New York Central Railroad, now Conrail.

Romaine was an insurance agent, originally in association with his father, and later independently until 1924 when he was appointed postmaster at Butler, a position he held until 1929. He was a member of the Republican Party, the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died 11 August 1947, in the house in Butler where he was born, after a prolonged illness resulting from a stroke which had kept him bedfast for several years. Maude died 6 March 1952. Both are buried in the family plot in the Butler Cemetery.

JOHN ACTON CAMPBELL, son of John S.

Sons of John Campbell

and Mary (Brown) Campbell, was born on a farm in Chippewa Township, Wayne County, Ohio, on Christmas Day, 1836. When he was ten years of age his mother died, leaving a lasting impression upon him. A hard worker on his father's farm and for neighboring families, he was also an avid reader and conscientious student. His schooling was better than many for that day and included classes in Fredericksburg High School, Wayne County, Ohio.

The year 1856 was special for him when he received his first teaching certificate, began teaching in Franklin, Ohio, voted for the first time and began a daily diary which he kept for fifty years, the last entry but two days before his death. He wrote poetry and in all of his diaries, he wrote special essays about the seasons, reflections upon his birthdays and family events. They included his cash accounts and names of his pupils. He taught for twenty-four years in both Ohio and Indiana, including an early log school in Wilmington Township.

His arrival in DeKalb County about 1859, marked a change in his life, although between school terms, he returned to the ~~Ohio~~ home. His permanent move to Butler took place in November, 1860, when his winter school term began.

On 15 June 1861, he married Mary Adelaide Jadwin, a native of Carroll County, Ohio, daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann (Packer) Jadwin. Seven children were born in Butler of this union; Irene May, born 6 July 1863, died 3 February 1946, in Chicago, buried in Butler, married 10 October 1883, DeKalb County, to Thomas C. Fralick; Mervale Florian, born 7 August 1865, died June 1925, married 29 April 1896, in Allen County, to Centennial Roush; Orla Ivan, born 19 November 1867, died December 1914, married (1) Blanche Getts on 27 October 1897, DeKalb County and (2) Alice; Arvilla Blanche, born 14 September 1870, died 27 September 1872, buried in the Butler Cemetery; Romaine Clare, born 12 October 1872, died 11 August 1947, in Butler, buried in the Butler Cemetery, married (1) Martha E. Hamilton in Angola, 26 March 1893 and (2) Maude Craun, in Butler, 8 June 1909; Emlin Verne, born 31 January 1875, died 5 March 1932, in Chicago, buried in the Butler Cemetery, married 25 November 1897, DeKalb County to Laura A. Squires; Charles Wilmer, born 10 August 1877, died 8 December 1941, in Butler, buried in the Butler Cemetery, married 14 June 1900 in DeKalb County to Mary L. Jones.

John's wife, Adelaide, died in Butler 22 August 1882, after a lingering illness. Although a talented woman, who wrote poetry and was skilled in needle craft, she was plagued with recurring periods of mental illness. She was buried in the family plot in the Butler Cemetery.

John Campbell married (2) Catherine Grace Champion, 31 July 1883, and from that union, two children were born: Stella Grace, born 19 November 1884, died 26 January 1886; and Florence Elenore, born 31 March 1887, married (1) 14 June 1905, in Butler to Cyril L.E. Wilson and (2) to a Mr. Bolinger.

John Acton began an insurance agency in 1870 and after 1875, gave up teaching and devoted his time fully to the insurance business. He served as a town trustee in 1866 and for four years as Justice of the Peace. In later years, he wrote biographies of many of the early settlers and accounts of his trips to various places east and west and to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893. These were published in the Butler paper and showed his remarkable eye.

JOHN TREMAN, born near Egremont, Massachusetts, ca. 1778, one of nine children born to John, Sr. and Patience Treman.

John Treman lived a pioneer's life at the age of twelve years. In 1791, the family moved to the frontier of Ontario County, New York. Here he grew to manhood and married Paulina. John's father built a grist mill near Canadaigua, New York, and in 1810, John bought half interest in the mill. He later sold this to his brothers.

John and Paulina moved their family west to the wilderness that was Medina County, in 1818. They raised a family of eight children: Minerva, born in 1807; Hiram, born in 1809; Huldah; Phebe; George, born in 1814; Rowena; Diana; and Edgar, born in 1824. After twenty-four years in Granger Township, Medina County, Ohio, John decided to move west again. He was now sixty-four years old and probably a widower. On 28 March 1842, John Treman purchased three hundred eighty acres for two thousand dollars, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County and for the third time began a pioneer's life. At least four of his grown children came with him: Minerva, Hiram, George, Edgar and his wife, Laura. Edgar Treman and Laura Spencer had married 1 June 1842, before leaving Medina County, Ohio, so this was a wedding trip for them.

John farmed in Wilmington Township and divided his land between his three sons. He died in DeKalb County of lung fever, February, 1850, aged seventy-one years.

GEORGE TREMAN, the son of John and Paulina Treman, was born at Canadaigua, Ontario County, New York, 9 June 1814. When George was four years old, in 1818, the Treman's were pioneers to Granger Township, Medina County, Ohio, where he grew up. In 1842, the family moved to Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Here George met Martha Hagerty, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, 2 April 1821, the daughter of James and Elinor (Crawford) Hagerty.

George Treman and Martha Hagerty, married in DeKalb County 23 October 1844, lived all of their married life in Wilmington Township near Butler. To this union were born eight children: Mary Ellen, born 3 August 1845, married Thomas Tomlinson in DeKalb County, 1 April 1866. They had four children; Martha, Laura Rose, George, and Albert A., died 2 May 1870, at the age of five months. Mary Ellen died 26 September 1876 at the age of 31 years. She is buried in the Krontz Cemetery, Wilmington Township.

John was born 14 March 1847. He served in the Civil War in Company H, 88th regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. John was on General Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas and was in a number of battles before being discharged at Louisville, Kentucky. John married Tena Carnes and they had two children: Sarah (Sadie), born 15 May 1881 and died 12 May 1962, and Amy, born 23 April 1884, died 31 January 1966. The mother died in 1884 when Amy was a baby. In 1913, John Treman moved to Auburn and married Sadie Wheelock. John worked in the timber business and farmed. He died 2 November 1927, in Auburn, and is buried at Butler, Indiana.

James Treman, born 15 November 1848, was also a Civil War Veteran. He married Frances E. Griffith, 4 April 1873. They had two children: Isabell died 22 September 1874, age eight months, and Walter, born 1 August 1875, died November, 1960 or 1961. James was a farmer. His first wife, Frances, died and James married Mary Brundage, 22 September 1888. James died 31 May 1921.

Paulina, born 10 September 1850, married William W. Woods. Rocena was born in October, 1852 and died 15 February 1857. Herman E. was born 4 December 1854 and died 3 January 1916. He never married.

Albert A. was born 20 April 1857 and died 12 March 1863. Roena, born 7 October 1859, married Jacob S. Farner. To this union were born four children: Vera, born in February, 1891 and died about 1975; Alta, born 27 September 1892, died 1981; Herber, born 16 December 1895 and died 16 October 1957; Gladys, born 18 December 1898, died in March of 1978. Roena was a member of the Butler United Brethren Church. She spent her life in the house she was born in and died 28 February 1941.

Martha died 7 December 1881, age 60 years. George died 15 May 1889, in his 75th year. Both are buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, in Wilmington Township. George was a farmer and stock raiser.

VINTON ORESTAS DREW, parents were Simeon and Nancy Mae (Quaintance) Drew. Blanche Stultz' parents were Price and Melvina (Cox) Stultz. They all came to Waterloo, DeKalb County in May of 1921 from Continental, Ohio. Their ancestry was English, German, Dutch, Scotch, and Irish.

Vinton and Blanche were the parents of six children: Nancy, married Bernard Dale Stuller, 21 February 1931, son of William Henry and Bertha Leona (Lowe) Stuller. His paternal grandparents were Simeon and Lillian (Brady) Stuller, of Edon, Ohio. Maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Laura Lucretia (Ream) Lowe, who lived on the Basket Factory Road between Butler and Hamilton, Indiana. Bernard had one brother, Ralph Huston, and two sisters, Bernice Rose (Bernard's twin) and Opal Pauline. Bernard's great-grandfather, John Lowe came to America from Oldham, England, in 1850, and settled in DeKalb County about 1859, near Franklin Center School. John Lowe fought for the North in the Civil War from November, 1864, until August, 1865.

Bernard Dale and Nancy (Drew) Stuller are the parents of Julia Joan (Stuller) Bolen, William Vinton, Rebecca Lee (Stuller) Lanning, Rosemary (Stuller) Rathburn, and Bernard Steven.

GUY CONKLIN LEPLEY, born 10 February 1891 in Steuben County, Indiana, the son of William E. and Debra (Conklin) Lepley. He died 28 November 1964, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was buried in Circle Cemetery near Hudson, Indiana.

Guy and Gladys Lepley

Guy was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge, No. 614 and owned Lepley Sales and Services for several years, retiring in 1956.

On 27 January 1915, he married Gladys Rain Spangler. Gladys was born 19 April 1894 in Ohio, the daughter of Urinus Ambros and Melissa Ann (Hines) Spangler.

Guy and Gladys lived in Ashley for more than forty years. They were the parents of twelve children: Vera Waneta married Charles William Tagmayer in 1940 and they have four children; John Charles married Donna Cuccano, 14 December 1974, Angola, Indiana; Joan Joyce married Robert Schaal, 1970 in Fort Wayne,. Indiana; Stephen David married on 27 July 1985; Michael married Jeri Lynette Foster, 27 October 1984. Twila Joyce married Joseph William Meyers in 1951, and they have two children: Carolyn Sue and Sheryl Kay; Sharon married James Miller and they have four children: Debra Sue, Kari Sue, Gary Lynn, and Greg ~~Allen~~; Karen married Gilbert Dilley and they have six children: Daniel Gilbert, Donna Jean, David Dewight, Douglas Allen, Diane, and Debrah; Winfred Walter will have his own history; Dewayne Spangler "Deke" married Helen Sharp in 1945. They had four children: Richard Dewayne, Elizabeth Ann, Pamela, and Alice; Buddie Guy married Mary Mildred Blomeke in 1950 and they have four children: Thomas Guy, Margaret Aileen, Kathleen Sue, and Mark David; Teddy Dean married Violet Mae Rowe, in 1949, and they have four children: Penny, Teri Sue, Tami Jo, and Teddy Dean; Richard Justin married Mary Parker and they have six children: Nancy Kay, Richard Udell, Guy Logan, Billy Jo, Lyndia Sue, and Billy Winfred; James Donald married LuAnn and they have five children: Kristan Kay, Julie Lynn, Jayner, Karla Sue, and Susie; Lynn LaMar, born 14 January 1935, died on 17 January 1935 when just three days old. He is buried at Circle Cemetery near Hudson. Robert Udell, born 25 April 1915, died on 13 February 1845 when twenty-nine years, one month and eight days old. He is also buried at Circle Cemetery. Robert was in the 38th Infantry Division, killed during combat on an island near Manilla in the Phillipines. Before entering the service in 1941, Robert graduated from Ashley High School in 1936. He was employed with Warner Gear in Muncie, Indiana, and later in Auburn, Indiana.

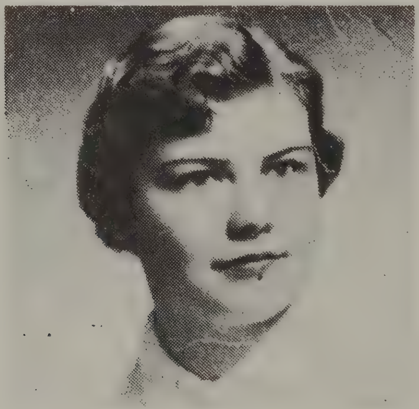
Beatrice, Winfred, and twins

WINFRED WALTER LEPLEY, born 23 March 1916 in Ashley, Steuben County. He is the son of Guy Conklin and Gladys Rain (Spangler) Lepley. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1934. Winfred worked at Warner Gear in Muncie then Auburn. He also worked at the Lepley Garage in Ashley. Winfred married Beatrice Evelyn (Ruehart) of Kendallville on 24 December 1936. In the Ruehart home, Beatrice was born, 20 April 1918 in Kendallville, and died 23 October 1956, in Auburn, thirty-eight years, six months, and three days old. She graduated in 1935 from Kendallville High School. She is the daughter of Ray William and Fern Rachel (Hafer) Ruehart. Fern died 20 October 1951.

Their children are: Dickey Lee, born and died the same day, 5 July 1938 and is buried in Circle Cemetery near Hudson; Judith Ann and Janet Lee (twins), born 30 January 1940. Judith will have her own history. Janet Lee married Calvin Semen, 17 January 1959. Calvin was born 26 May 1938. They are the parents of five children: Thomas Arthur, born 23 April 1960, LaGrange, married 2 August 1986 to Sally Jane, born 20 August 1961, LaGrange; Andrew Winfred, born 19 October 1962, LaGrange, married Jill Ann

Price, born 7 March 1958, on 17 March 1984. They have one daughter, Amy Lynn, born 22 December 1984, and they are expecting another child in July, 1986; Brenda Kay, born 18 October 1964, LaGrange; Timothy Arthur, born 24 April 1969; Sandra Sue, born 29 April 1953, Auburn, married Stan Richard Shipe, 18 June 1971. Stan was born 9 January 1949. They have two children: Stan Carl, born in 1972, and Matt Winfred, born in May, 1975.

Winfred Lepley was married for the second time on 1 September 1962, to DeLora Jean Peters Archer, born 4 January 1930. They had two children: Connie Marie and Jack Allen.



Judith Richey

JUDITH ANN (LEPLEY) RICHEY, and her twin sister were born 30 January 1940. They are the daughters of Winfred Walter and Beatrice (Ruehart) Lepley. Her sister, Janet Lee, married Robert Seman in 1958 and they have five children. They live in rural LaGrange, Indiana.

Judith lives in Ashley, Indiana, and has no children. She married Shirley Henry Hank Richey in 1966. Her husband was born 5 November 1935, and was raised in the Hamilton, Indiana, area. Judith's maternal grandparents were Ray William and Fern (Hafer) Ruehart. Her maternal great grandparents were Frank and Nina Hafer, and Ensona Friend. Her paternal grandparents were Guy Conklin and Gladys (Spangler) Lepley. Her paternal great grandparents were William E. and Debra (Conklin) Lepley. Her paternal great, great grandparents were Urinus Ambros, born 1863, died 10 April 1951, seventy-eight years and Melissa Ann (Hines) Spangler, born 1867, died 1964, ninety-seven years, eight months, and eleven days. Her paternal great, great, great grandparents were Peter J. Spangler, born in 1864, died in 1895, and Rachel A. Everhart, born in 1840, and died in 1922. They were married 22 January 1863.

Judith did a lot of volunteer work. She is now employed at Bostwick Braun and afternoons at the Ashley-Hudson Manor.

CARL B. MILLER, born 23 August 1908, in Smithfield Township, north of Waterloo at Summitt, Indiana. His parents were Frank A. and Theresa (Zircher) Miller, who lived just north of St. Michael Church.

Frank was the son of John and Sophia (Korhler) Miller, who also lived in Smithfield Township. Theresa had emigrated from Scherrheim, Germany in the late 1800s with her parents, Michael and Mary Ann (Fetters) Zircher. They also settled in Smithfield Township a few miles from St. Michael Church. Both the Millers and the Zirchers were farmers.

Carl attended elementary school at Smithfield Township and Ashley High School and graduated in 1926.

After high school, he drove a huckster wagon in northern DeKalb and southern Steuben counties. He also tried selling Rawleigh products door-to-door and raised onions and potatoes on farms around St. Michael Church.

In 1935, he married Esther Shoudel, who had also grown up in the community around St. Michael Church.

After marrying, Carl worked briefly for the state highway department which was then finishing SR 427. He also tended bar at Heinle's Store and Tavern across from St. Michael Church. From 1937 to 1969, he was employed by the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op in Auburn, driving a tank truck from which he delivered gasoline and fuel oil to homes in the county. After retirement, he worked part time at Burger's IGA and Lydell's Implement Company both in Auburn.

Esther L. Shoudel, born in Franklin Township, 23 February 1912, to John N. and Margaret (Hoff) Shoudel. John Shoudel lived his entire life in DeKalb County and was the son of Michael and Johanna (Reinig) Shoudel. The Shoudels had immigrated from Bavaria in the mid-nineteenth century and had homesteaded in Smithfield Township. They had helped found St. Michael Catholic parish, north of Waterloo.

Margaret (Hoff) Shoudel had emigrated from Bundenthal, Germany, in 1900, and had married John Shoudel in 1902.

Esther attended elementary school in Franklin Township and high school in Hamilton. Before marriage, she worked as a maid for several households in Auburn and Ligonier. She often traveled from Waterloo to Auburn on the Interurban Railroad.

In 1935, Carl and Esther, who had known each other all their lives, were married at St. Michael Catholic Church, where they remain active members.

Early in their marriage, they lived on a number of farms, north of Waterloo. In 1946, they moved to South Center Street, Waterloo, and live there at the present time.

They are the parents of two daughters: Jane, married to Harold Stafford, Jr., of rural Waterloo, and Lucille Miller, of Auburn.

JACK H. MC ANINCH and Kathryn A. Luke were married 30 July 1966, at Syracuse, New York. Jack was born 20 May 1940, at Indianapolis, son of Herbert and Louise (Woodruff) McAninch, of Auburn. His paternal grandparents were Harry A. and Florence McAninch, of Indianapolis. His maternal grandparents were John and Erna Woodruff, of Indianapolis.

Kathryn (Luke) McAninch, born 19 June 1946, at Syracuse, New York. She was the daughter of George A. and Margaret (Mergandt) Luke, of Syracuse, New York. Her paternal grandparents were George and Agnes Luke of Syracuse and her maternal grandparents were Charles and Christine Mergandt, of Brewster, New York.

Jack attended Auburn High School and Hillsdale College. He was employed at Mid-American Electronics and is currently with Hermac, Inc., in Auburn.

Kathryn is a Syracuse, New York High School graduate and met Jack at Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne. She is also currently employed at Hermac, Inc.

Jack and Kathryn are the parents of Kevin H., born 26 June 1967; Daniel R., born 19 April 1969; and Mark S., born 1 May 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. McAninch reside in Waterloo, Indiana, and are members of the Immaculate Conception Church, in Auburn.

LAFAYETTE PLEASINGTON BLUE, born 23 March 1918, in Ligonier, son of Leota (Piffher) and Lafayette Blue. His father was a realtor for Straus Brothers and a farmer.

The family moved to Auburn in 1925, and lived at 509 South Main Street where the Bassett Office Supply now stands.

In 1928, they moved to the Amstutz farm on the Auburn-Ashley Road, now owned by Ralph Phillips.

Lafayette's maternal grandparents were Malinda (Sevits) and John Piffher, who was a farmer and served in the Civil War. He was in Sherman's March to the Sea through Georgia.

His paternal grandparents were William Hampton and Carolyne (Borkett) Blue. They lived in Mentone, Indiana.

"Lafe" graduated from Waterloo High School in 1936 and in 1939 enlisted in the Navy. He reenlisted in 1949. The Navy was a great inspiration to him. He was mainly on the U.S.S. Holland, a sub-tender and the U.S.S. Gilmore. He served some time in the Phillipines.

He married Edith Myers in 1945, and at the time of his discharge, he was a Chief Petty Officer. After his release from the Navy, in 1952, he worked for Rohm Chevrolet in Auburn.

In 1953, he opened his own body shop on West Fifteenth Street. He later moved his body shop to Lincoln Street where he worked till he retired in 1980. Edith died in April, 1981.

They were the parents of two children: Judy Vanderbosch and William. Judy is an assistant Guidance Counselor at a Garrett school and Bill is Chief Petty Officer in the Coast Guard, stationed at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Lafe has four sisters: Fern (Blue) Brenneman, Wilda (Blue) Dilley, Velma (Blue) Porter, and Grace (Blue) Eatinger. Two brothers are now deceased: Charles and Lester.

Lafe and Mary (Griffin) Miller were married 14 November 1981, in the Lutheran Church in Auburn by Reverend Schuette. Mary Blue was born 9 January 1922, daughter of Clinton and Grace (Lockwood) Griffin. Her maternal grandparents were Lyman and Mary O. Lockwood of DeKalb County. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1940, and worked as a clerk-operator for thirty-eight years for Indiana Bell Telephone Company in Auburn.

Mary had one brother, Carl, now deceased, of Rochester, Michigan. He owned Griffin's Camera Shop for many years. He and his wife, Berneice, have one son, Carl John, of Rochester, Michigan.

Since their marriage, Lafe and Mary have lived in Auburn. Mary does volunteer work and Lafe likes to fish and talk about it.

DONALD DEVON DOVE, son of Frank and Martha E. (Myers) Dove, born 4 July 1920, on the Allen-DeKalb County Line, in Jackson Township. He graduated from Spencerville High School in 1939, and in 1942, joined the United States Air Force. Before returning home in 1945, he had attained the rank of Captain and had served with the Ninth Air Force in England and Germany. As a P47 pilot, he had one hundred nine missions over enemy territory and received the Distinguished Flying Cross with several Oak Leaf Clusters.

In 1946, he married Eloise Dilgard, daughter of Wilbur M. and Ruth M. (Foote) Dilgard, of Auburn. They bought the Thomas Dilgard farm south of Auburn where they farmed and raised their children. Eloise was born 3 January 1925, in the house where they still live.

To this union were born five children: Richard Alan Dove was born 23 September 1947, at the Dr. Bonnell Souder Hospital. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1965, and attended Indiana Extension in Fort Wayne. In 1970, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam as an Aerial Photographer and Observer. Upon return, he married Sandra Beard and finished his college education in accounting. After receiving his C.P.A., he opened his office on North Cedar Street in Auburn. They have two children: Christopher Alan Dove, a freshman at DeKalb High School and a daughter, Katina Dove, a fifth grader at McKenney-Harrison Grade School.

Larry Eugene Dove was born 4 December 1949, at the Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1968, and went to Electronic School in Fort Wayne. After graduating, he joined the United States Air Force for four years where he continued his career in electronics. He also served in Vietnam, thereafter returning to Auburn. He was employed locally until he moved to the Denver area in 1984, where he now makes his home.

Donna Louise Dove was born 31 October 1951, at the Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1969, and went to Indiana Extension in Fort Wayne, where she majored in Interior Design, which she still pursues. She married Dennis Keith Meschberger from Auburn, and they reside in Auburn. They have one son, Ryan Travis Meschberger, a seventh grader in the DeKalb Middle School.

Janice Eileen Dove was born 10 April 1955, at the Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1973. She had the honor of being Miss DeKalb in 1972. She became a flight attendant with Frontier Air Lines, a Denver based company. She married David Charles Wyatt from Oklahoma City, and they make their home in the Denver area.

Loren Donald Dove was born 24 November 1956, at the Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital. He graduated from Garrett High School and continued his education at the Indiana University-Purdue University campus in Fort Wayne. He was then employed with Essex Corporation in Fort Wayne. He married Mildred Eston from Van Wert, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Kily Eston Dove, born 19 February 1984. They make their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

JAMES AND NANCY CHAPMAN, and daughters: Josephine, Emma, and Laura, moved to DeKalb County, in the late 1800's from Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Their first home was a farm on Rope Street. James gave each girl a farm and moved into Waterloo and built the first house south of the library some time before 1920.

Josephine married an Underwood and moved to Denver, Colorado. They had one daughter.

Emma married Marshall Lewis from Mansfield, Ohio, and they had three children: Ivan Dell, Fred, and one who died in infancy. Ivan Dell married Milton Wiler and they had five children: Alfred, Esther Kelly, Bert, Lucille Rothgeb, and Glenn. She died in 1920, during childbirth and Glenn was adopted by Rue Murray. Fred was born 5 September 1895, and married Lavina Oberlin, born 14 October 1905, in Butler. They lived in Waterloo and had six children: Roger, Iva Dell, Lennus, and Glenn lived to maturity. Roger, born 19 August 1921, Battle Creek, Michigan, married Jane Culbertson and has one son, Daniel, and two grandchildren: Zachary and Joshua; Iva Dell, born 26 December 1923, married Wayne Dirrim and had two children: June Kay Fender, married to Richard Fender and has three children: Robin A. Clark, Neal Naeve, and Chris Naeve; and one grandchild, Mariah Clark. Susan (Dirrim) Sweet has three children: Candace married Harry Timmis. They have one child, Tanya; Sam Sweet, and Crystal Sweet. Lennus W. Lewis, born 16 October 1925, married Delores Chorpenning and has two sons: Michael and Keith, and one grandson, Benjamin. Glenn Lewis, born 6 November 1927, married Juanita Price, deceased, and has two children: Richard Joe Lewis and Nancy Lewis, and one grandchild: Joselyn.

Laura Chapman never married. She lived in Waterloo.

Lavina (Oberlin) Lewis Knostman lives in Waterloo at the age of eighty-one. She is the matriarch of two five generations: Lavina, Iva Dell, June Fender, Robin Clark, and Mariah Clark. Lavina, Iva Dell, Susan Sweet, Candace Timmis, and Tanya Timmis.

J.J. KIMPEL, born 14 May 1921, at Edgerton, Ohio, the son of Gottlieb V. and Sadie Iona (Favorite) Kimpel.

Berdena Bonell was born 25 July 1924, the daughter of Dr. Loren B. and Audrey (Keller) Souder, of Butler. Her maternal grandparents were David and Mary (Kraft) Keller, of Wilmington Township. Her paternal grandparents were Clyde Ernest and Gazetta May (Campbell) Souder of Butler. Clyde and Gazetta were united in marriage 15 November 1900. Clyde Ernest, born 19 March 1877, was a farmer and log hauler. His parents were George B. and Sarah (Mellisa) Souder, of Troy Township.

Gazetta May Campbell was born 27 March 1881, daughter of David and Lidda Lucinda (Burns) Campbell. Clyde and Gazetta were the parents of Loren B. Souder, M.D. and Jessie Marie DeVore.

The Zion Lutheran Church near Edgerton, Ohio, on 25 September 1943, was the scene of a marriage uniting J.J. Kimpel and Berdena Bonell Souder. They have two sons: Dennis Eugene, born 24 October 1946, and Kenneth Lee, born 6 April 1949.

J.J. Kimpel attended school at Edgerton and Berdena was a student at Jerusalem Country School. J.J. has been a farmer for forty-six years and Berdena, after brief employment at Aero, of Bryan, Ohio, and Universal Tool and Die, has been employed at the DeKalb County Surveyors office for the last twenty-five years. They both enjoy fishing, hunting, and camping.

DONALD F. PROSSER, born 19 March 1909, Jackson Township, son of Roy C. and Rose Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser, of Jackson Township. Paternal grandparents are Adam and Barbara (Stroh) Prosser, of Jackson Township, maternal grandparents are Benjamin and Roseanna (Martin) Hilkey, of Auburn, Indiana.

Eva Marie Hahn, born in Broadhead, Kentucky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hahn, of Broadhead, Kentucky.

Donald and Eva were married in Connersville, Indiana, 14 December 1935. To this union was born one son, Danny Joe.

Donald attended School #1, Jackson Township. At age sixteen, Donald went to work at the Auburn Auto Company from 1925 to 1928. In 1928, he was transferred to Connersville, Indiana, until 1937, when the company sold out to Avco. He later became superintendent of the plant and retired after forty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Prosser now reside in Connersville, Indiana.

JAMES R. RYAN, born 14 September 1915, Jackson Township, son of Frank and Cora (High) Ryan, of Jackson Township. Paternal grandparents are Michael and Anna (Bowser) Ryan, of Pierceton, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Moletus and Mary Ellen (Sebert) High, of Jackson Township.

Naomi M. Prosser was born 14 January 1917, Jackson Township, daughter of Ray and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser, of Jackson Township. Paternal grandparents are Adam and Barbara (Stroh) Prosser, of Jackson Township. Maternal grandparents are Benjamin and Roseanna (Martin) Hilkey, of Auburn, Indiana.

James married Naomi, 7 October 1946, at the First Methodist Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana. James attended school at Bearcreek and Spencerville, Indiana. Naomi attended school at Jackson Township No. 1 and 5, and Auburn High School.

James volunteered for the Army from 1941 through 1945. He served time in Dutch Guana, Surinam, and the South Pacific. James was employed at Auburn Rubber Company and General Electric, Fort Wayne. Naomi was employed at the Fort Wayne State Hospital. She is now retired.

To this union were born two children: Charles J. and Rita S.

James died 16 June 1986. Naomi resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana and she is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mearl and Dorothy Bisel

ALBERT MEARL BISEL, born 11 April 1904, in Bluff Point, Indiana, son of Aaron, Jr. and Esta Emma (Turner) Bisel. His paternal grandparents were Aaron, Sr. and Pruda (Collins) Bisel. His maternal grandparents were Isaac Hoven Turner and Angeline A. Creamer.

Dorothy Mae Hunt, was born 12 April 1923, in Warren, Ohio, daughter of Willson and Pauline (Hatch) Hunt. Her paternal grandparents were Alfred and Ada Hunt and her maternal grandparents were Carl and Mae Hatch. Dorothy was married to Glenwood A. Kuechler, on 2 June 1945, and divorced 11 January 1980. Dorothy has three children: Sharon E. (Kuechler) Miller, of Auburn, Indiana; Marcia (Kuechler) Tompkins, of Lone Jack, Missouri; and Mark Kuechler, of Auburn, Indiana. She has four grandchildren.

Mearl's first wife, Irene, died in September, 1978. Their children are Karen (Bisel) Peake, of Galveston, Texas, and Paul K. Bisel, of Lexington, Kentucky. There are four grand-

children.

Mearl and Dorothy were married 15 November 1980, in Lexington, Kentucky, in his son Paul's, United Methodist Church by Reverend Noel White.

Mearl graduated from Fort Wayne Business College in 1924, and was secretary-treasurer for Rieke Corporation for fifty-one years.

He will be remembered as an enthusiastic benefactor to the First United Methodist Church and local organizations, especially the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum. He supplied the Museum with his personal favorites, the early Auburn-built cars, including Zimmermans, McIntyres, and Kiblingers. He was very interested in the early automotive history of Auburn. He purchased and donated the Museum's first car, a 1909 Zimmerman. That was in 1974, before the Museum opened. The week of his death, he was negotiating the purchase of a 1916 Auburn for the Museum.

Mearl was the former City Clerk-Treasurer of Waterloo, a former member of the Waterloo Masonic Lodge and a former member and past president of the Waterloo Lions Club. He was a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge, the Auburn Lions Club, and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He was an executive committee member for the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum and served on the Board of Directors. He was a member of Auburn Automotive Heritage, Incorporated. Mearl was a board member for the Evergreen Cemetery Association and a former trustee for the Rieke Foundation.

Dorothy was employed as a calendar order clerk at Messenger Corporation for two years prior to her marriage to Mearl. She had experience as a teller for the Auburn State Bank and was a part-time employee for the Evening Star Newspaper and the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A brother, Dorsey Thurl Bisel, preceeded Mearl in death. His brother, Orval Ray Bisel, lives in Albany, Indiana. Dorothy's sister, Marilyn Brentlinger, lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Mearl and Dorothy have been active members of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn for many years. Mearl enjoyed his participation in the church choir, United Methodist Men, and the Homebuilders and Keystone Sunday School Classes. He was chairman of the Memorials Committee for some time and spent numerous hours compiling information as Church Historian.

Dorothy continues her interest in the Keystone Sunday School Class and United Methodist Women, where she participates in the Maxine Coleman Circle. She is active in the Auburn Women's Club, a Federated Club which recently celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mearl and Dorothy lived at 729 North Main Street until 13 August 1986, when they moved to Third Street, where Mearl died 28 September 1986. Dorothy continues to reside at this address.

Gift Car to ACD Museum by Bisels

IRENE (MILLER) BISEL, daughter of William and Faye (Bush) Miller, born 29 October 1911. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mahalia (Stephens) Miller. Maternal grandparents were William G. and Sarah J. (Fix) Bush. Foster grandparents were James W. and Susan (Hornberger) Sherwood, who adopted her mother. Irene had one brother, James Miller.

Irene attended several schools in her early years but returned to the Auburn area where she attended high school and graduated with honors. She was the first one with one hundred forty-two points out a possible one hundred forty-seven, on a Brown-Woody test given to the Civics class. She was also accorded the honor of ranking second of eleven thousand students in the United States. Her score was 295 out of a possible three hundred. She also took an active part in many school activities.

After graduation, she worked for the Auburn Automobile Company until her marriage to Mearl Bisel, 31 October 1931. Mearl was employed at Rieke Corporation as secretary-treasurer.

Mearl and Irene began homemaking in a new home built and furnished by the couple prior to their marriage.

Irene never quit being an excellent student. She participated in community activities of the cultural and service nature, belonging to Entre Nous Literary Club, DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and Minerva Club in Waterloo after they moved there from Auburn, as well as school and church activities. Her life was always busy with constructive activities, kindness to her friends and neighbors and helping without recognition, wherever she saw needs.

Irene was the first to suggest the preservation of the Auburn building, now the ACD Museum and the first contributor. She and Mearl continued their interest and contributions by giving cars for display.

Mearl and Irene were the parents of two children: Karen and Paul. The family were members of the Methodist Church of Auburn.

Irene died 22 September 1978.

Paul and Linda Bisel

PAUL KENT BISEL, born 22 March 1942, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Albert "Mearl" and Mary "Irene" (Miller) Bisel. His paternal grandparents were Aaron Bisel, Jr. and Esta Emma Turner. His maternal grandparents were William Eli Miller and Faye Rosella (Bush) Sherwood.

Linda Ruth (Murray) Liss was born 19 August 1944, at Decatur, Illinois, daughter of James Archibald Murray and Helen Maxine (Mercer) Hill. She was adopted by Raymond Frank Liss, Helen's third husband, 21 October 1958. Her maternal grandparents were Marvel Moring Mercer and Ruth Adeline Rouland.

Paul and Linda were married 28 August 1965, at Auburn. Mr. Bisel graduated from the University of Illinois, School of Architecture, in 1966. Mrs. Bisel attended the Fort Wayne Business College.

Paul served as an officer in the United States Air Force, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, from 1 October 1966, to 31 March 1970. He became a licensed Professional Structural Engineer in 1972, and a licensed Registered Architect in 1973. He was employed with Donald B. Shelton, 1970-1972; Coleman-Graves, Architects, 1973; and Watkins and Associates, 1973-1982, serving on the Board of Directors in 1982. He established his own firm, Paul K. Bisel, Incorporated, in Lexington, Kentucky, on 1 January 1984.

Linda was employed as a secretary for Rieke Corporation, 1963-1965, and the University of Illinois Housing Department, 1965-1966.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bisel have been very active in church choir and commitees, and civic organizations. Mr. Bisel has been very active in the Construction Specifications Institute, on the local, regional, and institute levels. Mrs. Bisel has been very active in the Christian Womens Club serving on the Executive Board.

Mr. Bisel has one sister, Karen Patricia (Bisel) Peake. Mrs. Bisel was an only child.

Mr. and Mrs. Bisel are the parents of two children: Christopher Aaron Bisel, born 30 May 1970, and Curtis Matthew Bisel, born 16 October 1972.

The Bisels have lived in Champaign, Illinois, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, and Lexington, Kentucky.

EDWIN WAYNE BROWN, born 8 February 1927, DeKalb County to Ellsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. Paternal grandparents were Lewis and Rosabeth (Widney) Brown. Maternal grandparents were Fredrick and Arlicia (Warmock) LaRowe. Edwin had four sisters: Geraldine, Luella, Norma, and Sue; and four brothers: Richard, Clarence, Clyde, and Howard.

June Maxine Mulholland was born 30 December 1927, Noble County, Indiana, to Lyle and Maudena Mulholland. Paternal grandparents were James and Oliva Jane (Waddell) Mulholland. Maternal grandparents were Noah and Jesse Deter. June had four sisters and one brother: Martha, Marilee, Shirley, Margaret, and James.

Edwin received his schooling in DeKalb County and June attended Kendallville Schools. Both are retired. Edwin retired with forty years service from Dana Corporation. He served two years in the Army in World War II, stationed in Japan and Alaska. June retired with fifteen years service at Dr. Bonnel M. Souder Hospital.

Edwin and June were married 14 June 1950, at Angola, Indiana. They are the parents of two sons: Robert L. and Kenneth W. Zeke. Robert, born 17 November 1947, is a graduate from the last class of Auburn High School. He was married to Deborah Seigel and they had two children: Derrick Edward, born 3 June 1974, and Brooks Olivia, born 12 May 1976. Robert served with the Army First Infantry for two years in Vietnam. Kenneth, born 15 March 1954, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973, and is also a graduate from ITT. He holds an Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Automated Manufacturing Technology, Robotics.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown reside in rural Auburn, Indiana. Their hobbies include reading, gardening, camping, and fishing.

HARRY DEKALB HEINZERLING, born 29 April 1908, Garrett, Indiana, son of Carl Herman and Pluma (Connelly) Heinzerling, of Garrett. Paternal grandparents were George and Catherine (Hoff) Heinzerling, born in Germany.

Thais H. Hamilton was born 19 October 1911, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of C. Blaine and Margaret M. (Hachet) Hamilton, of Garrett. Paternal grandparents were Simon and Harriet (Corfman) Hamilton, of Bloomdale, Ohio. Maternal grandparents were Pierre and Isabelle (Aitken) Hachet, of Fostoria, Ohio. Pierre was born in France and Isabelle was born in England.

Harry attended school at Garrett and college at DePauw University and Indiana University. Thais attended school at Garrett and college at Radcliffe-Harvard. Harry and Thais met at Garrett and were married 13 July 1929, in Goshen, Indiana.

Harry has worked for Heinzerling Hardware and Creek Chub Bait Co. He is now retired. • Thais is a homemaker.

To this union were born six children: Gretel (Heinzerling) Smith, 1932; Katrina (Heinzerling) Custer, 1933; Johanna (Heinzerling) Gordon, Byanski, 1937; Carl Hans, 1941; Harry Derek, 1946; and Franz DeKalb, 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinzerling reside in Butler Township. They have nineteen grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren, and 5 step great-grandchildren.

DONALD E. SMITH, born 8 January 1931, Franklin Township, Henry County, Indiana, son of Howard H. and Helen (Sharp) Smith, of Henry County. Paternal grandparents were John A. and Bertha E. (Van Scyoc) Smith of Rush County, Indiana. Maternal grandparents are Robert K. and Lola L. (Bitner) Sharp, of Rush and Henry Counties, Indiana.

Gretel Heinzerling was born 2 March 1932, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Harry D. and Thais H. (Hamilton) Heinzerling, of Butler Township, DeKalb County. Paternal grandparents were Carl H. and Pluma (Connelly), of Garrett, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were C. Blaine and Margaret M. (Hachet) Hamilton, of Garrett, Indiana.

Donald attended school at Knightstown, Indiana, and college at Wabash College. Gretel attended school at Garrett and college at DePauw University. Donald and Gretel met in Crawfordsville, Indiana. They were married 28 December 1954, at Methodist Episcopal Church Chapel, Pendleton, Indiana. Don has worked at the Garrett Clipper and is now a sales manager for Electric Motors and Specialties, Inc. Gretel is a homemaker.

To this union were born four children: S. Adrienne, born 31 July 1956, married to Miguel Mike Garza, Jr., and is living in New Braunsfel, Texas after several years in Fort Wayne and Keyser Township. They have four sons. Howard E. Smith was born 14 June 1958. He is working as an Analytical Chemist in the Boston, Massachusetts area. Sarah L was born 14 December 1959. She works with photography/printing in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Emily C. was born 14 October 1962 and is completing college in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith currently live in Garrett, Indiana. They are members of the Garrett Methodist Church. Their hobbies include tent-camping, dancing, and visiting historical sites.

CLYDE FETTER SHAFER, born 9 December 1906, Defiance County, Ohio, to Charles Daniel and Grace Mae (Scott) Shafer. The paternal grandparents were John and Mary Shafer, of Hicksville, Ohio. His maternal grandfather was John Shipper, of Edgerton, Ohio.

Clyde married Dora Ruth Rohrs, 19 February 1937, at Reverend Weinerhold's home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born 28 September 1915, to John Henry and Florence Hazel Rohrs. Her paternal grandparents were George and Dora Rohrs, of Hicksville, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Charles Smith and Dora Jane Shaw.

Clyde received his early schooling at Logan School, Defiance, Ohio. Dora attended school at Hicksville and Fort Wayne. Clyde worked at Newman Factory and is now retired.

Clyde and Dora are the parents of seven children: Dora Rose, born 30 January 1938; Nora Ruth, born 5 July 1939; Marcele Mae, born 28 September 1940; Kay Ann, born 12 March 1942; Bernard Paul, born 23 May 1944; and Royal Ray, born 3 October 1944.

The family are members of the Nazarene Church and reside in Butler, Indiana. Clyde and Dora's hobbies include cooking, crocheting, and enjoying life.

DAVID REX TURNER, born 26 January 1950, at Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital to Don Raymond and Mary Adine (Thompson) Turner while the family resided in New Haven.

David has one sister, Pattie Jo "Ernie" (Turner) Graham, born 22 January 1951. Ernie is a school teacher in the Angola School System and now resides with her husband, Michael Wayne Graham, in Angola, Indiana, with their two children and one brother, Jeffrey Lynn Turner, born 24 June 1952. He is an attorney at the law firm of Van Horne and Turner. He resides in Auburn, Indiana, with his wife, Susan Carol (Brown) Turner and their three children.

David is a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School, the first graduating class from DeKalb, and attended Purdue University. He has received certificates of completion from George Washington University's continuing education program.

David worked at the A & P Store in Auburn from May, 1966 until March, 1973, when he started at the Magnavox Electronic Systems Company where he is currently a Data/Configuration Manager in the Configuration Management Department.

David lived in Auburn until 1978 when he moved to the Fort Wayne area, where he now resides.

David has two children: Gina Marie, born 23 September 1972, and Kathryn Elizabeth, born 23 November 1985.

David is active in the Magnavox Management Club of Indiana, serving as past Chairman of the Committee for the Allen County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, and currently is a Floor Captain in the club's membership organization. He is also a member, past president, and past financial secretary of The Olive Club, the oldest men's social club in the Midwest, formed in 1893. He is also a member, through Magnavox, of the "Electronic Industries Association."

WILLIAM EDWARD JOHNSON, born 4 October 1935, Allen County, Indiana, son of Edward Ray Johnson and Marcella Mae (Federspiel) Johnson Young. Paternal grandparents were William F. and Ida (Adams) Johnson, of Grabill, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Edward F. and Myrtle (Sproat) Federspiel, of Spencerville, Indiana.

Barbara Lou Butz was born 24 March 1936, Angola, Indiana, daughter of Willis A. and Margaret (Frederickson) Butz, of Auburn, Indiana. Paternal grandparents were Harrison and Delphine (Woodworth) Butz, of Angola, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were Sherman and Christina (Byers) Frederickson, of Leo, Indiana.

William graduated from Concord-Spencer High School, at St. Joe, Indiana. Barbara graduated from McIntosh High School, Auburn, Indiana.

William and Barbara were married 16 June 1956, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana. To this union were born two children: Victoria Ann (Johnson) Lomont, born 2 December 1957, Auburn, Indiana, and Julie Kay, born 25 June 1965, Auburn, Indiana.

William is a sales manager at Sears, Southtown Mall, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Barbara worked at Indiana Bell Business office in Auburn until it closed in August, 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson currently live in Fort Wayne and they are members of the Messiah Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne. Their hobbies are traveling, camping, gardening, and playing cards.

JOHN E. AND DOROTHY M. COUEY, and family moved to DeKalb County from Steuben County in June, 1964. Since 1961, John had been working for the Cooperative Extension Service as the DeKalb County Better Farming-Better Living agent.

Dorothy was teaching Home Economics and the director of Counseling at Hamilton High School. In 1965, she joined the DeKalb Central High School staff as counselor. After seventeen years in the system, she retired in May, 1983.

John continued as an area agent for the Extension Service in the six Northeast Indiana counties when the BF & BL program funds were discontinued. He commuted to the Albion office 1964-1969 and to Fort Wayne 1970-1975. In 1975, John was assigned the Steuben County Agricultural agent position in Angola. In 1977, John assumed the agricultural duties in the DeKalb County Extension Office until his retirement in August, 1983.

John and Dorothy have four children: Linda Lee, born 18 January 1950, married Brian Bader, of Largo, Florida, and they are the parents of Andrew Parker and Lindsey. Pierre Francis Frank O'Hare, born 19 February 1951, married Kathleen Hess, daughter of Roger and Doris Hess, Auburn. Frank and Kathleen have one daughter, Molly. Donald Dale Couey, born 15 January 1952, married Linda Vian, daughter of Lyle and Emogene Vian, of Corunna and they have two children: Michael and Rebecca. Sandra Sue Couey, born 3 September 1953, married Steven Clark, son of Harold and Shirley Clark, Evansville, Indiana, and they have three children: Sarah, Tasha, and Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Couey currently reside in Auburn, Indiana, and are members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Their hobbies include traveling, reading, raising roses and Morgan horses, and entertaining.

MAURICE WALLACE CLOSE, born 27 May 1906, in Grant Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Benjamin and Emma "Mary" (Shumaker) Close. His paternal grandparents were L. Samuel and Mary Louise (Foote) Close. Maternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary Ann (Weiler) Shumaker. His ancestry can be traced to three Revolutionary War Patriots: Samuel, Nathan, and James, Jr., all of whom lost their lives. Maurice had five brothers and sisters: Perry, Arden, Elma, Joseph, and Elbert.

He lived with his parents on the farm until 1917, when they moved to Auburn. He received his early schooling in DeKalb County, graduating from McIntosh High School with the class of 1925. He attended Indiana University Extension in Fort Wayne, taking courses in Advanced Accounting.

His first employment after schooling was with the Auburn Automobile Cost Accounting Department, 1927-1937. Later with Rieke Corporation as assistant secretary-treasurer until retirement, 1942-1971.

Other activities include Scout worker and institutional representative of the Boy Scout Troup. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was Worshipful Master in 1948. He is a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church serving as Deacon, Elder, and Trustee.

Since retirement, he worked as a volunteer at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum and part time at the DeKalb County Circuit Court.

He married his high school sweetheart, Mildred Evelyn Nagle, on 25 June 1931, at the home of her parents, Charles and Elmira (Draper) Nagle, by Reverend Oster Noran. To this union were born two children: Frederick Wallace Close, M.D., F.A.C.S., who graduated from Purdue and Indiana School of Medicine. He is an Orthodaedia Surgeon and lives in California. He married Eva Z. Fordos, a senior at the University of California, San Diego. They have three children: Eric, a sophomore at UCLA University, California; Randolph and Christopher, in high school. Frederick was born 2 November 1939. Carole Ann Close, born 13 October 1943, attended Purdue University and graduated from Ball State University with a B.A. and M.A degree in business, and also from Tri-State. She married Thomas R. McCaffrey and they reside in Michigan. Thomas is an executive with Indiana-Michigan. They have one daughter, Suzanne R. McCaffrey, a freshman in high school.

MILDRED EVELYN NAGLE, born 26 February 1907, in Auburn, daughter of Charles Frederick and Elmira (Draper) Nagle. She has three sisters: Dorothy Haite, Ruth Strahm, and Esther Close, and two brothers: Carl and Hobart Nagle. She was born in a house at 305 S. Van Buren Street, which was later removed to make way for the Strahm Apartments owned and built by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Strahm, a sister and brother-in-law.

Maurice and Mildred Close

A graduate of Auburn High School, she worked from 1925-1926 at Messenger Corporation in accounting. From 1926 to 1935, she worked in the office of the Auburn Electric Light and Water. For a year, she was in Accounts Payable Office, of the Auburn Automobile Company, in Connersville, Indiana, returning to Auburn and working in the DeKalb County Treasurer's Office as a Deputy DeKalb County Treasurer. She retired in 1969.

Mildred married Maurice Wallace Close in 1931. Two children were born to them.

Mildred is a member of Associate Chi Eta of Sigma Beta Sorority, the Auburn Eastern Star, the ACD Women's Committee, the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Women's Association and Ruth Circle. She was past president of Sorority, Circle and Associations. She participated on the Brownie Committee, youth groups, Bible School, choir, primary group Sunday School and was Club, City, and County Heart Fund Chairman, serving as second vice president on the board of the Northeast Indiana Heart Association.

On her paternal side, Mildred, her brothers and sisters are second generation Americans. The grandparents came to America from Germany when they were very young children and settled near Defiance, Ohio. They then came to Auburn because a cousin was in business here and lived in Auburn.

On the maternal side, her ancestors came over to America from England in 1630, and helped found Eastham, Massachusetts in 1644. The family motto is "All I have is a gift to God."

There is a hymn, words and music, and a book on record of the family.

HAROLD GEE CURIE, descends from several generations of DeKalb County residents as he now owns the farm in Concord Township that belonged to his great grandmother Gee and great-great grandfather Flint. It is listed in the 1863 atlas as being owned by the Gee family and is presently called the C.C.R. farm from the names Curie, Curie, and Rardin.

Harold Gee Curie, born 16 January 1929, at his parents home near St. Joe, son of Charles Harold and Mildred Lois (Gee) Curie. His paternal grandparents are Frank and Cora (Sechler) Curie, of St. Joe. His maternal grandparents were Lancy and Minnie (Swartz) Gee, of the same area. Harold attended the St. Joe High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked at General Electric and farms and is presently employed at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op, as a tank truck driver.

Harold married Emily Marie Shull at Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Emily is also a descendant of early DeKalb County settlers, as her great-great grandfather, Daniel Shull and his wife, Susan (Newcomer) Shull bought eighty acres of wild land in 1846.

Emily Marie Shull was born 13 August 1935, in the home of her parents, Oleus Guy and Erma (Kisabeth) Shull, of Hicksville, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Clem and Edith (Phillips) Shull. Her maternal grandparents were Salvester Jacob and Carrie (Otis) Kisabeth, of Hicksville, Ohio. Emily attended Spencerville High School and worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne. She is presently a housewife.

The Curie family has a son, Charles Guy, born 22 July 1955. He attended Eastside High School, Huntington College, and later received his Masters at the University of Chicago. He married Candace Eileen Bard, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 24 June 1978. They now reside in Tiffin, Ohio, where he is an Executive Director of Sandusky Valley Center, Inc.

Leota Marie Curie, daughter of Harold and Emily Curie, was born 7 August 1958. She attended Eastside High School and Huntington College and finished at Bethel College, receiving a B.A. degree in Fine Arts. She married Larence Rardin, of LaPorte, Indiana, 21 July 1979. They have a son, Daniel Larence, born 3 September 1983.

MARIE "MARY" (KESSLER) NAGLE, moved to Auburn in the year 1898 with her four children. She purchased a house on Van Buren Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets. Since that time a member of the family has always lived in that block. At the present time the Strahm apartments have been built on the site.

Mrs. Nagle, born in 1853, came to this county from Bremerhaven, Germany, with her parents when she was three years old. They settled on a farm near Stryker, Ohio, and were members of the St. Johns Lutheran Church, Stryker, Ohio.

Mr. August A. Nagle was eleven years old when he came to America with his parents from Hanover, Germany, on 18 August 1854.

August A. Nagle and Marie Kessler were married in 1873 and lived on their farm on Nagle Road, Defiance County, Defiance, Ohio. They had four children: Charles; Ida, married Charles Musser; Ruby, married Bert Maxwell; and William.

Carl "Charles" Nagle married Elmira Anne Draper. Their children are Mildred, Dorothy, Ruth, Carl, Hobart, and Esther, all born and raised in Auburn.

Dorothy married Marcellus Haite. Dorothy is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and was a charter member of Sigma Beta Sorority.

Ruth married Philip Strahm. Their home is in Auburn and they are members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Ruth is a member of the Charm and Chatter Club and Treasurer of Needlework Guild. Ruth and Philip have one son, Ronald Strahm, and two grandchildren, Philip and Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Haite and Mr. and Mrs. Strahm were owners of the National Five and Ten Store which was located on Main Street on the Courthouse Square. They also had stores in Syracuse and Butler, Indiana, and Bryan, Ohio.

Carl W. Nagle married Dorothy Hoover of Hartford City, Indiana. They live in Carmel, Indiana, and belong to the Heritage Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. Carl and Dorothy have two daughters: Sherry, married David Leman, and Linda, married Terrence Clausen, and three grandchildren: Lisa, Jason, and David Leman.

Carl was a former manager of J.J. Newberry Company of Hartford City. He served in World War II as Staff Sergeant and Assistant Chaplain. At present time he is coordinator in multiple-level marketing as an independent contractor with Shaklee Corporation. He spent thirty years in direct sales.

Hobart W. Nagle married Mildred Benzinger of Hoagland, Indiana. They are members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Hobart and Mildred have two sons: Kenneth Jeffrey and James Nagle and three grandchildren: Amy, Christina, and Jonathon

Nagle. Hobart is retired from the International Harvester Company of Fort Wayne where he was employed for forty years.

Esther married Leroy B. Close. They live in Garrett, Indiana, and are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Esther is a member of the Women's Association, past president of Ruth Circle and a member and past president of the Auburn Culture Club. She is a Supervisor with the Shaklee Corporation. Esther and Leroy have three children: David, Steven, and Karen Close who married Robert Hundley, and four grandchildren: Ryan and Jacqueline Close and Adele and Brett Close. Hobart and Esther are twins.

Our German ancestors brought to America a frugal nature, a responsible sense of duty, a belief in education and much music and religion in their lives.

DONALD L. PERLICH and Belva J. Getts were married at the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley on 20 May 1951.

Donald Perlich was born 15 June 1928, Kendallville, son of Earl Cecil and Hazel Perlich, of Albion. His paternal grandparents are Frederick and A. (Scheurich) Perlich of Avilla. His maternal grandfather was John McCoy, of Avilla.

Belva Getts was born 18 January 1930, daughter of John J. and Hazel (Perkins) Getts, of Ashley. She was the granddaughter of Henry and Mary Ellen (McCague) Getts, of Corunna and Jacob William and Cora Alice (Reinoehl) Perkins, of Hudson.

Donald was a graduate of Albion and Belva attended school at Ashley. They met at rural youth and skating rinks. Donald is a farmer and bus driver. Both are employed by DeKalb Central Schools.

The Perlichs have five children: Sheryl Ann, born 12 December 1953; Shirley Jean, born 31 January 1955; Donna June, born 7 May 1958; Rex Lynn, born 19 July 1963; and Norman Lee, born 13 December 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perlich reside in Corunna, Indiana, and are members of the Church of the Brethren, Pleasant Chapel, Ashley.

SHIRLEY JEAN (PERLICH) JOHNSON, daughter of Donald Lee and Belva June (Getts) Perlich, born 31 January 1955, Kendallville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Earl and Hazel (McCoy) Perlich, of Albion. Maternal grandparents are John Jay and Hazel (Perkins) Getts, of Fairfield Township.

She attended Fairfield School, DeKalb High School, Manchester College, and received her M.S. degree from Indiana University. She has been employed in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, as Assistant Program Director, Leiter's Designer Fabrics Sales Representative and seamstress. Shirley is presently employed at Vulcraft, as line foreman. She is a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Shirley Perlich met Nolan Dean Johnson at the 4-H stand near the sheep barns, and they were married 2 July 1977, at Ashley's Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Nolan Dean Johnson was born 29 August 1953, Auburn, son of Robert Lee and Juanita (Mitchener) Johnson. Chauncey Ringler, son of Johnson Ringler, was a stepfather. Nolan's grandparents are George and Geneva Johnson, of St. Joe, and Leone and Bonnie Mitchener, of Auburn.

Nolan attended Eastside High School. He is employed at Vulcraft, farms and raises sheep. He is a member of Concord United Methodist Church, of St. Joe, Indiana.

The Johnsons have two sons: Robert Lee, born 17 March 1980, and Ryan Dean, born 6 October 1982. The Johnsons reside in Auburn.

MARK WAYNE CROW, born 5 May 1960, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Richard and Kathryn Crow, of St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Walter and Anna Louise Crow. His maternal grandparents are Andrew and Emma Lanz, of Royal Center, Indiana.

Donna Perlich, born 5 July 1958, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Donald and Belva (Getts) Perlich. Her paternal grandparents are Earl and Hazel Perlich, of Albion, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents are John and Hazel Getts, of Corunna, both deceased.

Mark attended Eastside High School and Ivy Tech at Fort Wayne. Donna graduated from DeKalb High School and Goshen College. Mark is a self-employed farmer and Donna worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, as well as being a homemaker.

Mark and Donna met in 1978, at a Halloween party at the Concord United Methodist Church and were married 5 September 1981. They have two children: Adam Wayne, born 6 June 1982, and Amy Christine, born 25 October 1985.

They reside near St. Joe, Indiana, and belong to the Concord United Methodist Church and Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

JERRY DUANE SINK and Nila Ann (Shuman) Sink are both DeKalb County natives. Both were born at the Souder Hospital, in Auburn. Jerry was born 16 July 1955, the son of William Howard and Suzanne (Smith) Sink. His paternal grandparents were Russell Ceeley and Ethel Nancy (Anderson) Sink, of Leo. His maternal grandparents were Orien and Francis Smith.

Jerry Sink and Nila Shuman were married 12 January 1981 at the DeKalb County Courthouse. Nila was born 4 April 1957, daughter of Wayne Allen and Willa Pauline Shuman, of Butler. Her paternal grandparents were Otto Roy and Mildred (Bell) Shuman.

Jerry attended McKenney-Harrison Elementary School and DeKalb High School. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard. He is now employed at Rieke Corporation.

Nila attended schools at Fairfield Elementary, Corunna, and Eastside High School and is now employed by L. & L. Leasing, Inc., of Waterloo.

Jerry and Nila are the parents of two children: Andrea Lynn Fry, born 9 March 1976, and Jay Allen Sink, born 4 May 1982.

Jerry's hobby includes the computer and Nila enjoys reading and needlework. They are members of the Auburn Baptist Church.

LEO WARREN GARMAN, born 17 October 1960, at Auburn, son of George Eugene and Bonita Agatha Garman. His paternal grandparents are Warren Oliver and Jennie Garman, of Cedarville. His maternal grandparents are Leo Adam and E. Irene Reuille, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Leo attended Leo High School and Ivy Tech. He has been employed by Auburn Ford Motors and Russ Moore's Transmission where he is presently service manager.

Julia Sue Dennison was born 30 November 1959, daughter of Ernest Eugene and Karen Sue Dennison of Mulberry, Florida. Her paternal grandparents were Wesley Edison and Lida Ula Dennison, of Garrett. Her maternal grandparents are Luther Kenneth and Opal Gladys Johnston, of Churubusco. Julia attended Garrett High School, Manchester College, and Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne. She has worked at Martin Luther King Montessori School, Wonder World Day Care and is employed with DeKalb Central School District.

Leo and Julia met at Auburn McDonald's and were married 25 October 1980, at the First Church of Christ, Garrett. Leo and Julia are the parents of two children: Sara Nicole, born 8 November 1983, and Laura Sue, born 10 June 1986.

The Garmans are members of the First Church of Christ, Garrett, and enjoy woodworking, camping, sewing, and reading.

RALPH AUGUSTAVE NOEL, born 23 October 1908, on the family Century farm, 1873, south of Garrett, Indiana, Village of St. Johns, son of John C. Noel, 1869-1943, Company K. Spanish-American War. His horse Dervey is buried on the farm. Ralph's mother was Nora Belle (Helmuth) Noel, 1877-1947. His paternal grandparents were Philip Noel, born 25 February 1838, died 28 February 1918, and Mary Stoner, born 18 January 1835, died 13 December 1903. Philip Noel served as sergeant of Company H, 30 Regiment, Indiana Volunteers in the Civil War. He was taken prisoner and wrote his memoirs, which the family owns. His maternal grandparents were Gustave Helmuth, born 1 October 1946, died 20 October 1912, and Amanda Helmuth, born 13 March 1846, died 14 December 1937.

Mary Reinhart was born 15 August 1919, south of Butler, daughter of Albert H. and Florence Viola (Ginder) Reinhart. Paternal grandparents were John, 1846-1918, and Christina Denbener Reinhart, 1846-1926. John was a Civil War veteran. Her maternal grandparents were Philip, died 1930, and Martha (McDaniel) Ginder, died 1924. Great grandfather was Jacob Ginder, who donated the land near the sawmill at the corners of CR 59 and CR 40, for the Mount Pleasant Church and Ginder Cemetery. He came from Germany.

Ralph graduated from Auburn High School in 1926, and was employed at Auburn Auto on the assembly line. He was a dairy and grain farmer with his brother, Oscar, for many years. Oscar lives on the homestead next door. They are now retired and only manage the farms. Ralph is active in the Farm Bureau, a member of the Alterstar Church and treasurer of the church trustee. He is a fifty year member of Garrett City Lodge and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and served on the Council of DeKalb County.

Mary graduated from Butler High School and entered the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing. She was on staff for many years at the Dr. J.A. Sanders and Bonnell Souder Hospitals. She is retired. Mary is a member of the Alterstar Church and past president of the Methodist Women. She is very active in the Farm Bureau, serving as women's leader and assistant at the present.

Ralph and Mary married 26 May 1945 at Newville Methodist Church. They celebrated their anniversary in 1985 with an open house for friends at St. James, in Avilla.

Ralph and Mary are the parents of two sons: John Roger, born 14 September 1946. He graduated from Garrett High School and Indiana State University with a degree in Manufacturing Technology. David Wayne, born 26 May 1948, graduated from Garrett High School and Ball State University with a degree in city and urban planning. He married Arlene Ditzler and they have two sons: Hans Thatcher, born 2 July 1978, and Tyler Matthew, born 21 March 1981. David and his family reside in Rockford, Illinois. Hans and Tyler are both active in soccer and hockey, in city and Y teams.

Mary's brother, John Reinhart, lives on the farms where they were born. Ralph and Mary have resided on the farm in rural Garrett, Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, since their marriage.

DANIEL STOMM, born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, 20 May 1862, son of Henry and Anna Maria (Gettz) Stomm. His paternal grandparents were George Henry and Eva Margaret (Holtzworth) Stomm and his maternal grandparents were William and Eliza (Hosler) Gettz.

Nancy Elizabeth was born 17 December 1868, daughter of John T. and Elizabeth (Hostetler) Urey. Her paternal grandparents were George and Nancy (Thompson) Urey.

Daniel and Nancy married 1 January 1887 and to the marriage two sons were born: Voyde Glenn, born 7 October 1888, and Roy Cicero, born 13 June 1891, married Mary Benjamin and they had one son who died as a baby. The family is buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery, DeKalb County. Nancy died 3 January 1892.

Daniel married Mary Margaret Burger, 20 October 1894. She was born in Owen County, Indiana, 19 October 1868, daughter of Joseph and Amelia Emma (Hostetler) Burger. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Esther (Arnold) Hostetler.

To the second marriage was born one son, Ralph Bryon, and two daughters: Ruth Opal, born 28 April 1898, died 5 May 1962, married Hubert Boyd, 1 January 1918. Hubert, born 7 April 1893, died 31 August 1963. They had one child, Mona Boyd, born 26 May 1932. Mona married Weldon Eugene Shaffer on 22 July 1951. They live southwest of Ashley, Indiana, near Story Lake. Their marriage was blessed with six children: Huber, born 18 June 1952, married 22 June 1973 to Jennifer Chapman, born 28 March 1953; Junior Shaffer, born 19 August 1954, married 8 June 1974 to Sue Wolf, born April, 1954; Roxanne, born 7 September 1956; Steven, born 1 May 1960; Jeffery, born 19 October 1966 and Natalie, born 9 December 1971; Emma Marie Stomm, born 3 July 1902.

Mr. Stomm was a farmer and specialized in fruit growing. During his lifetime he lived near Fairfield Center. His wife helped him greatly with the fruit.

Mr. Stomm died 14 February 1938 and Mrs. Stomm died 25 October 1934. The first and second Mrs. Stomm were first cousins.

EMMA MARIE STOMM, daughter of Daniel Stomm and Mary M. Burger, born 3 July 1902. She was married 10 October 1920 to William Burns, born 29 August 1893. They operated and resided on a farm southwest of Butler, Indiana. From their marriage they were blessed with five children: Daniel Wayne, born 10 July 1921, married 24 May 1958 to Renate Wally Seidel, born 14 October 1930. Daniel is employed by the United States Government and they reside near Washington, D.C. Ingrid Burns, born 14 January 1945, is their adopted daughter.

William Burns, Jr. was born 26 December 1925, married 14 April 1955 to Joan (Badman) Oberlin, born 10 July 1931. They operate a farm located southwest of Butler, Indiana. Dennis Wayne Oberlin, born 26 December 1949, is the son of Joan (Badman) Oberlin Burns.

George A. Burns, born 16 August 1930, married 2 July 1955 to Jacqueline M. Wilson, born 19 February 1936. George is a tool and die maker by profession and they live northeast of Butler, Indiana. Their children are: Kathryn M., born 14 February 1956; James Allen, born 7 January 1959; Ricky Lynn, born 5 January 1962; and Randy Edward, born 28 February 1963.

Berdetta M., born 26 November 1932, twin of Berneice, married 10 May 1952 to Merton Burnell Deventer, born 22 March 1930. They reside in the Cedar Shores area near Leo, Indiana. Their children are: Daniel E., born 1 May 1953; Michael B., born 17 May 1955; and Marlene, born 7 May 1957.

Berneice F. Burns, born 26 November 1932, twin of Berdetta, married 19 March 1955 to Darrell H. Johnson, born 29 July 1936. They operate an insurance agency and live in Albion, Indiana. Their children are: Darrell A., born 11 August 1955, married 6 December 1974 to Brenda D. Drerup, born 24 April 1956; and Shawn Marie Johnson, born 3 February 1958.

VOYDE GLENN STOMM, son of Daniel and Nancy Elizabeth (Urey) Stomm, born 7 October 1888. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Anna (Gettz) Stomm and maternal grandparents were John T. and Elizabeth (Hostetler) Urey.

On 28 September 1917, Voyde married Iva High, born 1898. They operated a farm in Fairfield Township. They had five children: Lois, Lowell, Beverly, Helen, and Donald. Voyde died 8 August 1954.

Lois married 24 February 1945 to Blaine Prosser, born 3 February 1913. The couple's children were Bonnie, born 26 September 1948, died the same day; John, born 13 September 1949, died 17 April 1966; Walter, born 16 December 1950; and Joan, born 21 November 1953. Blaine died 18 June 1973 and Lois lives in Auburn.

Walter E. Prosser married 14 June 1971 to Illa Cook, born 30 June 1950. They have four children: Christene Louise, born 21 November 1973; Joseph Eugene, born 27 March 1977; Jenny Rose, born 4 November 1979; and Ellen Sue, born 25 November 1983. Walter and his family live west of Butler, Indiana.

Joan Prosser married 19 January 1973 to Ronald Wann, born July, 1953. The live in St. Joe, Indiana. They are the parents of two children: Michael Wayne, born 27 July 1980, and Jolynn Danniell.

Lowell Stomm, born 5 June 1922, married Rube Fee on 27 June 1942. They live on a farm near Hamilton, Indiana. Their children are: Linda D. Stomm, born 20 September, 1944, married 3 June 1962 to Larry W. Thompson. They have two children: Karen A, born 29 September 1964, and Amy K., born 8 August 1967. They live in Auburn. Charles A. Stomm is unmarried at this time and lives near Angola, Indiana. Lavon A. Stomm married Cindy Lou Forrester on 8 May 1973. They have one daughter, Tena Renee, born 26 June 1974. Lavon and his family reside near Fremont, Indiana.

Beverly Ruth Stomm, born 2 April 1931, married 19 September 1948 to Wayne Worman, born 17 April 1925, died 20 July 1954. To this marriage were born three children: Warren, born 27 October 1950, married 14 July 1969 to Marsha Pankop, born 6 March 1951. Their children are: Donald, born 16 October, 1969; Warren Jr., born 13 May 1971; and George, born 1973. Fay Worman, born 29 March 1952, married 22 December 1970 to Roger Morrow, born 27 April 1950. To this marriage were born: Fayette, born 24 February 1972; Deloris, born 2 September 1973; and Roger Jr., born 22 August 1974. Arthur Worman, born 30 September 1953, married 16 September 1972, to Sheril Fender, born 27 April 1953. They have one child: Richard, born 17 April 1973.

After the death of her first husband, Beverly R. (Stomm) Worman married Richard Brunner, born 15 June 1931, on 27 September 1956. To this marriage were born four children: Janette, born 8 July 1957, married 25 August 1974 to James Miller, born 28 November 1953. They have a daughter, Tonya S., born 13 March 1975; Teresa Brunner, born 11 October 1960; Rick, Jr., born 6 October 1962; and Jana, born 9 March 1967.

Helen Stomm, born 11 April 1933, died 25 May 1964. She married Ed Caldwell at Angola, Indiana. To this union were born two children: Valorie, born 25 May 1955, and Douglas, born March 1957. Donald Stomm, born 15 June 1935, married Wanda Lee Berryhill, 25 June 1955, and they are the parents of three children: Daniel D., born 2 November 1955, married 12 December 1974 to Linda Miller at Lewiston, Montana. They presently live in Auburn, Indiana; Rhonda L., born 28 January 1957, married Chuck Valastetic, 24 October 1974 at Lewiston, Montana, and are presently living there; Cheryl Ann Stomm, born 8 November 1959, lives with her mother in Lewiston, Montana.

Donald Stomm divorced Wanda, in June, 1962, and then married Sharon Pennington. They live north of Corunna, Indiana. Sharon had three children by a previous marriage: Charlotte A. Golden, born 26 May 1955; Michael A. Golden, born 29 October 1957; and Charles T. Golden, born 8 December 1959.

ELI MIERS, born 16 July 1831, in Stark County, Ohio. He was left an orphan early in childhood and the Simons family took him to raise. They moved to Fairfield Township.

Julia Ann Daily/Dailey, born 3 June 1842, at Stark County, Ohio, daughter of George and Julia Ann (Essic) Dailey.

Eli and Julia were married 21 October 1860, in Auburn.

Eli was one of DeKalb County's earliest pioneers, coming to this county in 1842 at the age of eleven. He owned and farmed the farm on SR 327 in Fairfield Township now owned by Walter and Phyllis Schuller. About 1884, he moved two miles west of Auburn.

Julia came with her family to DeKalb County in 1845 when she was three.

In 1910, at the time of his death, Eli had two sisters: Caroline Miller of Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; and Harriett Bowman of Joshua, Texas.

Julia Ann had five sisters: Caroline, who married Price Birch; Harriet, married Charles Smith; Polly; Catherine; and Elizabeth, married Abner Tucker. Julia had three brothers: Andrew, married Elizabeth Klink; John, married Rosanna Shuck (Shook); and George, married first to Clara Root and second to Emme Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Miers had two sons, who died in infancy and three daughters: Ida A., married Walter Binns; Ada Irene, married George Campbell; and Clara M., married Henry Rakestraw.

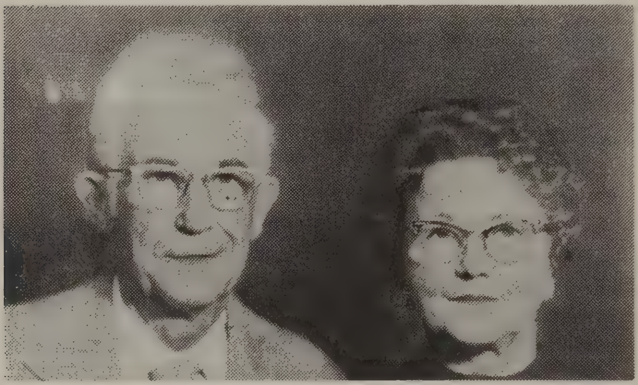
Eli died 5 September 1910, and Julia Ann died

19 July 1905.

GEORGE HENRY STOMM, born 5 November 1799, in Baden, Germany, and Eva Margaret was also born in Germany. Their daughter, Margaret, and their son, Daniel, first came to America and located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Soon the rest of the family came to Pennsylvania. Daniel died there and in 1854, the rest of the family arrived in DeKalb County after a short time in Ohio.

After coming to Indiana, the Stomms were farmers and their other children were Henry George, Elizabeth, Barbara, and Catherine.

George died 11 April 1871, and Margaret died 8 April 1884.



Wilbert and Hilda Campbell

WILBERT FERDINAND CAMPBELL, born 28 February 1897, in Auburn, Indiana, son of George and Ada Irene (Miers) Campbell. His paternal grandparents were Samuel L. and Mary (Palmer) Campbell. His maternal grandparents were Eli and Julia Ann (Dailey) Miers.

Hilda Belle Chittenden was born 12 June 1901, in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Elbert Hugh and Altissa Dora (Van Lear) Chittenden. Her maternal grandparents are John D. and Mary Ann (Wolfe) Van Lear of Garrett, Indiana.

Wilbert and Hilda were married 13 October 1926, at 325 East Nineth Street, Auburn. Mr. Campbell finished his junior year at Auburn High School. Mrs. Campbell graduated from eighth grade at Keyser Township School and took a one year secretarial course at Auburn High School.

Wilbert had a bicycle shop inside his father's shop when he was sixteen years old. Wilbert enlisted in the Army in 1918 and saw no active duty. For a short time he was a rural mail carrier and then a fireman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad out of Garrett. In 1922, he went into partnership with his father. In 1924, he bought his father's share of the garage business on East Seventh Street. In February 1929, Wilbert sold the garage business to Russel L. Holman and partner. He then established a radio shop, where he sold radios in his home. In 1930, he built the gasoline station known as the Auburn Oil Company on the former city dump on South Wayne Street. He ran the business until he retired in 1965, and sold the business and the building.

Hilda became a bookkeeper-secretary for the Goodall Lumber Company, presently Broadview, in 1922, and remained there until her marriage in 1926. After that she did her husband's books and remained at home.

Wilbert was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church. When he was young, he was a Maccabee. He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 and past commander. He also was a forty year member of the Board of Directors of Auburn Federal Savings and Loan Association, presently People Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Hilda is an active member of the Auburn Church of Christ. She has proudly been a fifty year plus member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Order of Eastern Star, 1925, and White Shrine of Jerusalem, 1929, where she has served as president and many other offices. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are charter members of the Auburn Automotive Heritage, Incorporated.

Mr. Campbell had one sister, Esther Mae (Campbell) Draper. Mrs. Campbell had one brother; John A. Chittenden, and four sisters; Maude Lena Rinehold, Stella R. Chittenden, Minnie Harwood, and Dorothy Leona Gramling.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of two daughters: Beverly Joann (Campbell) Ayersman Baker, born 22 January 1931, died 11 September 1981, and Betty Lou (Campbell) Stomm.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have lived in Auburn since 23 December 1926. Mr. Campbell died on 9 November 1977, while Mrs. Campbell remains in her home.

SAMUEL L. CAMPBELL, born 2 May 1841, in Champaign County, Ohio, son of Joseph Campbell, who died 2 June 1846, in Stark County, and Susanna (Kessler) Campbell. At manhood, Samuel moved to Cromwell, Indiana, and married Lottie Smith. A son, Edward, and a daughter, Mollie, were born to this marriage. After Lottie's death, Samuel moved to Waterloo. He married Mary Palmer, 22 February 1870, and they moved to Auburn in 1872.

Mary Palmer was born 26 January 1846, in Canton, Ohio, daughter of George Palmer and Catherine Hoover.

Samuel and his son, George, ran the Campbell and Son Buggy and Wagon Company and blacksmith shop on the corner of Jackson and Fifth Streets. He was a member of the Maccabees and also the Tribe of Ben Hur. Mary was a Lady of the Maccabees.

Samuel had six brothers: Eli, John, Henry, Elijah, Isaiah, and George Washington. Only Isaiah, George Washington, and Samuel came to Indiana, with their mother.

Mary had a sister: Matilda Cloy, and one brother: Hiram Palmer of Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had three sons: Frank S., born 28 November 1871, married Jennie Alpharette Husselman, and was a well-known builder and designer of carriages. Later in life he was a carpenter in Auburn, before retiring at Crooked Lake, Angola. George, born 5 September 1873, married Ada Miers and was a well-known blacksmith and carriage maker. William, born 3 April 1875, married Rose Spruck, and was a well-known car top builder and owner of the Auburn Auto Top Company located at 211 East Seventh Street. Then in the 1930's, he had an upholstery shop downstairs and lived in the upstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell resided on West Second Street in Auburn their last forty years. Mr. Campbell died 28 January 1914, and Mrs. Campbell died 1 September 1916.

ELBERT H. CHITTENDEN, born 7 July 1851, in Schuyler County, New York. Altissa "Dora" Van Lear was born 20 July 1862, in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of John D. and Mary Ann (Wolfe) Van Lear. Elbert and Dora were married in Shelby, Michigan, 6 March 1880.

Elbert was a hard working farmer in Keyser Township and a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge. Dora was a homemaker.

Mr. Chittenden had a twin brother, Egbert, and one sister, Blanche Hightower, of Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Chittenden had one sister, Margaret, and three brothers: William I., Lockus, and Dalas. She also had one adopted brother, Henry Van Lear, of Garrett. He became Postmaster of Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden had one son, John A. Chittenden, born 16 March 1894, in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, married Lenora Myrle Osborn, 24 October 1927, a farmer, died 8 April 1962, in DeKalb County. Three of their daughters were born near Shelby, Michigan. They are: Maude Lena, born 7 March 1881, died 13 February 1972 in Auburn, married Walter Amos Rinehold; Stella R., born 19 March 1882, died at home, 29 July 1899; Minnie, born 23 June 1885, died at Butler 10 January 1966, married Forster R. Harwood, a housewife. Two daughters were born at the farm house in Keyser Township: Dorothy Leona, born 29 November 1896, married Richard Keith Gramling, former residents of West Fifth Street, Auburn, and now residing in Venice, Florida; Hilda Belle, born 12 June 1901, married Wilbert Campbell and resides in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden first lived near Shelby, Michigan, and moved to a farm in Keyser Township in 1893. Elbert died 6 March 1920, and Dora remarried Harry Lawrence, 6 May 1928. Dora died 4 May 1940, at her home in Auburn.

George and Ada Campbell

GEORGE CAMPBELL, born 5 September 1873, in Auburn, son of Samuel L. and Mary (Palmer) Campbell. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Susanna (Kessler) Campbell and his maternal grandparents were George and Catherine (Hoover) Palmer.

Ada Irene Miers was born on the farm that is now Walter Schuller's, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, 20 May 1876, daughter of Eli and Julia Ann (Dailey) Miers. Her maternal grandparents were George and Julia Ann (Essic) Dailey.

George and Ada were married 26 April 1894, at the bride's home two miles west of Auburn.

George, at seventeen, started working at a trim shop. Soon he went into the carpenter trade. After deciding that was not for him, he turned to blacksmithing and in 1892, he opened his own blacksmith shop. He also helped his father in his blacksmithing-carriage shop at the southwest corner of Jackson and Fifth Streets. Soon afterwards he acquired an interest in the business. Many buggies and wagons were built there. In 1898, the business moved to 215 East Seventh Street, where R. L. Holben Garage is located. In 1918, the Wooden building was taken off and the Campbell's Garage was built. In 1922, his son, Wilbert, went into partnership and by this time the business was an auto sales agency and garage. In 1924, George sold his interest to his son.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Women of the Moose, and American Legion Auxiliary.

George had two brothers: Frank S. and William, both of Auburn, one half-sister, Mollie Nichols, of Chicago, Illinois, and one half-brother, Edward Campbell, of Delphi, Indiana.

Ada had two brothers, who died in infancy, and two sisters: Ida A. Binns and Clara M. Rakestraw, of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were the parents of two children: Wilbert, of Auburn, and Esther Mae, born 21 December 1894, and married Dr. Merlin Homer Draper 27 July 1932. Dr. Draper was medical director and chief surgeon at the Irene Byron Tuberculosis Sanitarium. In the 1940's and early 1950's, he was the superintendent and medical director of the Florida State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Tampa. Esther was once a secretary at the Auburn Automobile Company. She died 27 October 1984.

George and Ada built a home about 1900 at 325 East Nineth Street, Auburn, and lived there until 1940. They built a smaller home at 319 East Seventh Street where they lived the rest of their lives.

George died 10 April 1942, and Ada died 27 November 1959.

HENRY STOMM, born in Baden, Germany, 24 March 1833, son of George Henry and Margaret (Holtzworth) Stomm.

Anna Maria Gettz was born 13 February 1840, daughter of William and Eliza (Hosler) Gettz, early settlers of DeKalb County.

Anna Maria had come from Pennsylvania with her parents and on 9 January 1856, married Henry Stomm. He had arrived in DeKalb County, in 1854, with his family and bought a tract of land in Fairfield Township and became a farmer and stock-raiser. Henry had been a weaver in Germany, but when he was drafted into the German Army, he left the country and came to the United States with his parents. Henry and Anna were members of the German Reformed Church.

Henry had one brother, Daniel, and four sisters: Margaret, Elizabeth, Barbara, and Catherine. Anna Maria had two sisters: Sara and Susannah, who married brothers by the name of Putt and lived in Garrett, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Stomm had eight children: Daniel, Elizabeth, Moses, William, Mary, Nora, Cora, and Clara. Sarah and Amanda died in childhood.

Anna Maria died 1 October 1882, and Henry married Catherine Bickel, widow of Henry Bickel, on 27 January 1885. She helped raise his younger children. Henry died 28 February 1907.

Ralph and Theresa Stomm

RALPH STOMM, born 23 November 1895, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Daniel and Mary Margaret (Burger) Stomm. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Anna Maria (Gettz) Stomm. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Amelia Emma (Hostetler) Burger.

Theresa Mae was born 9 February 1900, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of William Washington and Mary Luella (Howe) Hanes. Her paternal grandparents were George and Eva (Wycoff) Hanes. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph Henry and Amanda (Reed) Howe.

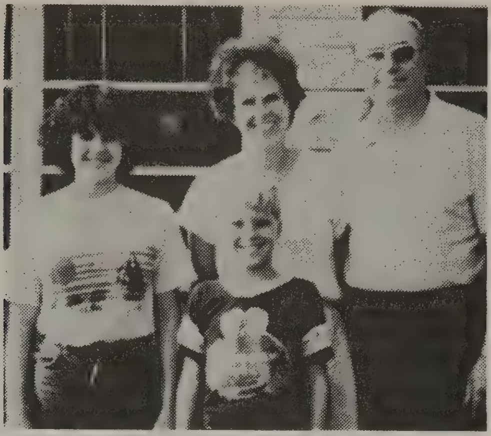
Mr. and Mrs. Stomm were married 2 December 1917. Mr. Stomm graduated from Ashley High School and attended a business school in Fort Wayne. Ralph and Mae worked hard on their farm. They were members of the Pleasant Chapel United Brethren Church.

Mr. Stomm had two half brothers: Voyde Glenn and Roy Cicero Stomm, and two sisters: Ruth O., married Hubert Boyd, and Emma Marie, married William Burns.

Mrs. Stomm had two sisters, who died at birth, and one brother who died in infancy. She had three brothers: Raymond Clifford, Cecil Lerenzo, and Harold Willis Hanes, and two sisters: Irene Amanda, married Carl Gardner, and Lucille Opal, married Walter Holsinger.

Mae and Ralph had two sons: Robert Gerald and Larry Gene, and one daughter, Vivian Opal.

Mr. Stomm lived all his life in Fairfield Township and died 10 September 1978. Mrs. Stomm is still living in the home.



Larry Stomm Family

LARRY GENE STOMM, born 12 March 1931, on County Road 14, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, son of Ralph Bryon and Theresa Mae (Hanes) Stomm. His paternal grandparents were Daniel D. and Mary Margaret (Burger) Stomm. His maternal grandparents were William Washington and Mary Luella (Howe) Hanes.

Betty Lou Campbell was born 26 February 1934, at 220 East Sixth Street, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Wilbert Ferdinand and Hilda Bella (Chittenden) Campbell. Her paternal grandparents were George and Ada Irene (Miers) Campbell. Her maternal grandparents were Elbert Hugh and Altissa "Dora" (Van Lear) Chittenden.

Larry and Betty were married 18 December 1955, at the Church of Christ, corner of Jackson and Thirteenth Streets, Auburn. Both graduated from Ball State Teachers College, Ball State University with a B.S. in teaching and later they received their Master's in Education from Ball State.

Larry enlisted in the United States Army, in August, 1951, and served in Hawaii, ~~Alaska~~, and Illinois. After graduation from college, he worked in Fort Wayne for Central Soya as an internal auditor and commodity trader for seven years. In 1965, he became a business teacher at Garrett High School where he still teaches.

Betty Lou returned four years after high school graduation to Auburn High School as a Home Economics teacher in the fall of 1956. She remained there until it closed, eleven years later, and then went on to DeKalb High School where she still works.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stomm are active in First Christian Church. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and is a member of the Delta Pi Epsilon honorary society, devoted to scholarship, leadership, and cooperation in business education. Betty Lou is a member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild, and American Legion Auxiliary. She is an assistant 4-H leader. Mr. and Mrs. Stomm are charter members of the Auburn Automotive Heritage, Incorporated. Both are members of the local, state, and national teachers associations.

Mr. Stomm has one sister, Vivian O. Northouse, and one brother, Robert G. Stomm. Mrs. Stomm had one sister, Beverly Joann (Campbell) Ayersman Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stomm are the parents of two children: Lisa Gail, a graduate of International Business College, and Barry Lee, an eighth grade student at DeKalb Middle School.

Mr. and Mrs. Stomm have resided near Auburn since 1960.

ROBERT STOMM, born 21 May 1918, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Ralph Bryon and Theresa "Mae" (Hanes) Stomm. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary Margaret (Burger) Stomm. His maternal grandparents were William Washington and Mary Luella (Howe) Hanes.

Fairy Lee Roland was born 21 September 1927, in Mooresville, Indiana, daughter of Ralph Lee and Lena Cilisa (Nelson) Roland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stomm were married 25 December 1944, in DeKalb County, while he was serving in the Army Air Force. Mr. Stomm had been a lifetime farmer and Mrs. Stomm had been a beautician with her shop in the home. They enjoy raising thoroughbreds and doing some racing.

Mr. Stomm has a sister, Vivian Opal, and a brother, Larry Gene. Mrs. Stomm has five sisters: Gloria, deceased, Dawn, Bonnie, Diane, and Joan, and two brothers: Alva and Richard.

Bob and Fairy had two sons: Steven Douglas, born 18 April 1947, and Bradley Robert, born 7 March 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Stomm live in Fairfield Township.

ARTHUR CORNELIUS NORTHOUSE, born 10 March 1913, at Detroit, Michigan, son of Alford Arthur, and Maud Ellen (Dayhuff) Northouse. His paternal grandparents were Albert Cornelius and Ella Jane (Wilcox) Northouse. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Ella (Whiting) Dayhuff.

Vivian Opal Stomm, born 12 April 1920, in Fairfield Township, daughter of Ralph Byron and Theresa "Mae" (Hanes) Stomm. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary Margaret (Burger) Stomm. Her maternal grandparents were William Washington and Mary Luella Hanes.

Art and Vivian were married 6 August 1938, in Auburn, Indiana. He retired from Warner Gear after thirty years of service. She retired from No-Sag at Kendallville.

Art had one brother, Alford F., and two sisters: Pearl and Helen. Vivian had two brothers: Robert Gerald and Larry Gene Stomm.

Mr. and Mrs. Northouse had three children: James Arthur, born 3 January 1939, married Virginia Ann (Rhoads) Brown, 26 March 1965. To this marriage was born a daughter, Kimberly Lou, 22 October 1965. They currently live in Fairfield Township. Dixie Ann, born 18 June 1945, married Hugh Gene Babcock, 9 October 1976, and their son, Brian Lee, was born 24 December 1971. They now live at McClish Lake in Steuben County. Gary Lee, born 20 December 1946, married Rita Marie Kline, 3 January 1975. Jason Gary was born 21 August 1976. This family resides in Carmel, Indiana. Mark Allen was born 6 January 1966, and is still living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Northouse lived at 1366 County Road 13 in Fairfield Center. Art died 1 January 1982.

HELEN M. FREEMAN, daughter of Paul and Bessie Marie (Boren) Freeman. Her paternal grandfather was Edmond Freeman. Her maternal grandparents are Otho C. and Laura Boren.

Helen married Donald Lavon Shutt, 31 December 1939. To this union were born four children: Larry Don, born 31 January 1942; Gary Lynn, born 25 July 1943, died 20 November 1943; Kenneth Lavon, born 11 March 1945; and Janis Marie, born 12 February 1950.

Donald was employed by Auburn City Hardware from 1937 to 1941. He spent the next thirty-eight years as a brakeman and conductor on the Baltimore and Ohio. He served in World War II from 1944 to 1946. He also laid out Don Shutt's addition to Auburn and built about seventy homes in and around Auburn from 1955 to 1963.

Donald and Helen have six grandsons living and one grandson deceased: Troy Don and Todd Lavon born to Larry and Pat Shutt; Jason Donald, William Walter, and Ryan Lavon, born to Kenneth and Sharon Shutt; Marcus Utah and Brian Darrell, deceased, born to Janis (Shutt) and Danny Bowling.

GEORGE WILLIAM RUDOLPH, born 29 March 1861, in Allen County, Indiana, son of William and Catherine Rudolph, emigrants from Germany.

Emma Elizabeth Homsher, born in Noble County, Indiana, daughter of Albert and Matilda (Geiger) Homsher. Albert, born 8 January 1834, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Matilda, born 6 October 1843, in Whitley County, Indiana.

George and Emma Elizabeth were married 7 May 1892, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph were the parents of four children: George, Leroy, Paul Clifton, and Emma Evelyn (Rudolph) Watkins. A son, Georgie, died in infancy.

George followed his father in the lumber business. Prior to moving to their farm in Butler Township, south of Auburn, about 1915, George had been the head sawer at Lamb's Mill in Auburn. He led a charmed life for people in such a hazardous occupation. He retired from his job without losing even one finger or limb. He had just stepped off his work station one day when the platform exploded, possibly hit by a fractured bandsaw. He farmed actively until the mid-1930's when he was past seventy years old.

Emma Elizabeth did not receive much formal education because she had helped her parents raise the younger children in the household. She urged her own children to get as much formal education as they could. She was so proud that two of her children went to college in the early 1920's.

Mr. Rudolph was a member of the Masons, DeKalb Lodge Number 214, F. and A.M. in Auburn. They were members of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

George Rudolph had several brothers and one sister: William, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Henry, of Florida; and Carrie (Rudolph) Schwartz, of Joliet, Illinois.

Emma Elizabeth Rudolph had four sisters and three brothers: Julia (Homsher) Humbert; Cora (Homsher) Bennett; Opha (Homsher) Summers; and Anna (Homsher) Stimmell; Fred; Adison; and Bert Homsher.

Mr. Rudolph died October, 1942, and Mrs. Rudolph died in May, 1943.

WILLIAM ELMER DOSCH, born 2 June 1896, near Auburn, Indiana, son of Frederick Williams and Fredrici ''Reaky'' (Kruse) Dosch, of Noble County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Bartles) Kruse.

Elsie Lucille Haynes, born 5 April 1895, at Holgate, Ohio, daughter of John and Lucinda (Fairchild) Haynes.

William and Elsie were married 5 September 1933, at Angola, Indiana. In 1911, Elsie had married Samuel M. Shutt, at Auburn, Indiana. Samuel's parents were Marion F. and Lydia S. Shutt. His paternal grandparents were Andrew Jackson and Lenora (Bowman) Shutt.

Samuel and Elsie Shutt had six children, four of whom survived infancy: Maxine Eleanor (Shutt) Campbell, deceased; Bertha Marie (Shutt) Craig; Donald Lavon Shutt; and Betty Dawn (Shutt) John, deceased. Samuel M. Shutt died in 1930.

In September, 1940, William and Elsie Dosch adopted William's son, Theron Rudolph Dosch, whose mother was Evelyn (Rudolph) Watkins. Theron joined the United States Navy in 1942. He is a retired civil engineer and lives in Littleton, Colorado. Theron's maternal grandparents were George William and Emma Elizabeth (Homsher) Rudolph. Their parents were William and Catherine Rudolph, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Albert and Matilda (Geiger) Homsher, of Whitley County, Indiana. William E. Dosch was the youngest of four children: John, Carl Elmer, and Lillian Lillie' (Dosch), married William Reed who was a rural mail carrier with a route out of Auburn until the 1930's. Elsie was an only child.

After the United States Army service in World War I and subsequent civil service work in Washington, D.C., Mr. Dosch has farmed rental property at various locations in Union and Jackson Townships until the late 1920's, when he and his parents purchased their farm south of Auburn on old State Road 427. William and Elsie lived there from 1933 until they moved to the Donald L. Shutt addition in Auburn, in 1959. Mr. Dosch was a dealer in livestock and commercial fertilizer. He was a Democratic precinct committeeman from 1930 to 1965, and was a member of the Grange for over fifty years. He was a member of the Auburn Post 97, American Legion.

After leaving the farm, he measured crop acreage throughout DeKalb County for the Agricultural Covservation and Stabilization Service, United States Department of Agriculture. In retirement, the couple travelled extensively in the United States, including a trip to Alaska by automobile in 1960. William made numerous crop county trips with his children after Elsie died.

JAMES ANTHONY WELLS, born 1 February 1952, Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett, Indiana, son of Harvey and Wilmetta (Hanes) Wells, formerly of Waterloo, Indiana. Harvey was police chief of Waterloo for eleven years, until 1971. He is now deceased. His paternal grandparents are Henry and Lizzy Wells, of Waterloo. His maternal grandfather was Harry Altenburg Hanes, of Butler, Indiana.

Roselyn ''Rozzy'' Iris Mills, born 16 April 1953, Waukesha, Wisconsin, daughter of Russell T. and Golda (Rowe) Mills. Golda is deceased. Stepmother, Peggy Mills, of Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandfather was Thomas Mills, of Canada. Her maternal grandparents are David and Jenora (Spindler) Rowe, of rural Waterloo, both deceased.

James Wells Family

James and Roselyn attended school at DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana. James has worked at Green Parrott, Indiana Decorative, Bohn, Flint, and Walling. He is now working at Dana Corporation. Roselyn has worked at Central Soya and is now employed as director of Pleasant Time Preschool.

James and Roselyn met at school and were married 5 November 1971, at Pleasant Chapel Church. They are the parents of two children: Amanda Lucille, born 7 March 1978, and Jaime Lyn, born 6 September 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells reside near Ashley, Indiana. They now live on the farm which Roselyn's parents lived on for many years. Her parents enjoyed raising and selling flowers. James and Roselyn are members of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren. Their hobbies include going to museums, reading, hunting, and target shooting.

D. DUWAYNE HAYNES, born 17 December 1921, Keyser Township, son of D. Ray and Hazel (Crabill) Haynes, of DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Elmer and Ella (Reed) Haynes, of DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents were Cyrus and Rosella (Walter) Crabill, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Betty J. Grogg, born 7 March 1923, Keyser Township, Indiana, daughter of Chester and Emma (Coombs) Grogg, of DeKalb County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Franklin and Sophie (Garver) Grogg, of DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents are D.J. and Ada L. (Sibert) Coombs, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Duwayne and Betty attended Auburn High School where they met. They were married 16 November 1946, at the Christian Church parsonage. To this union were born two children: Elizabeth Diane (Haynes) Sayles, born 4 August 1947, and David D., born 7 November 1956.

Duwayne has worked at Dana Corporation for forty-three years. He retired 1 June 1985. Betty has worked at a wholesale hardware store and Dana Corporation. She is now retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes now reside near Auburn, Indiana. Their hobbies include reading, gardening, and sports.

JERRY D. SAYLES, born 26 November 1946, at Kendallville, son of Cecil D. and Ruth V. (Nott) Sayles. His paternal grandparents were Roy D. Sr. and Blanche (Croup) Sayles, of Lisbon, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Charles and Sarah (Emerick) Nott.

Elizabeth Diane Haynes, born 4 August 1947, daughter of DuWayne and Betty J. (Grogg) Haynes. Her paternal grandparents were D. Roy and Hazel (Crabill) Haynes. Her maternal grandparents were Chester Daniel and Emma Sophia (Coombs) Grogg.

Jerry attended Corunna and Waterloo High School and Elizabeth attended Waterloo School. Jerry worked for Kraft Foods for four years and Dana Corporation for seventeen years. Elizabeth has worked for People's Federal Savings and Loan Association for ten years.

Jerry and Elizabeth met at Waterloo High School and were married 5 May 1968, at Maple Grove Methodist Church. To this union were born Andrew Charles, born 15 February 1976, and Matthew Dwight, born 10 November 1983.

The family resides on a farm, south of Corunna, Indiana. They are members of the Corunna United Brethren in Christ.

Jerry enjoys hunting and fishing and Elizabeth enjoys reading, music, and needlework.

WILBUR R. GUILD, born 26 July 1913, Medaryville, Indiana, son of Gurith A. and Mary E. (Nicholson) Guild. His paternal grandparents were George and Clara Guild. His maternal grandfather was Robert Nicholson.

Virginia Williams, born 21 July 1916, daughter of Carl Ray and Nora (Hampshire) Williams. Her paternal grandparents were David and Sarah (Ludwig) Williams. Her maternal grandparents were John and Mary D. (Buttermore) Hampshire.

Wilbur attended school at Auburn, Indiana, and Virginia attended school at Continental, Ohio. They met at a party and were married 24 June 1950, at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana.

Wilbur worked at Rieke Corporation and Virginia has worked at Rieke Corporation, County Clerk's Office, and Dilgard, Cline, and Southern Funeral Home. Both are retired and live in Auburn, Indiana.

They enjoy gardening, reading, and traveling.

Harry and Pauline Hovarter

HARRY DALE HOVARTER, born 17 December 1914, in Richland Township, southwest of Corunna, where he has lived his entire life. He was the only child of Adam Hovarter, born 1852, died 1942, and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter, born 6 December 1876, died 6 December 1954. His paternal grandparents were John, born 30 October 1808, died 29 June 1889, and Nancy (Weirich) Hovarter, born 15 February 1814, died 15 February 1899. They were farmers who had come from Sugar Creek, Ohio, and settled in Fairfield Township, near Fairfield Center. His maternal grandparents were Reuben Davis, born 1846, died 1919, son of Nathan and Parmelia or Pamela (Butt) Davis, and Louisa (Maggert) David, born 1856, died 1926, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca Ann (Jones) Maggert. Reuben and Louisa were originally from the Kosciusko County area but were attracted to Garrett when the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was built. One set of great-great grandparents is known, Johannes and Katherina (Schneider) Butt.

Pauline Sherwood, born 3 October 1918, in a chicken coop which her family was using for a temporary housing on the farmstead in Smithfield Township, northwest of Waterloo. The house had burned and the new one was still under construction. Her parents were John Vangesbeck Sherwood, born 18 September 1875, died 10 February 1919, and Grace Anna

(Conkey) Mills Sherwood, born 11 November 1876, died 5 May 1940. Her father died when she was but a year old, and her mother married Daniel J. Grogg, born 1868, also a farmer. The family continued to live in the Waterloo area.

Pauline's paternal grandparents were William Charles Sherwood, born 16 July 1841, in Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, son of Amos Sherwood, born 14 April 1813, died 25 August 1895, and Mary Debra (Parsons) Sherwood, born 4 June 1845, died 3 July 1919, from Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, daughter of Elijah, born 2 February 1812, and Eliza C. Parson, born 4 April 1811. Her grandfather had one hundred sixty acres of land on the north side of US 6, just west of the present I-69 exit, but it was mostly covered with timber. He spent several winters clearing timber and returning to New York in the summers until 1871, when he moved here to stay.

Harry and Pauline attended one and two-room rural schools and Harry was a 1932 graduate of Garrett High School. A scholarly type with a theoretical, inventive, and scientific mind, he dreamed of becoming a chemist, but the financial woes of The Depression eliminated that possibility. He went into farming with his father so the family farm could be saved.

The couple was married at Albion, Indiana, 1 August 1934. Both came from family backgrounds of creativity, his in music and hers in art.

Besides farming, Harry also worked for the schools, first as a bus driver and later as a custodian for the Richland Township Schools. As mergers and DeKalb Central consolidation came, he continued to drive the bus and served as head custodian at McKenney-Harrison and later Waterloo Elementary until his retirement from driving in May, 1979, and from his custodial position the following year. Supporters of various school activities, the couple attended the musicals, dramas, concerts, fund-raisers, and the sports events, though Pauline could get more enjoyment from sporting events by listening to the radio play-by-play accounts.

Harry has a history as a sports enthusiast. Indeed, he organized the first baseball leagues serving DeKalb, Noble, and Steuben Counties in the late 1940's, which came to be known as the Northeast Indiana Baseball League. He set aside an area in one of his farm fields and developed a playing diamond where games where played each week. His wife and children sold concessions to get budget monies, pop from an iced washtub, candy bars, and gum.

Besides their interest in community and school affairs, both were active in politics. Harry was a Republican Precinct Committeeman and party worker for years. They attended Maple Grove United Methodist Church and were the parents of two children: John Dale Hovarter, born 5 May 1935, who graduated from Tri-State College with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is currently employed at Sheller-Globe, Grabill. He worked for International Harvester, Fort Wayne, until the plant closed; and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939, who completed Masters in English and counseling and Guidance at Indiana University and has been affiliated with DeKalb Junior High and DeKalb Middle School as a teacher and for the past thirteen years as a guidance counselor.

Pauline Hovarter died 2 June 1983 and lays at rest in the Corunna Cemetery. Harry remains at the residence and has become an excellent cook and gardener with over one hundred rose bushes. He continues to be a loyal fan of area athletics with basketball as his favorite. An ardent Indiana University fan, he travels to Bloomington for many home games.

John Hovarter Family

JOHN DALE HOVARTER, born 5 May 1935, at his parents home near Corunna, Indiana, son of Harry Dale and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, of Richland Township, Corunna, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Adam and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter, of rural Corunna, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John Vangesbeck Sherwood and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood Grogg, of Smithfield Township, northwest of Waterloo, Indiana.

Bonnie Lou Engelking, born 23 April 1932, St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Carl J. and Grace M. (Scherer) Engelking, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Henry and Anna (Fiegle) Engelking, of Fort Wayne. Her maternal grandparents are John C. and Louise Scherer, whose heritage goes back to Prussia, Germany.

John attended school at West Richland for the first eight grades and graduated from Garrett High School, in 1953. John received his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State College in 1955. Bonnie attended school at Grace Lutheran Elementary and graduated from SouthSide High School in 1950.

John has worked at General Electric, Bowser, Incorporated, and International Harvester Company until it closed. He is now foreman at Shellar Globe, Grabill, Indiana. Bonnie has worked at General Electric, the Broadway Plant, where she met John. She was employed at J.C. Penney's, Auburn, at the time of her death.

John and Bonnie were married 6 June 1959, at Grace Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John has one sister, Carolyn S. Stahl, of Richland Township. Bonnie had a half brother, Calvin Engelking, who preceeded her in death.

John and Bonnie are the parents of two daughters: Shari Ann Hovarter, born 17 September 1961, married Darcy E. Gebert, 5 July 1986. They reside in Fort Wayne. Shari works for Flowers of Canterbury, in Canterbury Greens Shopping Center. Lynnette Kay Hovarter, born 3 September 1969, works at Hardee's in Auburn, and is a senior at DeKalb High School. She will graduate 31 May 1987.

John and Lynnette currently live near Corunna, Indiana. They are members of the Zion Sixteen Lutheran Church, north of Garrett.

Bonnie was active in Girl Scouts and various church organizations. She enjoyed sunsets and swimming, especially at Lake Gage. A generous and kind person, she enjoyed helping others. John operates a grain farm, has an interest in antique tractors and machinery, and has a collection of gasoline engines. He has also been active in church, holding offices for years. Both of them have supported school activities with their personal involvement. They also have been active politically. Bonnie was a member of the DeKalb County Republican Women's Organization and John has held an elected position on the Richland Township Advisory Board.

JOHN BENJAMIN STAHL, born 16 November 1864, in his parents home, a log cabin, southwest of Waterloo, and he continued to live in Grant Township all his life. He died 13 July 1946. John, son of John Baltzer, born 18 September 1821, died 5 April 1901, and Elizabeth Mary (Rohm) Stahl, born 4 February 1824, died 13 November 1883, southwest of Auburn, in a log cabin. John's maternal grandparents were Simon Rohm, Sr., born 27 September 1785, died 3 April 1857, and Mary Ann (Miller) Rohm, born 15 January 1800, died 25 September 1855.

Simon had served in the German Army for nine years in the Napoleonic Wars. Elizabeth Mary Rohm had been born in Rhineburg, RontzWiten, Germany and was twelve years old when she sailed with her folks to this country. She cooked on the boat. Considered well-to-do in their native land, owning fifteen acres of land and two cows, they sold all they had to make the trip to America with their five living children. Some died in Germany and were buried there, while four more would be born in Holmes County, Ohio. After fifty-seven days on the ocean in an old, slow-going sailing vessel, they landed five dollars in debt.

John married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Haines, born 7 September 1868, died 10 May 1955, who was also born at home in Grant Township. Lizzie was the daughter of John and Amelia Haines.

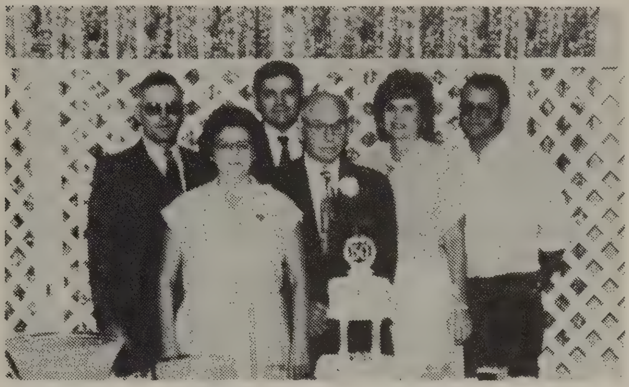
Farmers by trade, John B. and Lizzie lived for years two miles east of Waterloo, where Clark was born. They bought thirty acres that had a log cabin on it. It was located east of Waterloo at the site of the present abandoned private landing strip and airport. The older children continued to tell stories in later years about their experiences in this log cabin and how windy nights resulted in rain or snow blowing in between the chinks in the logs and getting the blankets, kids, and everything else soaked in the loft which was the sleeping area for the children. The family continued to live at this location until Lizzie's mother died and they moved to the Haines homeplace to take care of her father, John Haines. Clark was in fifth grade at the time so he finished his normal school education by attending Tamarack School for his fifth and sixth grade years.

After the children grew into adulthood, the family continued to get together several times each year: Christmas dinner was held at the Stahl family home, a summer get-together at Winifred Winnie (Stahl) Carper's cottage on Crooked Lake was popular and so was the yearly trip to Cedar Point, whereby the relatives in this area would meet the ones from the Willard, Ohio area at Cedar Point and spend the day in the park, stay overnight at Winnie's and return home on Monday.

John and Lizzie took their religion seriously and always went to church activities. When they would have four or five week revival meetings, they would go every night with the horses and bobsled. The church would be packed every night.

John was close to eighty-two when he died and Lizzie was nearly eighty-seven.

CLARK WILLIAM STAHL, born 26 May



Clark W. Stahl Family

1907, Waterloo, Indiana, son of John Benjamin and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Haines) Stahl. His paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Rohm) Stahl. His maternal grandparents were John and Amelia Haines. Clark had one brother and four sisters: Ralph Stahl, Winifred (Stahl) Carper, Faye (Stahl) Ellis, Mabel (Stahl) Schnick, and Audra (Stahl) Myers, all deceased. Clark attended Rolly Ridge School and Tamerack School in Grant Township.

Edna Louise Bowman, born 7 November 1915, Corunna, Indiana, daughter of Milfred Chaney and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman. Her paternal grandparents were William and Ella (Chaney) Bowman of DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents were George W. and Sarah (Miller) Park of DeKalb County.

George Park's brother, John, was killed in the Civil War in a battle that was fought after the Treaty of Peace was signed. George Park's uncle, Wesley Park, helped lay out the plat of Auburn. Sarah Park's father, John D. Miller, helped build the United Brethren Church at Hudson, Indiana.

Edna had one brother, Kenneth, who died in 1951 of cancer, and two sisters: Bertha (Bowman) Korff, born 1911, died 1984, and Marie (Bowman) Ohlwine, born 1917, died 1981.

Edna attended East Richland School, Richland Township and Waterloo High School, graduating in 1934. On 22 September 1984, the Class of 1934 celebrated their fiftieth anniversary.

Clark and Edna married 4 August 1935, in Corunna, Indiana, and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, 4 August 1985.

Clark and Edna are the parents of four children: James William, born 4 August 1937, graduated from Waterloo High School and works at Auburn Gear. James married Carolyn Sue Hovarted, 11 August 1957. They are the parents of two daughters: Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles, born 14 December 1959, graduated from DeKalb High School. She runs a day care in Bluffton, Indiana, and she has two children: Michelle Erin, 4 February 1978, and Bradley Wayne, born 1 November 1979. Diane Kay, born 25 August 1961, graduated from DeKalb High School and Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She was Miss DeKalb County Queen and Miss Northeast Indiana in 1984. Diane now works for American Hospital and resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

John B. Stahl, Sr., born 2 August 1939, graduated from Waterloo High School and works for Marathon Petroleum. He married Charlene Louise Smith, 7 August 1961, and they have two children: John B., Jr., born 28 July 1962, graduated from DeKalb High School and North Western College, Lima, Ohio. He works for North American Van Lines, Fort Wayne. He married Michelle Marie Bowman, 28 August 1982, and they have two children: Brenda Diane, born 26 January 1983, and Mark John, born 13 July 1985. Kelly Renee, born 21 January 1969, is a senior and a cheerleader at DeKalb High School.

Shirley Louise Stahl, born 24 October 1941, graduated from Waterloo High School and International Business College, Fort Wayne. She worked as a secretary at Waterfield Mortgage Company. She married Donald Kent Anweiler, 5 November 1966, and they have one son, Derek Donald, born 25 September 1972. Derek is a member of the band at Zionville Middle School, Zionville, Indiana.

Thomas Lee Stahl, born 18 November 1943, graduated from Waterloo and works for Auburn Gear and drives a milk truck for Allen Dairy. He married Connie Lou Roop, 25 April 1962, and they have two children: Thomas Edward, born 21 October 1964, graduated from DeKalb High School and works on the John Phillips Farm as a farm hand, and Sarah Jennifer, born 22 June 1975, a student at Fairfield Center School.

Clark was a farmer all his life, a truck driver for DeKalb County Highway Department for nineteen years, and a school bus driver for three years. He was a member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department Posse for fifteen years.

Edna worked for DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op and served as secretary and treasurer of the District Farm Bureau, and as a bookkeeper for Dr. L.E. Jinnings. She was a member, President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the DeKalb County Chorus.

Clark and Edna were active in church and civic affairs. Clark was a trustee of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Edna taught Sunday School and sang in the choir at Maple Grove. She also taught bible classes at Ashley Methodist Church.

Clark and Edna are both retired and live on the family farm north of Auburn, Indiana.

James and Caroline Stahl

JAMES WILLIAM STAHL, born 4 August 1937, in his parents' farmhouse, north of Auburn, son of Clark William, born 26 May 1907, and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 7 November 1915. His siblings are John B.; Shirley L. (Stahl) Anweiler; and Thomas L. Stahl. His paternal grandparents were John Benjamin, born 16 November 1864, died 13 July 1946, and Elizabeth (Haines) Stahl, born 7 September 1868, died 10 May 1955. They were farmers and horse breeders, who lived on County Road 32. His maternal grandparents were Milferd Chaney, born 24 September 1892, died 28 May 1964, and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman, born 8 November 1891, died 19 March 1968. They were farmers in Richland Township, east of Corunna. The foreign heritage of James goes back to Germany and England.

He spent his primary grades and his senior year at Waterloo, graduating from there in 1955. The other years were spent at Ashley when his family lived in the Barker's Chapel area. Jim met Carolyn Sue Hovarter while attending Waterloo High School, where he was in the school plays, an officer of Future Farmers of America, and played first trombone in the band. After three years of dating, they were married 11 August 1957, at Maple Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church. They set up housekeeping in an upstairs apartment and a year later bought their first farm, sixty acres two miles east of the Ashley-Hudson corners where they lived at the time their two daughters were born.

Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles, born 14 December 1959. She has two children: Michelle Erin and Bradley Wayne. Diane Kay Stahl, born 25 August 1961, is a sales representative in the Louisville, Kentucky area for American Convertors, a Division of Baxter Travenol, Subsidiary of American Hospital Supply.

A very close-knit family, they thoroughly enjoyed the years spent together and the excitement of the various activities they did as a family. Jim and Carolyn still enjoy doing things with their family and sharing experiences with their two grandchildren has been especially rewarding.

Mr. Stahl's primary career goal was to be a full time farmer so he purchased his first machinery while a senior in high school. A very hard worker, he has always had at least two jobs, farming and working in town. His first job after graduation was with the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op and in January, 1957, he took a position with Warner Gear. He kept increasing his skills and advanced to the position of set-up man more than twenty years ago.

In 1961, James and Carolyn purchased the old Frank Hovarter farm, southwest of Corunna and, after extensive remodeling of the home, the family moved there in the fall of 1965. They added a new pole barn to the site in the late 1960's and purchased additional land on three different tracts during the next twelve to fifteen years. In March, 1975, they broke ground for a new home across the road and just east of the new barn.

Jim is very busy with the three hundred acres of his own besides doing the farming for his father and for his father-in-law. He also became a sales representative for Asgrow Seeks in 1982, which is compatible with the farm operations since most of these activities are done in the off-season months.

Jim has been active in church, community, and political affairs over the years. At Maple Grove United Methodist Church, he has served several terms as Trustee and presently is completing another term. He has also been Sunday School Superintendent, a member of various committees and continues to be Financial Secretary, a position he has held for years. In 1967, he answered the call for church missions and spent two weeks on a work project in Puerto Rico. He has served the Richland County Sunday School/Church Convention in various capacities and is the current Chairman of the group.

In community and organizational affairs, he has followed his interest in antique tractors and farm machinery by becoming a charter member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club. He has been a member of Farm Bureau and was asked by Dana Corporation to do some experimental testing on a new clutch design for farm tractors, a project he thoroughly enjoyed.

Jim cooperated with an invitation from the DeKalb County Extension Agent to participate in a Corn Plot Project for gathering statistical production data on various corn hybrids. He is currently serving again as an Ambassador for the Production Credit Association and is a board member of the Farmers' Home Administration County Line Advisory Committee.

Politically, Jim's early activity in the Young Republican eventually led to service which found him holding both elected and appointed offices. He has repeatedly been elected to serve as the Richland/Fairfield Township voting delegate to the state nominating conventions, has been a local Advisory Board member, and served as Richland Township Trustee. He has been a County Chairman Assistant and is currently continuing to serve on the DeKalb County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Jim has little time for entertainment or recreation, but he does enjoy swimming and relaxing at Lake Gage where he and Carolyn have a summer cottage. He also enjoys Indiana University basketball and travels to Bloomington for the games whenever he is able to purchase tickets. Gospel concerts have been a special interest, but activities and interests shared with his children and grandchildren take priority.

CAROLYN SUE (HOVARTER) STAHL, born 23 June 1939, in her parent's farmhouse, southwest of Corunna, daughter of Harry Dale and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter. Her paternal grandparents were Adam and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter. Her maternal grandparents were John Vangesbeck Sherwood and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood Grogg, of Waterloo. All her grandparents were farmers by trade and her foreign heritage goes back to Germany and Ireland.

She developed many positive feelings about education from the time spent in her first eight grades at West Richland, a two-room country school, where Carolyn was one of two girls better skilled at softball than some of the guys, so she played on the boys' softball team for three years never striking out once. She attended Waterloo High School when there were no competitive girls' sports so she played forward in the Girls' Intramural Noon Basketball League, rules for girls allowed half-court play only. She participated in other high school activities such as singing with the choir's Ensemble, having a role in the school play, being Junior Store Manager, holding the Presidency of Future Homemaker of America, serving as Co-editor of the yearbook and being an officer in the Beta National Honor Club. She graduated in 1957 as Valedictorian of her class.

Carolyn met James William Stahl at the high school and after an extended courtship, they were married on 11 August 1957, at what is now the Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Since both were raised in farm families, they were familiar with the work ethic and worked hard to get established. Carolyn's first job was a secretary in the Mortgage Loan Department of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, a position she left to accept a local offer at Rieke's in Auburn, as secretary to the Treasurer of the Company and Secretary of the Board. As was customary in the 1950's, she quit working outside the home when her first child, Karen Sue, was born in 1959. Their second daughter, Diane Kay, was born two years later and like most farm wives, Carolyn fulfilled her responsibilities as a homemaker and mother and also helped on the farm as needed.

When the girls started school, Carolyn became involved with these activities, assuming various responsibilities, including several years as a room mother and as a PTO Executive Officer at Corunna and McKenney-Harrison. This involvement with her daughters' schools rekindled the desire for a teaching career and she recalled the positive experiences she had while still a student, when she was called upon in seventh and eighth grade and again at the high school level to substitute for teachers who had to be gone for small portions of the day. Carolyn enrolled at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne in the fall of 1968. She made the Dean's List regularly and graduated with Highest Distinction in 1973, earning a B.S. in education.

While on campus, she pursued her life-long interest in music as well. She had played the piano since age five and had been singing in various groups and choirs for years, including having the role of tenor in a female gospel quartet. She sang with the Women's University Chorale and enjoyed it very much.

Carolyn earned a Masters Degree in English and Counseling and Guidance from Indiana University, Bloomington, and has done post-Masters work at Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne, and at St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. Currently holding life licenses in English, Counseling and Guidance, Government/Political Science and Sociology. She has continued educational pursuits and is one course from getting licensed in Psychology. She passed her national boards in June, 1985, thus becoming a Nationally Certified Counselor.

Mrs. Stahl has been affiliated with DeKalb Central Schools as a junior high English teacher at McIntosh and DeKalb and for the past thirteen years has been a guidance counselor at DeKalb Junior High, presently DeKalb Middle School. She has served as Guidance Department Chairperson for several years, as a member of the NCA Steering Committee for two terms and has been a member of dis trict-wide committees, such as Curriculum Council and L.D. Screening Committee. Three times she has served at the invitation of the North Central Accreditation Association on Professional teams to study and evaluate schools and their programs throughout the State.

Carolyn has been actively involved in church, community, and political affairs. At church, she has served as Director-Counselor of the youth group, Children's Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Pianist, a charter member of the choir, a teacher for Child Evangelism's Good News Clubs, for church school classes and for Vacation Bible School. She has served the Richland Township Sunday School/Church Convention in various capacities. As a Certified Lay Speaker with the North Indiana United Methodist Conference, she is available to fill the pulpit when ministers are ill or on vacations.

Community involvement has included collections for C.R.O.P. and for DeKalb High School's first band uniforms; singing in the community choirs at Ashley for Easter and Christmas presentations and at Auburn for Handel's "Messiah"; holding various offices, including President of Model Home Demonstration Club and is currently serving as President of the Waterloo Alumni Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society.

Carolyn has been a precinct and county worker in the Republican Party for years. She has also been a state election board official for several nominating conventions; an officer of the County Young Republican and in the 1960's was secretary of the DeKalb County Republican Central Committee. She and her husband have spoken personally to two United States Presidents, Nixon and Ford, and they received personalized invitations to the inaugurations of Presidents Nixon and Ford.

A strong Indiana University Alumnae, Carolyn has her work office decorated in the colors and with memorabilia of Indiana University, including a personal birthday greeting written to her by Coach Bob Knight. She travels to Bloomington to Indiana University basketball games whenever she's able to get tickets. Her Number One spot for the summer recreation is the Stahl cottage at Lake Gage, where Carolyn enjoys relaxing and swimming in the water and reading good books. She works very hard on all phases of the building and finishing of their new home in the mid-1970's and she enjoys entertaining her children and grandchildren there, as well as other family members.

Karen Sowles and Children

KAREN SUE (STAHL) SOWLES, born 14 December 1959, at the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of James William and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl. Her paternal grandparents are Clark William and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl. They are farmers who live three miles north of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents are Harry Dale and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, farmers and school peronnel who live southwest of Corunna.

She attended DeKalb Central Schools and spent her first two years at the Corunna School which was closed at the end of her first grade year, May, 1967. Her remaining elementary school years were spent at McKenney-Harrison, where she won a Good Citizenship Award. She attended McIntosh Junior High in Auburn and graduated with honors in 1978, from DeKalb High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Homemaker of America, President of the Spanish Club, had a role in the school musical and served in a leadership capacity for numerous extra-curricular activities and organizations. A talented vocalist, she especially enjoyed singing throughout her school career and was a performer with the prestigious A Cappella Choir which made guest appearances before many local organizations throughout the year and held two public concerts annually.

During Karen's growing-up years, she participated in Girl Scouts and 4-H, winning several awards in each. In addition to singing, she cultivated her interest in music by playing the piano and also clarinet in the school band. She received numberous awards and recognition for her artistic talents in drawing and painting and she enjoyed experimenting with new recipes and perfecting her skills in the culinary arts.

Karen was very active in general church

activities at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, plus extras, such as church camp, teaching Vacation Bible School, President of the youth group and going to Haiti in 1976 for two weeks with a Gospel Music Caravan sponsored by Church World Missions.

Karen married Dorsey Wayne Sowles, born 3 April 1957, in 1977, and two children were born: Michelle Erin, born 4 February 1978, and Bradley Wayne, born 1 November 1979, both in DeKalb County. The family moved to Bluffton, Indiana, where Dorsey took a job with Simpson Industries. The marriage was dissolved in 1984 with Karen and the children remaining in Bluffton.

Karen, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, is still actively involved with church activities and so are her children, who participate in special children's programs and sing in the Children's Choir. Both youngsters attend Lancaster Central Elementary, where they excel in academic achievements. Michelle also studies dance and is in the Brownie Division of Girl Scouts.

Karen's love for and interest in children has led to a career in caring for children of working mothers. She earned her state license three years ago and operates Karen's Kids and Krafts Day Care in her home. In addition, she continues to pursue her interest in cooking and enjoys other activities, such as reading, gardening, fun-in-the-sun at her parents cottage on Lake Gage and nurturing the many houseplants which adorn her home.

Diane Stahl

DIANE KAY STAHL, born 25 August 1961, in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of James William and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl. Her paternal grandparents are Clark William and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents are Harry Dale and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, of Corunna. Raised in rural DeKalb County, Diane was proud to be a farmer's daughter since she felt life taught her responsibility and the value of working hard to meet goals.

Diane was an active member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. She sang, taught Vacation Bible School, and was an officer in the youth group. She attended McKenney-Harrison Elementary. When in seventh grade, the new DeKalb Junior High opened and Diane's class was the first to spend three years there.

In 1980, she was an honor graduate from DeKalb High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, student council, yearbook staff, newspaper staff, Brigadiers Flag and Rifle Corp, German Club, a class officer, and a nominee to Hoosier Girls' State.

Diane pursued her education at Indiana University, Bloomington, where she also graduated with honors in 1984, earning a B.S. Degree in Marketing and Administration Systems from the Indiana University School of Business. Still very active in college, she held leadership positions in Student Foundation, Indiana University Sing, Little 500, Panhellenic activities and a four year officer of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. Her sorority house was one used for the filming of the award winning movie "Breaking Away" about Indiana University's famous Little 500 bicycle race.

Music has always brought special enjoyment as a listener and a performer. She played first trombone in the jazz and school bands and was a talented vocalist, spending two years singing and dancing with two groups, Conglomeration, a touring group which recorded an album, and Divided Highway, a local dance band. An accomplished pianist, she enjoys playing for relaxation. Other interest include reading, water and snow skiing, cycling, and exercise.

Diane has tasted the excitement of modeling as she spent four years as a television, commercial advertising and runway model for the Indiana University Foundation Style Shows, for Vogue Patterns, for J.C. Penneys, and for various other merchandisers in the Indianapolis/Bloomington area. Very photogenic, photographs of her were used by the Indiana University Foundation and the Panhellenic League for University promotions.

Diane's poise and assurance has also contributed to her success with pageants. She was a finalist in the Miss Teen Indiana, was crowned Miss DeKalb County 1979, was Queen of the Christmas Formal 1979, was first Runner-up in the Miss Fort Wayne Scholarship Pageant 1981, was the first of five finalists on the Queen's Court for the Indianapolis 500 Festival 1982.

There were three hundred and sixty three entrants. She was First Princess in the Indiana State Rose Queen Festival 1982, and was crowned Miss Northeast Indiana 1984, which qualified her to compete in the Miss Indiana Pageant, a division of the Miss America Scholarship Pageants. Diane is the only DeKalb County girl, thus far, to be a finalist at the Miss Indiana Pageant.

While attending college, Diane worked as Head Cashier for Kaybee Toy and Hobby at Glenbrook Mall and upon graduation in 1984, took a job as a sales representative for the American V. Mueller Division of American Hospital Supply. She lived in Evansville, Indiana, until July, 1986, when she was transferred to Louisville, Kentucky because of a merger and reorganization of the corporation.

Still enjoying the single life, Diane is a sales representative for American Convertors, a Division of Baxter Travenol, selling surgical drapes and custom sterile packs to surgeons and hospitals in Kentucky and lower Indiana.

MILFERD CHANEY BOWMAN, born 24 September 1892, died 28 May 1964, in the brick house on the paternal farmstead located east of Corunna. Except for two years away at college, he spent his entire life farming this acreage. The farm where he was born was bordered on the northern edge by the New York Central Railroad.

The son of William, born 24 September 1857, died 18 January 1926, and Martha Ellen (Chaney) Bowman, born 25 July 1856, died 8 June 1936. He was one of seven children: Emery D., and an unnamed sister who died an infant; Ada, married Marion Shippy; Esta May married Reverend Albert Crise; Effie married Carl Reinhart, Hugh Hamman, Arthur Strubble; and Nettie Pearl, who died at the age of five. Milferd's father was a hard worker as he cleared and tiled his ninety-four acres for farming, built the brick house in 1887, and helped Milferd build a small frame house adjacent to the brick one in 1911, since Milferd had married Inez Eva Park, daughter of George Washington, born 16 December 1849, died July 1931, and Sarah Elizabeth (Miller) Park, born 5 March 1856, died 8 June 1936, on 22 March of that year.

Milferd's father was one of the first to buy and try new inventions so when Corunna got a telephone service in 1909, he had one and other than Dr. Getty of Ashley. He had the first car in at least the northern half of the county. It was a two seated Auto Buggy, a horseless carriage, and Milferd was the first to learn to drive the new contraption and taught his father. In 1915, his second car, an Overland, was delivered. The salesman had William get in and started it, but neglected to tell him to stop. Before the saleman chased down the car to switch off the ignition, William had gone through the hog lot, knocking down the fence and frightening the pigs so badly they were trying to crawl up the side of the pen.

Milferd's paternal grandparents were Joseph Baumann-Bowman, born 30 January 1814, died 2 April 1880, who fathered twenty-one children, and Ida Brand (Tongue) Bowman, born 12 May 1829, died 13 July 1878, who in 1839 moved from Stark County, Ohio, to a log house on the southwest corner of what is now the crossroads of County Roads 19 and 40. Milferd's heritage goes back two more generations: Samuel Baumann-Bowman, born 11 February 1779, died 10 April 1856, and Magdalena (Klinger) Bowman, born 16 January 1790, who moved from Pennsylvania to Stark County, Ohio, in 1817, and lived the first year in a log cabin about one mile from the Public Square of Canton, Ohio, and Jacob Baumann-Bowman, born 1 February 1752, died 16 March 1829, who arrived in America from southern Germany in 1772, and settled at Hebe, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he married Susanna (Leffinger) Bowman.

Milferd's maternal grandparents were Nelson Chaney, son of Charles and Barbara Chaney, born 15 August 1827, died 21 April 1913, and Mary Ann (McCague) Chaney, born 6 July 1833, died 15 January 1884 of Richland Township.

Milferd and Inez Bowman had four children: Bertha May, born 29 December 1911, married Virgil Korff; Kenneth Ray, born 26 February 1914, married Clara Diederick, but died at age twenty-two, 25 January 1951 with Hodgkins Disease; Edna Louise, born 7 November 1915, married Clark Stahl and Marie Elizabeth, born 2 February 1917, married Wayne Penick, and later Oscar Elsworth Ohlwine. All are now deceased but Edna Stahl.

Milferd and Inez were very active in Maple Grove United Brethren in Christ Church where he was a trustee for many years. They were always attending church meetings and when there would be four or five week revivals, Milferd would hitch up the team to the bobsled, put straw and blankets into the wagon box, and pick up all the neighbors along the way to church. This would be done every night of the services and the church would be packed full of people.

On Sunday af ternoons and during the evenings, Inez would play the old pump organ and the whole family played dominoes around the big kitchen table. In the summer the entire family would go to Auburn each Thursday night for the band concerts where Milferd's cousin, Daisy Bowman, daughter of Steve Bowman, sang with the band. On Saturday nights they would take the-cream and eggs to Corunna to do their trading and they watched the free shows at the park beside the railroad tracks. Every time a train would go by, you couldn't hear a thing and the film was blurry and jigged up and down, but the Bowman kids thought it was wonderful. When the circus came to Auburn there was never enough money for admissions, but they always went to see the free circus parade on the forenoon of the show. The circus grounds were just east of Cedar Creek on the north side of East Seventh Street and included the area upon which the Catholic Church now stands.

The Bowmans did most things as a family, but Milferd and Inez would go to the Indiana State Fair each August with Carl and Effie Reinhart, Milferd's sister and husband. They left the kids at home and would stay overnight in Indianapolis. Edna remembers of the grandparents, the William Bowmans, telling about their experiences at the Pan-American Exposition in September, 1901, at Buffalo, New York, where President McKinley had been assassinated in the Music Pavilion. They viewed the President's body as it laid in state in the Exposition before being shipped to Washington on the train.

Starting in 1946, all the children were gone, the couple traveled to Colorado every year at hay fever time, which Milferd suffered from allergies, and also to see Inez's sister, May and family. They managed to go every year but one until they died.

Milferd and Inez were truly devoted to one another in a bond of loving warmth and support and they wanted so badly to live long enough to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated fifty-three years of marriage with their Golden Wedding Anniversary festivities held in March, 1961, at the home of their daughter and husband, Bertha and Virgil Korff.

INEZ EVA (PARK) BOWMAN, born 8 November 1891, died 19 March 1968, was one of three children born to George W. and Sadie Elizabeth (Miller) Park. May Belle, married Harry Green and homesteaded in Logan County, Colorado, and John, a farmer, who married Nora Morrison. A political activist with the Progressive Republicans, George Park was the Ashley Town Treasurer and contributed liberally to the erection of the new Methodist Church in Ashley. His uncle, Wesley Park, was even more public minded as he laid out the town of Auburn, platted the Fort Wayne-Coldwater Road, served as DeKalb County's first treasurer, first sheriff, first school commissioner and donated the land and was on the building committee for the first county jail and also on the building committee for the first courthouse with court having been held for several years in his own cabin where those on trial were put in the loft with the ladder removed so they couldn't get away.

George and Sadie Park

Inez's paternal grandfather was William Park, died 1889, who was born in Ohio, and was a hatter until age thirty-five when he bought sixty acres, mostly timber near Fort Wayne's Robinson Chapel. He cleared the land and farmed it until 1862, when he sold it, moved to sixty acres near Corunna, and opened a grocery store there which he ran for ten years. Her paternal grandmother was Barbara (Warner) Park, died 1898, who came from Maryland to Ohio, then to Allen County, Indiana.

Inez's maternal grandparents were John D. Miller, born ca. 1830, died 1909, and Mary (Kanaga) Miller, born 3 October 1832, died 11 February 1900, of Hudson, Indiana. Inez's heritage can be traced back to England, as follows: Michael Kanaga, died 2 April 1866, and Elizabeth (Altman) Kanaga, died 3 August 1875, of Stark County, Ohio. Michael was one of thirteen children: Christian Kanaga, born 1773, died ca. 1844, also known as Strausbury Christian after he later moved to Strausbury, Tuscaraway County, Ohio, and Kathryn/Katherine (Fornay) Kanaga, born 19 January 1774, died 15 September 1808; Christlie or Christian Kanaga, sailed to America as a small boy and Y. Johans John Kanaga, an Englishman and Catherine (Schwatka) Kanaga, born 23 September 1727, in Geneva, Switzerland, were driven from England during a religious war and persecution of the Protestants by the Catholics. They were in Germany long enough to become thoroughly German before sailing to America and settling in

Bethel Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania along the Swatara Creek, three or four miles east of Jonestown.

There were frequent family gatherings at all the different homes and each year they went to the Warner Reunion at Inez's paternal relatives, in Montpelier, Ohio, staying with Willis and Louise Warner (Edna is her namesake), on Saturday night and attending the reunion of Sunday. They would take food for the trip and stop at school houses to eat and use the outhouse.

ANDREW SURFUS/SURFACE, and his sons, Jacob and John, and Peter Fair and his sons, Abraham and Charles, were the first settlers in DeKalb County. They came in 1834 and on 1 October entered Butler Township with a four-horse team and a wagon. They cut their road from Allen County, beyond Huntertown, five miles to the place where they settled. They built their cabins and returned to their homes in Montgomery County, Ohio. They returned in the Spring of 1835, to make their permanent homes Abraham Fair was twenty-two years of age. In 1836, William Surfus, son of Andrew, and his wife Sophia, daughter of Peter Fair, along with the Henry Fair family, another son of Peter Fair, came to make their homes, also in Butler Township.

At the first regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of which Peter Fair was Chairman, Andrew Surfus was appointed Supervisor for the road district Number One, Butler Township. Adam Surfus, another son of Andrew, settled in Sparta Township, Noble County. Both the Surfus' and the Fairs' had large families and are the progenitors of many present day residents of DeKalb, Noble, and Whitley County area.

Peter Surfus, son of William and Sophia, was one of nine children and came to Noble Township, Noble County. Peter married Lorinda Bodine and they were the parents of Eventus LeRoy, who married Anna Jane Clark. They were the parents of Carleton and Charlotte Kiester. Claude E. Surfus, son of Carleton and Charlotte, married Leona Gandy, who were the parents of Jo Anne, who married Shirley Garrison. The Garrison's have five daughters: Sue, married Alan Maxson; Peggy Garrison, both of Kendallville, Indiana; Sherry, married Douglas Lang, of rural LaOtto, DeKalb County; Patti, married Paul Leathers, of Wolcottville, Indiana; and Sandra, married David Davis, of Albion, Indiana; and have eleven grandchildren. They live on Rural Route 3, County Road 900N, Kendallville, Indiana.

MARY (ROBERTS) MATHES, both of her parents' families were early DeKalb County settlers. Collin Roberts and his wife, Lana (Clark) Roberts, came to Wilmington Township from New York State in 1836. They and their four children bought a farm in Wilmington Township. Collin Roberts was an early Trustee in the township in which he lived.

Their oldest son, William Clark, was Mary's grandfather. He was a lawyer and surveyor and had a business in Vienna (Newville). He ran unsuccessfully for the State Legislature. Louise Ann Roberts married Hiram Brundage; Charlotte Amelia Roberts was a teacher and Hanibal Roberts was much younger than the other children.

Collin Roberts died in 1838. His widow and youngest child came to live with Mary's grandfather in Vienna. William Clark Roberts, Mary's Grandfather, married Paula Woodbury in 1842. They had four children: Preston, Pearl, Charlotte, and William Clark, who was the father of Mary. William Clark married Daisy Dean.

Mary's great grandfather, Walker Dean, and his wife, Rebecca (Thornburg) Dean, came to Vienna from Holmes County, Ohio, in 1875. He was a wagon maker and she was a seamstress. He and their older son, George, were Civil War Veterans. He served with the 99th Regiment of the Ohio Infantry. Walker and Rebecca had four other children: Naaman Ross, who was Mary's grandfather; Charles Clyde, who married Minnie Morgan and ran a restaurant in Newville for many years; Jennie, who married William Bowles; and Mary Melissa, who married John Whitehurst. Mary's grandfather married Carolyn Riffle and they had eight children: Charles, Archbold, Forest, Daisy (Mary's mother), Edith, Golda, Eddie, and Henry.

Mary had one sister, Gladys, who married Vernon Hall. They had two daughters, Eileen and Elsie, and two sons Floyd Roberts married Agatha Coburn and they had three children: Dorothy married Carl Cook; Jessie married Gerald Haiffley; and Richard married Paula Harts. Kenneth Roberts married Patricia Boyanton.

Mary married Virgil Mathes and they had two children: Lola married Paul Nafziger and they had two daughters: Laura and Lana; and Kenneth Mathes married Brenda Ball, of Sturgis, Michigan. She was killed in October of 1973. Kenneth and Brenda are the parents of three children: Lisa, Dennis, and Kimberly. His second wife is Sandra Calcutt.

WILLIAM ANGUS HEIMACH, wife Evelyn,

Heimach Wedding

their four children, and Evelyn's mother, Violet (Hendricksen) Gundersen, came to DeKalb County in August of 1965. Reverend Heimach came from the First Presbyterian Church in Nappanee where he had been for seven years to become pastor of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

William Angus, Bill, born 14 September 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of William Lloyd Heimach, of Philadelphia and Myrtle Marie Lawson, of Geer, Virginia. He was their only child. After high school, he worked for three years with General Electric, in Philadelphia. In 1955, he graduated from Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

It was while he was at Bloomfield College that he met Evelyn Gundersen, who was a student nurse at the nearby Mountainside Hospital, in Montclair, New Jersey, graduating in 1953. She had worked for the Irving Trust Company, in Manhatten before entering nurses training. Evelyn and Bill were married on 12 June 1954, in Staten Island, New York, where the Gundersen home was in Sailor's Snug Harbor. They moved to an apartment in Bloomfield, New Jersey. Evelyn Doris Gundersen, born 11 October 1932, in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Ole Christian and Violet Alfreda (Hendricksen) Gundersen.

Bill and Evelyn are the parents of four children: Sandra Lynn, born 18 March 1955, in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, married William Kurtz Jr., 30 December 1978. They live in Nappanee, Indiana, and have two sons, William Kurtz III, Billy, born 18 June 1983, in South Bend, Indiana, and Robert Joseph Kurtz, Robbie, born 3 October 1985, in South Bend. The name of Joseph is from his great great grandfather, Joseph Angus Lawson, of Geer, Virginia.

William Gordon Heimach, born 12 September 1957, married Julia Elizabeth Duncan, of Auburn, 25 September 1982. They are the parents of one son, William Zachary, born 9 April 1987. The name of Gordon is from Evelyn's deceased brother, Gordon Robert.

Robert Angus Heimach, born 13 April 1959, in South Bend, Indiana, destined to attend Notre Dame. Robert was named after Angus, his great grandfather, Joseph Angus Lawson, of Geer, Virginia. Robert married Jennifer Gray of Centerville, Ohio, on 16 August 1986. He will graduate from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in June, 1987.

Julie Ann, born 27 July 1961, in South Bend, Indiana, married Bret B. Hall of Waterloo, Indiana, 27 June 1981. They live in Winona Lake, Indiana. They are the parents of twins, Abigail and Kyle, born prematurely, 1 March 1984, but both lived only a short time. They are buried in Warsaw, Indiana. A son, Alexander Alan Oliver Hall, born 23 February 1985 in Warsaw.

When Sandra was two months old she attended her father's graduation from Bloomfield College. Immediately after graduation, the family of three set out for Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, which Bill would be attending for three years. While attending seminary, he had two small congregations along the Ohio River in Indiana, one at Vevay and the other at Patriot.

After seminary, Bill accepted a call to pastor the church in Nappanee, Indiana.

In May 1968, Bill's father, William Lloyd Heimach, who was also living with the family after the death of his wife, died at DeKalb Memorial Hospital at the age of sixty-five. In December, 1968, Evelyn's mother also passed away in Auburn at the age of sixty-eight.

On 28 September 1977, Reverend Heimach, died of cancer following an illness of only four months. This was not only a terrible shock to the family, but to the community because Reverend Heimach was a very loving member of the community. He helped establish the first nutrition site for the elderly, the DeKalb County Council on Aging named their center the "William A. Heimach Center", commonly referred to as the "Heimach Center." Following the death of her husband, Evelyn who had worked as a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for eleven years became the County Nurse.

In April, 1969, two little boys joined the Heimach family. Kevin Allen was two and a half years old and Frederick Arthur was four years old. Both are going to school, working, and living at the family home on Morningstar Road with their mother.

HAROLD L. AMSTUTZ, born 1 May 1905, near Grabill, Indiana, Allen County, son of David and Jennie (Haifley) Amstutz. His paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Amstutz. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Harriet Haifley. At one time, Joseph operated the grist mill at Orangeville near Newville.

Erma M. Jennings, born 28 February 1911, near Butler, Troy Township. She was the daughter of Boyd and Flora (Rosenberry) Jennings. Her paternal grandparents were Abraham and Lucinda (McClellan) Jennings. Her maternal grandparents were Oliver and Clarissa Ann (David) Rosenberry.

Harold attended Springfield Center School. Erma went to Hook School, Franklin Township, Butler High School, and International College.

Harold and Erma were married 1 January 1942, in the E.U.B. parsonage, on East Main Street, in Butler by Reverend Edward J. Schueler.

Harold was a farmer. He lived on a farm near Harlan. After their marriage, they lived near Spencerville and after selling that they bought a farm in Franklin Township, northeast of Butler where they resided until his death, 4 November 1985. Erma remains on the farm.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church, Harlan, transferred to Jerusalem E.U.B. and later to the United Methodist in Butler. She is a member of Butler United Methodist Church.

They have one daughter, Delores (Amstutz) Howarth and one grandson, Tyler Alexander Howarth.

RUSSELL GROGG, born 19 January 1910, Auburn, Indiana, son of Ben F. and Blanche (Olinger) Grogg. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Imber) Grogg. His maternal grandparents were Cal and Alda (Morr) Olinger.

Helen G., born 19 April 1911. Her maternal grandparents were Nick and Sophronia (Pearson) Worthington, both deceased.

Russell attended school at Butler and Helen attended at Fremont and Butler. They met at Butler High School. Russell and Helen were married 3 May 1935, at the U.B. parsonage, Newville, Indiana. Russell is a retired farmer.

To this union were born two children: Walter Ralph "Pete", born 8 July 1942, and Richard Lee "Dick", born 28 May 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Grogg now reside near Butler and are members of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. Their hobby is traveling.

WALTER R. "PETE" GROGG, born 8 July 1942, Auburn, Indiana, son of Russell and Helen (Carr) Grogg, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Benjamin and Blanche (Olinger) Grogg, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John and Artava (Worthington) Carr, of Butler, Indiana.

Carol A. Place, born 3 January 1947, Buchanan, Michigan, daughter of Everett W. and Esther (Kennedy) Place, of Buchanan, Michigan. Her paternal grandparents are Harry and Hazel (Bradley) Place, of Buchanan, Michigan. Her maternal grandparents are George Jr. and Vashti (Gallimore) Kennedy, of Dowagiac, Michigan.

Walter attended school at Butler, Indiana, and Carol attended school at Three Oaks, Michigan. They met at his folks home and were married 18 October 1969, at Buchanan, Michigan. Walter and Carol are the parents of three children: Vince, born 10 October 1964; Kelly, born 16 August 1970; and Todd, born 10 April 1972, died 16 March 1981.

Walter has worked at B.F. Goodrich and Lanes. He is now a self-employed farmer. Carol has worked in several factories and is now employed at DeKalb Eastern School District cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Grogg reside near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Butler, Indiana. Their hobby is reading.

RICHARD LEE GROGG, born 28 May 1946, Auburn, Indiana, son of Russell and Helen (Carr) Grogg, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Benjamin and Blanche (Olinger) Grogg, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John and Artava (Worthington) Carr, of Butler, Indiana.

Vicki Jean McCann, born 27 July 1951, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Robert E. and Eleanor J. (Deventer) McCann, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are William and Olive (Krontz) McCann, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Homer and Myrtle (Akey) Deventer, of Leo, Indiana.

Dick attended school at Butler High School and Vicki attended at Eastside High School.

They grew up as neighbors. Dick was in the Navy from 1965 to 1969. Dick and Vicki were married 18 July 1970, at Mt. Pleasant Church. They are the parents of two daughters, Roxanne Jean, born 22 September 1972, and Rhonda Dee, born 4 June 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Grogg reside near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

LAUREN JOHN SMITH, born 23 October 1914, on a farm in Noble County, the oldest son of Claud Theodore Smith, born 1894, died 1985, and Nellie Mae (Waldron) Smith, born 1896 and

Lauren and Phyllis Smith

still living in Kendallville. Both were born in Noble County. His paternal grandparents were John P., born 1870, died 1935, and Mary Christina (Reis) Smith, born 1868, died 1960, on the same farm she had been born, raised, and lived all her married life. His maternal grandparents were Elsworth and Georgia Waldron, of Noble County.

Phyllis Virginia (Renkenberger) Smith, born 18 December 1915, daughter of Earl A. and Grace M. (Smith) Renkenberger, born in Chicago, Illinois, 1895, and died in 1969. Her paternal grandparents were Hiram Alonzo and Emma Mae (McKee) Renkenberger, both born in Noble County and were life long residents there. Her maternal grandparents were John Thomas Smith, born near Walsend, England, in 1869, and died in Chicago as the result of a strike-related accident in 1897, and Magdalena (Millerman) Smith, born in Alsace Lorraine, France, in 1871, and died at her farm home northwest of Kendallville in 1947.

Lauren J. and Phyllis V. were married 23 October 1935, in the Kendallville Evangelical Church. They farmed near Kendallville until 1942. They moved to the southwest of Garrett where Lauren farmed and worked for Stonestreet and Burtzner Gravel Company.

In 1951, Lauren hired out on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Lauren and Phyllis belonged to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, southwest of Garrett. Their five children grew up in and were all married in this church. In 1959, they moved to Garrett.

Lauren was active in Garrett civic affairs having served eight years on the J.E. Ober Building Board, six years on the DeKalb County Tax Adjustment Board, three years on the Garrett City Planning Commission, and four years as Democratic City Chairman. He belonged to the Elks and Eagles Lodges. Phyllis and Lauren both worked with the Garrett P.T.A. and the 4-H food stand for a number of years.

Phyllis belonged to Psi Iota Zi Sorority of Garrett, worked at Electric Motors and Auburn Rubber Company. She then became involved in Sales in Garrett at Landy's Department Store and manager of Stern's Ladies wear, then later in sales and decorating at Schaab's Department Store in Auburn.

The Smith's had two daughters and three sons: Thomas L., of LaGrange, married Jane M. Hosler, and is now principal of Howe Elementary School; Nancy V. (Smith) Lantz of Garrett is secretary at the Farmers Home Administration Office of Auburn; Theodore E., "Ted", is employed at Auburn Gear; Jerry D., of Auburn, married to Sherry L. Hunter and owner of Hoham, Smith, and Company, Incorporated; Patsy J. (Smith) Davidson Kent of Huntington and Fort Wayne.

The Smiths have nineteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The Smiths presently live at Blackman Lake.

CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER, born in Pennsylvania. He came to Columbiana County, Ohio, among the very early settlers. In 1847, Christian and Mary (Wolfe) moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, settling on Section 29, in Franklin Township on eighty acres of government land at the regular price of one dollar and a quarter an acre. There had not been any timber cut. It was necessary to clear a spot to build a cabin. A tree located on the site of the cabin was utilized for shingles, the stump of the same tree, was converted into a table for the family's use. They made this their permanent home and reared their children. Christian continued clearing the land and cultivating the soil.

They had eleven children, one died in infancy, ten grew to maturity: Mrs. Nancy King; Andrew, died at age twenty years; Peggy and Kate, each died in young womanhood; Mrs. Barbara Miller; Mrs. Mary Camp; Mrs. Maria Gingrich; Joseph; George Washington; and Christian.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NEWCOMER had but little opportunity for receiving a school education in his youth. He did learn the practical duties of the farm and the habits of industry perseverance which was important of life. He remained home until 1872 when he and Barbara Ellen Van Horn were married. They moved to a tract of land five acres in Franklin Township he owned, gradually purchasing ten acres at a time until he had forty-five acres. He built a barn from timber on the land. He worked many days twenty-five cents a day. They didn't have many comforts in their home in their early married life. In time, they had a better living and owned two hundred forty acres in Franklin Township, Number Nine Bonney Dell School District.

Barbara Ellen (Van Horn) Newcomer was born in Noble County, Indiana, the daughter of John and Annie (Rosenberger) Van Horn. They came from Columbiana County, Ohio, to DeKalb County in 1853, driving through with teams from Chambersburg, Ohio, to Noble County, Indiana. They entered one hundred sixty acres of land which had not been cleared. They built a cabin, constructing the doors, bedsteads, and utensils in primitive manner, customary in those days. Cooking was done by the fireplace. They used old fashioned grease lamps for light in the cabin. In Ohio, John Van Horn was employed in the coal mines of Chambersburg. After coming to Indiana, he did farming.

When Barbara Ellen was fourteen years old, she came to DeKalb County from Noble County to live with her uncle, George Van Horn, three miles east of Waterloo, Indiana, in Wilmington Township until her marriage to George W. Newcomer.

George W. and Barbara Ellen (Van Horn) Newcomer were the parents of six children: Charles E., married Effie Mann; Lona L.; Mary M. McCague, after Mr. McCague's death married a Mr. Brown; Arna O., married Lee Ora Gayle Hodges; Elmer G., married Junia Shultz; William L., married Mae Krum, had twins, Virgil and Vernon, one dying at birth and the other died at age five months. There is a family cemetery on the farm.

ARNA O. NEWCOMER married LeOra Gayle Hodges, daughter of James C. and Laura (Holcomb) Hodges. Arna bought eighty acres from his father in Franklin Township, Number Nine Bonney Dell School District, just north of James C. Hodges' farm for their permanent home.

They had two daughters: Gertrude Nellie, married Gerald Douglas Anthony, 30 June 1935. They had two children: Virginia Ann, stillborn, and Joe Ordell, died from an automobile accident when he was eighteen and a senior at Butler High School. Gerald died in September, 1970. Mildred E. married Carl Lower, 30 June 1935, and they had one daughter, LeOra Gayle Ruppert. Carl and Mildred had three children: John Allen, Gregory Thomas, and Kevin Lee. LeOra Gayle married Alfred Ruppert and they were divorced. She later married Richard Nowacki. Carl Lower died in November, 1976.

GERTRUDE NELLIE (NEWCOMER) ANTHONY, daughter of Arna and LeOra Gayle (Hodges) Newcomer, born 13 September 1905. Her paternal grandparents are George W. and Barbara (Van Horn) Newcomer. Her maternal grandparents were James C. and Laura (Holcomb) Hodges. Gertrude had one sister, Mildred.

Her early years were spent on her parents' farm in Franklin Township, near Bonney Dell District Number Nine, just north of James C. Hodges. She received her early education in the nearby school. She furthered her education after high school and became a teacher. She taught ten years in several DeKalb County Schools before she married.

Gertrude and her sister, Mildred, married the same day, 30 June 1935, at their parents' home, located in Stafford Township. Gertrude married Gerald D. Anthony; her sister married Carl Lower.

Gerald D. Anthony, born 6 July 1903, to Isaac and Rosie Lee (Wagner) Anthony. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Martha Anthony. His maternal grandparents were John and Kate Wagner.

Gerald attended Business College and worked for General Electric in Ft. Wayne until his father's health required his help with the farming at which time he went to live with his parents. He continued farming until his death, 7 September 1970.

Gerald and Gertrude are the parents of two children: Virginia Ann, stillborn, and Joe Ordell, born 20 September 1941 and died October, 1959, as a result of an automobile accident.

Gertrude returned to teaching in 1957, private students who were unable to attend public schools, due to illness. Later she returned to the classroom teaching until her retirement in 1970.

Gertrude and Gerald were members of the U.B. Church which later combined with the Methodist. They belonged to the Farm Bureau and Gertrude belonged to Kappa Delta Phi, a national philanthropic sorority. She continues to live in the family home.

DAVID HARTLY AND MARY (MOON) HOLCOMB had one son, Oscar M. Holcomb, born 8 September 1829, Hamilton County, Ohio. Mary died when Oscar was three years old, he then went to live with his grandparents until he was five years old.

His father married Laura Chase. The family moved to Chicago when it was just a village. Oscar's father sent him to a private school to learn prenticeship when he was fifteen years old. He was call printer's prentice boy. He set the first stick of type on the Chicago Daily Tribune, which in 1847, was in a second story of a two-story building on the corner of LaSalle and Lake Streets. He joined the Army in the Mexican War. When the war was over, he took up one hundred sixty acres of government land, a few miles south of the City of Chicago. He paid for his title with a land warrant which he received as a bonus for war service. He kept the land for six or seven years when he got tired of paying taxes on the land. He sold it for six hundred dollars to a land speculator. In 1856, after the war, he established a weekly paper at Eldora, Iowa. He published a paper in Bloomfield and was mayor for seven years. When he went back to Chicago, Illinois, as a guest, he was so surprised to find how rapidly the city of Chicago had developed the land he sold.

David married Mary Ann Leitch, 22 September 1852, and they moved to a little farm between Butler and Waterloo, Indiana. Later they moved to Iowa and they had six children: Ora A. Bowen, Effie Longhead, Orma M. Holcomb, Laura L. Hodges, William H., died in infancy. Oscar came back to Franklin Township to live.

CYRUS HODGES married Caroline Bowman then Cyrus joined the Army in the Civil War and fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. A son, James C. Hodges, was born to the couple. Cyrus never returned home after the war was over. A few years later, Caroline (Bowman) Hodges married Archie Sinclair, who had a store in Waterloo, Indiana.

James C. and Laura L. (Holcomb) Hodges married and lived on a farm in southwest corner of Franklin Township, in DeKalb County. Number Nine Township Rural Grade School for the first eight grades was built on a portion of their farm.

James and Laura had five children: LeOra Gayle Newcomer, Mabel Shultz, LeRoy Hodges, Lee Hodges, and Robert, who accidently shot himself when he was ten years old. The Hodges made butter and cheese to sell. Their traveling was with a team of horses and wagon or bobsled in the winter.

KENNETH MYRL LUNG, born 27 November 1912 to Harry Edwin, born 29 July 1890, died 7 January 1957, and Goldie D. (Houser) Lung, born 11 February 1892, died 6 August 1975. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Alice (DeVeny) Lung, first wife of Daniel. His maternal grandparents were Henry L., born 21 February 1853, died 11 January 1932, and Olive (Weller) Houser, born 27 January 1856, died 31 January 1943.

Kenneth Lung Family

Kenneth attended Butler Center School and Garrett High School, DeKalb County, Indiana. He walked each day from his home in Butler Center, Butler Township, south of Garrett. He played a violin in the school orchestra, also Hicksville High School.

He was a farmer, truck driver, and later a guard superintendent for Burns Detective Agency.

Kenneth married on 25 June 1932 to Leona Alta Gerig, born 21 July 1912. They had five children: Nelson Leroy, born 13 April 1933; Verlin Myrl, born 11 October 1937; Nancy Ann, born 10 May 1939; Lanny K., born 2 January 1943; and a son who died at birth, January, 1935. Leona died 23 September 1948.

Kenneth later married, 29 October 1950, to Mildred L. (Marlow) Walter, born 24 December 1925. She was a widow with two children: Carol Eileen Walter, born 28 August 1946, and Karen Louise Walter, born October, 1948. Mildred's father was Roy Marlow and mother Beulah (Davis). Her paternal grandfather, William Dountain Davis, grandmother, Ollie Mae (Lee) Davis.

Kenneth and Mildred are the parents of two children: Larry Allen, born 10 May 1953, and Peggy Sue, born 4 July 1956.

Kenneth and Mildred established a grocery store and sold Watkin Products door to door for over thirty years. Kenneth died 8 March 1982, and Mildred is continuing the business.

The family were members of the Church of God where Kenneth and Mildred met. She resides in Auburn, Indiana.

SAMUEL E. BONBRAKE, born near Waynesburg, Ohio, and came to Indiana, first near Pierceton. He married Clarissa E. Salander of Smithfield Township, now State Road 4, east of Ashley, and they first lived at Pierceton where the first child was born. Then they moved to what is now Road 23A, where they purchased a farm, now owned by Jack Hoyer. They were the neighbors of the Cox, Hartman, Betz, and Camp families. Grandfather built the large brick home that is there. Lewis said he was nine years old then and he was born in 1876. Samuel and Clarissa both died in 1909, he in September and she in December, just eight weeks apart. They are buried in Circle Cemetery near Hudson. He was seventy-one and she was sixty-six.

Samuel and Clarissa were the parents of five children: Lillian C., married Robert Gonser, who died, leaving her with five boys to bring up. The daughter, Mildred, died before the father. Lillian later married Isaac Barker and they resided on her farm in Fairfield Township; Claude W. Bonbrake, married Gay Oberlin, and when the railroad shops left Ashley, they moved to Huntington, Indiana, where they lived the rest of their lives; Letitia G. Bonbrake, married Jacob Allomong and lived near Edon, Ohio, later moving to Ashley, Indiana; Lewis W. Bonbrake, married Mary Oberlin, and lived on the home farm until the death of his parents. His last occupation was that of real estate and insurance in Ashley, where he died at the age of ninety-eight. They had three children: Wilson "Billy", Beth, and Margaret. Inez M. Bonbrake, married Ferdinand Meyer and lived in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she died at an early age.

Bonbrakes were members of the St. John's Reformed Church, now called United Church of Christ. Beth's grandfather was a fifty year member of the Masonic Lodge at Hudson, Indiana.

Beth was born in the old brick house on 31 July 1900, and is the oldest daughter of Lewis Bonbrake. She now resides on State Road 4, west of Ashley, on the Steuben County side. She married Granville Eckert and spent most of their married life in Fairfield Township.

Charles Clark M.D.

CHARLES ROBERTSON CLARK, M.D., was born 7 November 1876, to Carlton and Henry Etta (Robertson) Clark. He had four brothers and a sister.

He grew up in Stamets Town, south of Auburn, on a small farm. His father was a freight agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He attended Harrison Grade School, Junior High, and High School in Auburn. He never missed a school day. He attended Indiana University graduating in 1897. He had additional schooling in Medical School and started practicing in 1907.

He married Helen Bauer in 1914, and Helen's nickname for him was "Doc."

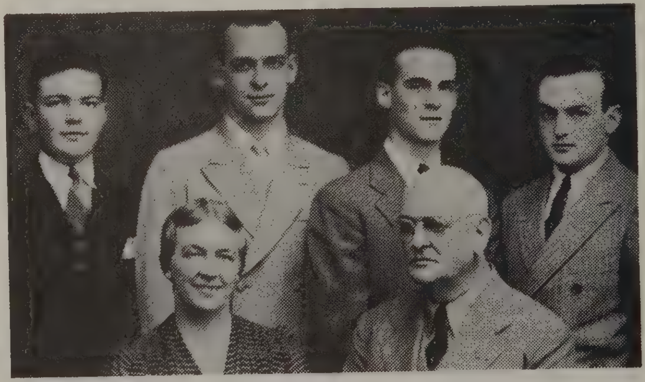
He loved classical music and attended the winter concert services in Fort Wayne sponsored by Scottish Rite. He also attended the Chatague service which brought culture to Auburn every summer for one week.

He was a man of high ideals which ruled the family, many times causing trouble not only at home, but in other aspects of community life: politics, schools, public activities, and personal connections. But he always worked for what was best for the community.

His greatest short coming was handling money, said son Horace. He worried about this so much he got ulcers, but he was a strong family man who wanted his children to succeed and enjoy their triumphs.

He loved photography as a hobby, developing his own prints. Growing roses and gardening were among his interests. In his later life, he took up painting and became obsessed with genealogy.

In his professional life, he was not much different, always in control of the situation, the decision maker, kind hearted, but not demonstrative in showing it, outspoken with opinions and advice.



Charles Clark Family

HELEN (BAUER) CLARK, born 16 November 1894, at 1315 South Jackson Street, Auburn, Indiana. She was the daughter of Christian Ludwig, born 29 August 1867, and Henrietta (Benner) Bauer. She was the third of eight children and the only child not born above a bakery.

Her parents were both born in Germany. Soon after she was born, her parents moved into the Model Bakery at the Southeast corner of Tenth and Main Streets in Auburn, later occupied by the Moose Lodge. Helen waited on trade in the store. It was there she met her future husband, a new young doctor in Auburn.

Helen was a beautiful brunette, five foot, five and a half inches tall, with dark brown hair and brown eyes. She could play the piano and pump organ.

She married the young doctor, Charles Clark, who was almost twice her age. She thought doctors made lots of money and that it would be a good marriage. She was nineteen when they were married, 27 September 1914.

Helen had not attended high school but graduated from the eighth grade. Her lack of formal education did not deter her. After marriage, she joined the Entre Nous Club, which studied many different subjects including literature, music, art, science, history, and geography. She served as president twice. She also joined a sewing club.

She enjoyed sewing and stitched and quilted quilts, one for every child and grandchild plus two for herself.

Helen raised a family of four boys: Horace, Robertson Bob, Warren, and Calvin, all college graduates. Three of the boys served in the Navy in World War II: Bob, Warren, and Calvin.

After the boys left home, she began a life of working outside the home which included Manager of Auburn Auto License Bureau, County Assessors Office, Eckhart Public Library, Republican Politics, Business and Professional Women's Club. She learned to drive an automobile after the age of fifty.

She wanted to sell the big house on Ensley Avenue because it was too much work, but Doc refused, so she stayed there until he died in 1962, nursing him at home.

She became a member of the First Presbyterian Church in 1964, a faithful worker.

She lived at Wesley Park Apartments until a few weeks before she died in 1986.

ALLEN CYRUS COBLER, born 20 October 1850, in Jackson Township, four miles east of Auburn, Indiana. He moved to Garrett around 1884, met and married Lydia C. Shreve, 19 November 1871. She was born 31 December 1843, in Knox County, Ohio. They lived in Garrett many years. Mr. Cobler worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for forty-three years.

Allen and Lydia had two children: Thomas Clarence, born 1 August 1873, married Ida Van Zile, born 20 May 1876, died 19 April 1977. Thomas died 25 September 1941. They had seven children: Esther, born 12 September 1887, married Lynn Lockhart from Arizona where they resided. Esther and Lynn had three children: Charles, Lynn Jr., and Thomas. Esther died 21 April 1970.

Oakley Cobler, born 14 May 1896, married forty-six years to Marie Maxwell. After Marie's death, Oakley married Florence Renneman. Marie and Oakley had two children: Edmond and Jacqueline. Oakley died October, 1978.

Lois Cobler, born 1 June 1899, in Garrett, and has lived there for eighty-seven years. She died 29 August 1986.

Florence Cobler, born 20 May 1900, married Alexander Benjamin Baker. They had three children: Mrs. Charles Hill, Chandler, Arizona; Mrs. John Holgate, Tempe, Arizone; and Mrs. Jo Haldiman, Jr., Scottsdale, Arizona.

Elva Cobler, born 5 August 1902, married Lawrence Anderson. Elva died February, 1941.

Thais Cobler, born 31 August 1914, married Ross LaRue in 1936.

Lois Cobler

LOIS COBLER, born 1 June 1899 in Garrett, Indiana, to Thomas and Ida (Van Zile) Cobler. Her paternal grandparents were Allen Cyrus and Lydia C. (Shreve) Cobler. She had five brothers and sisters.

She was a life long resident of Garrett and lived in the family homestead on King Street which is marked as an historical landmark. The early education was in the Garrett School from which she graduated. She studied music, piano, for many years, playing the organ sixty years for her church, the First Church of Christ, besides other church positions including the writing and publication of the Centennial Church History.

She was a teacher and librarian for forty-seven years at Garrett Elementary School.

History, especially local, was a hobby. The local newspaper published her article, "Reminist," on various researched subjects related to Garrett.

She participated and was affiliated with Business and Professional Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma and Tri-Kappa Sororities, Roadside Garden Club, Indiana and DeKalb County retired teachers; Associations and American Mothers, Incorporated.

She died 29 August 1986 following a short illness.

Thais LaRue

THAIS (COBLER) LA RUE, was born 31 August 1914, the youngest child of Thomas Clarence and Ida Cobler. She attended school in Garrett, graduating in 1932. She spent a year at the Arizona School of Music in Phoenix, at the same time appearing weekly on a fifteen minute raido program on Station KTAR.

Thais and Ross P. LaRue, manager of the local Atlantic and Pacific Food Store, were married in Garrett, 12 April 1936. When Thais and Ross had been married for about twenty years, it was discovered that he had Parkinson's Disease and had to take an early retirement. Thais, at the age of fifty, took her SAT test and entered college to become a school teacher. She earned a B.S. degree in Elementary Education in 1969, and at the same time continued to teach thirty or forty piano and organ students. She taught school twelve years at Garrett. She attained a M.S. degree and participated in a University Study tour of Europe. She retired in 1982.

Thais has been a member of the Garrett First Church of Christ for fifty years, serving as pianist, organist, choir director, teacher, and president of the women's organization. In 1984, she toured Israel for ten days with a small group.

Her civic organizations include Business and Professional Women's Club, Roadside Garden Club, Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority, Delta Kappa Gamma Socity, DeKalb Prayer Fellowship, DeKalb Retired Teacher Organization, Red Cross Bloodmobile Volunteer, Northeast Mental Health Association Volunteer, served as president of Indiana Reading Specialists, and is presently Vice-President of the Indiana Chapter of American Mothers, Incorporated.

In 1986, the Indiana Mothers Chapter of American Mothers, Incorporated, selected Thais to be the Indiana Mother of the Year. She was honored at a reception and luncheon and represented Indiana at the convention in Portland, Oregon.

Thais continues to be active in church and civic organizations. She likes to travel and enjoys music and crafts.

ROSS P. LA RUE and Thais (Cobler) LaRue were the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Alan LaRue, born 13 October 1937, graduated from Garrett High School. He attended Cincinnati Bible Seminary, where he received a ministerial degree. He married Patricia Walker, also a Garrett graduate. He served Church of Christ churches at Fredericktown, Ohio, and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and was president of the newly formed Ontario Christian Seminary for seven years. He then returned to preaching in Onalaska, Wisconsin, and Bryan, Ohio. Alan and Patricia have four children.

Leslie attended school in Toronto, Ontario, and graduated from high school in Onalaska, Wisconsin. She graduated from Cincinnati Bible College with highest honors in journalism. She married Daniel Durden, a law student, and resides in Rockville, Maryland.

Michelle attended the same school as her sister and received Christian Education degree from Cincinnati Bible College. She married Steve Larson and they live at Southgate, Michigan. She is presently a student at Eastern Michigan University.

Jacqualyn also attended the same school as her sister and works for Standard Publishing Company in Cincinnati. She sings with a women's trio for church programs.

Scott began school in Toronto and graduated from Bryan High School. He is a student at Cincinnati Bible College to become a minister.

Carol LaRue, daughter of Ross and Thais, was born 6 September 1945. She graduated from Garrett and spent a year at Ball State. She became executive secretary at Indiana Bank. During this time, she was married to Judd Van Houten and they have been married five years. She has one son, Mark. Carol applied for admission to the Indiana State Police Academy to become a trooper. After several years as a patrolman, she was assigned as an investigator, a job she still holds. Mark Van Houten is serving with the United States Army in Germany.

Mark LaRue, youngest child of Thais and Ross, born in Garrett, 23 May 1949. He graduated from Garrett High School. He received an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University, Fort Wayne, and a speech and communication degree from Indiana State University in Terre Haute. He married Amy Newton, a registered nurse from Montgomery, Indiana. They presently live in Grand Prairie, Texas, where Mark trains managers for the Wendy Organization. They have two children: Brian and Nancy Ann.

H. DALE MAVIS, born 8 August 1891, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Simon Andrew Mavis and Emily Romanus.

Elva E. Doty, born 28 March 1891, in Defiance County, Ohio, to James and Sarah Jane (Mavis) Doty.

They were married 23 November 1915, and lived on four or five farms before moving to Auburn, Indiana, in March, 1923.

Dale had a job at Auburn Rubber Company and later at Auburn Stoker. He later farmed and went into business for himself, Mavis Stoker and Heating.

Dale and Elva had two children: Adrian R., born 24 May 1921, in Ohio. He worked for his father after serving in the United States Navy from 1941 to 1945. Dorothy Arlene, born in 1916, in Ohio.

Mrs. Mavis was a Watkins dealer from 1924 to 1926, and also sold Togstad Products in the early 1930's. She also served as secretary of the Mavis Heating Company and was a housewife.

Mr. Mavis hired his son-in-law, Harold Boger, and the Boger grandsons to work with him on Saturdays and Sundays or evenings whenever they could. His grandson, Gary Mavis, worked sometimes with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Mavis were members of the Auburn Church of God. She was also involved in P.T.A. at Harrison School; Auburn Junior High and Auburn High School. Mrs. Mavis held offices in the church and the Missionary Society on local and state levels. Mr. Mavis held offices in Men's groups and other activities on local and state levels.

Mrs. Mavis died 19 October 1969. Mr. Mavis lived alone in his home in Auburn, and his granddaughter, Gloria J. Boger, lived with him a short time. He sold his home in 1974 to Foley Pattern Shop and went to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Boger, on Ensley Avenue. Later he lived at Avilla in the apartments then Sacred Heart Nursing Home. Three weeks before his death, he moved to Betz Nursing Home. He died 8 August 1983 on his ninety-second birthday. They are buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The Mavis' had two children, eleven grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, and thirteen great great grandchildren.

ORVAL CASSELMAN, born 13 April 1905 in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Ira and Clara Elizabeth (Wallace) Casselman. His paternal grandparents were Martin and Rebecca (Strow) Casselman. His maternal grandparents were James and Susan (Hesh) Wallace.

Myrtle King, born 8 April 1910, daughter of William and Minnie (Durst) King. Her paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Lydia (Mull) King. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Bertha (Durst) Durst. They were married 5 September 1931.

Orval farmed eighty acres in Fairfield Township until 1959, when he went to work for the DeKalb County Highway.

Before her marriage, Myrtle worked at the Auburn Printing Company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Casselman were active in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ where Orval served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years and an elder for thirty years.

Mr. Casselman has two sisters: Viola Laisure, Waterloo; Ethel Bowman, Garrett; and two brothers: Lester and Walter, both deceased. Mrs. Casselman has one sister, Mildred Myers, and one brother, John King, both of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Casselman are the parents of two children: Don, of Ossian, Indiana, who is a designer at Pacway Container Company, Fort Wayne, and Dixie Buchs, who is a teacher's aide at DeKalb Middle School.

Mr. and Mrs. Casselman have five grandchildren: Dawn Casselman, of Ossian, Indiana; Dennis Buchs, of Kendallville; Kelly Getts, of Corunna; Nancy Howard, of Auburn; and Mike Buchs, of Auburn. They also have two great grandchildren: Kirby Miller, of Kendallville, and Justin Howard, of Auburn.

HAROLD ANTHONY BUCHS, born 23 July 1932, Garrett, Indiana, son of Leo W. and Mary M. (Ellert) Buchs, both deceased. His paternal grandparents were Anton and Esther (West) Buchs, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were George and Mary (Pfefferkorn) Ellert, both deceased.

Dixie Margaret Casselman, born 26 April 1933 Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Orval J. and Myrtle M. (King) Casselman, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Ira and Elizabeth (Wallace) Casselman, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were William G. and Minnie M. (Durst) King, both deceased.

Harold and Dixie both attended school at Ashley High School, where they met. They were married 1 December 1956, at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo, Indiana. Harold has worked at Strawser Construction and Foley Pattern Company. He is now self-employed. Dixie has worked at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and is now employed at DeKalb Middle School.

To this union were born four children: Dennis Harold, born 2 July 1957; Kelley Marie (Buchs) Getts, born 1 August 1959; Nancy Elaine (Buchs) Howard, born 15 December 1960; Michael Jay, born 28 May 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buchs reside near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Their hobbies include antiques and fishing.

Homer Stackhouse Family

HOMER STACKHOUSE, son of Albert and Rachel (Smith) Stackhouse, born 21 January 1893, in Mark Center, Ohio. His earliest American ancestors, Thomas Stackhouse, a Quaker Minister, came to America in 1682, settling in Pennsylvania. Descendents of Thomas migrated westward, among them was Homer, who came to DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Hazel Loreen Bills, 7 November 1914.

Hazel Bills, born 15 April 1897, daughter of Edward and Harriet (Onstott) Bills, of St. Joe, Indiana. Her paternal grandfather was Nelson Bills. Her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Esther (Wheaton) Onstott.

The family were farmers until 1924, when they moved to Auburn, Indiana. Hazel, still living, resides with her son, Hubert, on Seventh Street.

Homer worked for the Auburn Rubber Company and Warner Gear. Hazel, an excellent cook, worked at various restaurants and owned City Cafe from 1937 to 1946, at which time she retired to operate an antique shop for the next twenty-five years.

Homer and Hazel had four children: Eunice Irene, born 1915; Preston Everett, born 1917; Betty Jean, born 1922; and Hubert, born 1924. They have six grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild, born in 1986.

Now at the age of eighty-nine, Hazel makes rugs, does needlework, and some antiquing.

Terry Wilson Family

TERRY CRAIG WILSON, born 13 January 1948, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Darrell C. and Margaret (Priebe) Wilson. His paternal grandparents were Ralph Linden and Fern O. (Houser) Wilson of Butler. His maternal grandparents were William and Lena (Ashwood) Priebe, of Detroit, Michigan.

Sally Jean Reinoehl, born 23 February 1952, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Paul E. and Jean A (Shumaker) Reinoehl. Her paternal grandparents were John Henry and Effie T. (Hamman) Reinoehl. Her maternal grandparents were Marlton D. and Daisy D. (Tritch) Shumaker.

Terry and Sally were married 19 July 1980, at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, southwest of Ashley, Indiana. Mr. Wilson graduated from Eastside High School in 1966. Mrs. Wilson graduated from DeKalb High School, in 1970, and Manchester College in 1974.

Terry worked for Sechler's Pickles a few summers while in high school and for Harold's Supermarket a short time after graduation. In 1968, he had a broadcasting job with WDMJ of Marquette, Michigan, for four months until he joined the Army for three years. While in the Army, he served in the Vietnam War in 1970. He was released in November of 1971. In March of 1972, he became employed by the Aro Corporation of Bryan, Ohio.

Sally grew up on a farm a few miles southwest of Ashley, Indiana. She worked various jobs to help get through college. After graduation from Manchester in 1974, she was hired by DeKalb Central Schools in the fall of that year. She has taught Kindergarten at the Ashley Elementary School in all but her first year. She earned her Master's Degree in 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are active members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, Indiana. Both have held various positions in the church.

Mr. Wilson has two sisters: Jody (Wilson) West and Renee Wilson. Mrs. Wilson has one sister, Cathy (Reinoehl) Wells, and three brothers: Sam, Mike, and Peter Reinoehl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of two sons: Joel Craig, born 7 June 1982, and Nicholas Adam, born 19 December 1985.

Mr. Wilson's ancestors include English and German on the paternal side and German and American Indian on his maternal side. It is known that Mr. Wilson's great great grandfather, George Wilson, came to this country from England, in 1851. They settled in Wayne County, Ohio, and on to DeKalb County in 1860. He was a merchant in England and a farmer in America. From his maternal side, Mr. Wilson has a ninety-one year photo of his great great grandfather, Ashwood, who was a full blooded Indian, holding his grandmother as a baby. It is said, but not confirmed, that he was a Seminole.

Mrs. Wilson's ancestors were French Huguenot and German on her paternal side and German on her maternal side. The first Reinoehl's to come to America were George Henry and Eva Catherine (Gruensweig) Reinoehl, in 1749. They settled in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. The name of Reinoehl derives from Rein, meaning pure, and ohl, meaning oil.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson presently reside northeast of Butler, Indiana.

Ellert Homestead

CARL E. ELLERT, born 6 March 1924, Smithfield Township, Ashley, Indiana, son of Joseph H. and Clara (Wetosky) Ellert, of Smithfield Township, Ashley, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were George and Mary Ann (Pfefferkorn) Ellert, of Franklin Township. George was a soldier in the French Army in Nancy, France for eighteen years. When Carl first started school, his grandfather took him to school in the horse and buggy. His maternal grandparents were John and Magdelan (Shoudel) Wetosky, of Smithfield Township.

Pearl E. Peg Geiser, born 2 October 1924, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of William A. and Velma (Miller) Geiser, of Auburn, Indiana. Pearl's mother would tell tales of the gypsies that would camp south of them and they would have to watch their chickens so they wouldn't get stolen. She would also tell of the bushes growing out over the road and how afraid she was when they came home at night and the bush would slap the sides of the buggy. Her paternal grandparents are Andrew and Anna Marie (Hammon) Geiser, of Garrett, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Ambrose R. and Lola (Reed) Miller, of DeKalb County. Pearl's great grandfather drove a team of oxen named Buck and Barry to Corunna for their mail and groceries. Her great great grandfather settled in Fairfield Township around 1849.

Carl attended school in Ashley and Pearl attended in Garrett. They met after a ballgame. Carl and Pearl were married 19 April 1947 at the Immaculate Church, in Auburn, Indiana.

To this union were born six children: Karen, born 15 April 1948, married Bruce Levasseur; Carl L., born 9 July 1950; Mark C., born 11 September 1954; Toni, born 9 June 1956, married David Garvin; Lisa, born 1 March 1960, married Jeff Sproat; Renee, born 26 February 1961, married Douglas Harp.

Carl has worked at Rieke Corporation and Warner Gear in Auburn, Indiana. He is now retired after thirty-seven years at Warner Gear.

Pearl has worked at Andres Insurance Office and Auburn Credit Burearu. She is now a homemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellert reside near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Garrett. Their hobbies include farming, golfing, rockhounding, quilting, local and family history.

UTAH ROWE, born 20 October 1931, in Jackson, Kentucky, the second of five children, to Adam and Laveny Rowe. Utah left home at the age of thirteen, working in coal mines, bubble gum factory, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, vegetable farms, until his age was found out, then he would have to find another job. Utah has lived in DeKalb County for thirty-five years. He worked for seventeen years at Allied Feeds, Fort Wayne. For the last eighteen years, he has been employed as a machine operator at Auburn Gear, formerly Warner Gear.

Helen Kruse, born 21 May 1934, in DeKalb County, the third child in a family of two girls and two boys, daughter of Fred and Goldie Kruse. Helen obtained a beautician license in November, 1961, having a shop in their home at Leo for eighteen years. After moving to Auburn, she still has a shop in their home.

Utah and Helen were married 12 May 1972, and moved to the old Ralph and Elsi Bartles farm south of Auburn in July, 1979. Utah spent a year remodeling the home before they moved in.

The Rowe's children are Roger D. Rowe, born 11 December 1951, employed in plumbing in Tampa, Florida; Marlene M. (Rowe) Steinman, born 30 November 1953, living east of Auburn, employed as a supervisor at Magnavox, in Garrett, Indiana; Tony Rowe, born 30 May 1955; Eddie D. Rowe, born 3 October 1956, employed at construction, in Tampa, Florida; Christine L. Bollier, born 22 August 1922, employed as a registered nurse in Saint Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana; and Toni L. Harris, born 25 August 1955, is a secretary for the engineer department at Auburn Gear in Auburn.

The Rowe family enjoys country living and staying active in different community affairs.

WILLIAM ELLSWORTH HAMILTON, born 7 December 1866, and Mary Adah Freed, born 26 December 1868. William was a brick mason and was known to his friends as "Shorty."

To this union were born three children: Eugene, born 26 July 1893, died April, 1973. He was also a brick mason and the father of three: Vivian Hamilton, the only survivor, married Nathan Rufner, Jr., in 1933, and they were the parents of five children: Michael, died in 1950; Bill, of Anaheim, California; Carol (Rufner) Jones, of Happy Camp, California; Thomas, of South Whitley; Barbara (Rufner) Linden, of Clintan, Michigan. Nathan and Vivian have eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Nathan died in 1945, then Vivian Rufner married Joseph Leeson, of Altona, on 14 February 1947; Grace Hamilton, married George Scheve and they are both deceased. Their children live in Georgia; and Randall Hamilton; Hazel Hamilton, the second child of William and Mary, was a beautician and Clifton, born 19 September 1885, died on 28 September 1887.

LOWELL ARTHUR PRENTICE, born 30 August 1954, at Garrett, Indiana, son of Neil Arthur and Doris Elaine (Rossow) Prentice of St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Marvin and Alma (Ewell) Prentice, of Fairfield Township, Corunna, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Louis and Minerva Hertha Louise Rossow, of Redford, Michigan.

Sheryl Ann Perlich, born 11 December 1953, Kendallville, Indiana, daughter of Donald Lee and Belva June (Getts) Perlich, of Corunna, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Earl Cecil and Hazel (McCoy) Perlich, of Albion, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were John Jay and Hazel Adelia (Perkins) Getts, of Fairfield Township, Ashley, Indiana.

Lowell attended school at Eastside High School, Butler, Indiana. He has worked at St. Joe Elevator, 1972-1973. He is now production foreman at Vulcraft, St. Joe, Indiana.

Sheryl attended school at DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana, and college at Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana. She received a B.A. degree in English, 1976, Master's degree, in English, 1981, from Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has taught English at Eastside, grade seven through ten, and is now employed at IPFW, English Department, Associate Faculty. She is also Butler's reporter for the Evening Star.

They met at her parents' home, on a blind date arranged by her sister and Lowell's best friend. Lowell and Sheryl were married 26 June 1976 at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, Indiana.

To this union were born two children: Jeremy Austin, born 11 March 1980, Auburn, Indiana; Dawn Renee, born 15 November 1982, Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Prentice reside near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, Indiana.

EARL WILLIAM GOLDSMITH, born 16 March 1939, Spencerville, Indiana, son of Harold J. and Fern Maxine (Warner) Goldsmith, of Spencerville, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Solomon J. and Rilla O. (Van Zile) Goldsmith of Spencerville, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Earl Ross and Lola Ethel (Maxwell) Warner, of Hicksville, Ohio.

Barbara Ann Cobb, born 17 February 1941, Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Darwin E., Sr. and Eva Mae (Brockney) Cobb, of Spencerville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Glenn and Pearl (Ellis) Cobb of Battlecreek, Michigan, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents are Gurney William and Nellis May (Smith) Brockney, of Detroit, Michigan, both deceased.

Earl attended school at Riverdale, St. Joe, Indiana. He has worked at Auburn Rubber Company and is now employed at Cooper Industrial Products. Barbara attended school at Woodburn, Indiana. She has worked at Messengers and Higley's and is now employed at Stanadyne District Division.

Earl and Barbara met at Spencerville, Indiana. They were married 20 August 1960, at Evangelical Mennonite Church in Grabill, Indiana.

To this union were born three children: Earl W., Jr., born 26 September 1961; Karl Ross, born 9 June 1963; and Ruth Ellen, born 27 August 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith are also legal guardians of three children: Kevin Earl Brunner, born 27 July 1967; Kim Brunner, born 11 February 1969; and Chris Brunner, born 10 May 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goldsmith currently live near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ. Their hobbies include antique tractors.

MARION HENRY DERMOTT, born 25 September 1912, St. Joe, Indiana, son of Forrest and Hazel (Smurr) Dermott, of St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandfather was Marion H. Dermott, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Alverta M. Cain, born 29 August 1923, Rensselaer, Indiana, daughter of Thomas C. and Gertrude E. (Greiser) Cain, of Rensselaer, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Ed and Ann (Rogers) Cain of Rensselaer, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Joseph and Mary (Voltz) Greiser, of Woodford County, Illinois.

Marion attended school at Hicksville, Ohio. He has worked at Casad Depot, New Haven, Indiana. Marion is now deceased. Alverta attended school at Rensselaer, Indiana. She has worked at Vogue, Fort Wayne, and is now employed at Reeves Brothers, Auburn, Indiana.

Marion and Alverta met in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and were married 30 August 1952, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Fort Wayne.

To this union were born two sons: Victor Forrest, born 28 June 1953, and Terrence Patrick, born 25 June 1956.

Mrs. Dermott now resides near St. Joe, Indiana. She is a member of the St. Michael Catholic Church, of Hicksville, Ohio.

VICTOR F. DERMOTT, born 28 June 1953, Garrett, Indiana, son of Marion H. and Alverta (Cain) Dermott, of St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Forrest and Hazel Dermott, of St. Joe, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Thomas C. and Gertrude (Greiser) Cain, of Rensselaer, Indiana.

Madeleine (Folen) Memmon, of Oak Park, Illinois. Her paternal grandparents are Michael and Vincenzo Memmon of Elmwood Park, Illinois. Her maternal grandparents are James and Katherine Folen, of Almond, Wisconsin.

Victor attended school at Eastside, Butler, Indiana, and St. Joseph College, at Rensselaer, Indiana. He has worked at IBM, Oakbrook, Illinois. Madeleine attended school at Oak Park, Illinois. She has worked at Memmon Shoe Store and is now a homemaker.

They met at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana. Victor and Madeleine were married 5 May 1978, at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Oak Park, Illinois.

To this union were born three children: Bernadette Mary, born 25 May 1980; Eileen E., born 17 November 1982; and Theresa L., born 30 May 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dermott reside south of Yorkville, Illinois. They are members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Bristol, Illinois.

TERRENCE P. DERMOTT, born 23 June 1956, Garrett, Indiana, son of Marion H. and Alverta Dermott, of St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Forrest and Hazel (Smurr) Dermott, of St. Joe, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Thomas C. and Gertrude (Greiser) Cain, of Rensselaer, Indiana.

Terrence attended school at Eastside, Butler, Indiana, and college at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and University of Cincinnati Law School.

Captain Terrence Dermott is with the Judicial Department of the United States Air Force. He is stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuergue, New Mexico. Terrence is still single.

ROBERT FLOYD RIDGWAY, born 12 November 1925, St. Joe, Indiana, son of Floyd and Mary E. Ridgway, of St. Joe, Indiana, both deceased. His paternal grandparents are George and Belle Ridgway, of Auburn Junction and St. Joe, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Samuel W. and Ethel Victoria Lulene Armstrong, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Barbara Ellen Richardson, born 17 October 1928, Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Jack and Bessie Richardson, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents lived in Kenton, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were John and Mary Hampshire of Grant Township, DeKalb County.

Robert attended school at St. Joe, Indiana. He was in the United States Navy from January, 1944, to January 1946, South Pacific. He was employed with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for forty-two years and is now retired.

Barbara attended school at Waterloo, Indiana. She has worked at Indiana Bell Telephone, City National Bank and Northern Indiana Fuel and Light. She is now employed at Bostwick-Braum, at Ashley, Indiana.

Robert and Barbara met at the Silvermoon Skating Rink in Waterloo. They were married 15 August 1948, at Norris Chapel Church, Auburn, Indiana. To this union was born one daughter, Teresa Ann, born 2 August 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway live in Auburn, Indiana. Their hobbies include traveling, camping, and quilting.

Charles and Clara Overholt

CHARLES OVERHOLT, born 22 April 1860, Hancock County, Ohio, died 12 February 1938, son of Christian and Catherine (Leighty) Overholt. Christian was born 4 March 1827, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, died 9 January 1898, Hancock County, Ohio. Catherine was born 1 September 1831, in Pennsylvania, died in Hancock County, Ohio. They had nine children: Lizzie, Alsinus, Ella, Charles, Clarence, Frank, Sherman, Edgar, and Bertha.

His paternal grandparents were Christina, 1786-1868, and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Overholt, 1794-1887. His paternal great grandparents were Henry, 1739-1813, and Anna (Beitler) Oberholtzer, 1745-1835. His paternal great great grandparents were Martin, 1709-1744, and Agnes, 1713-1786, Oberholtzer.

Charles married Clara Belle Linhart, 30 December 1885. Clara was born in Hancock County, Ohio, 28 January 1865, died 3 April 1929, Hicksville, Ohio. They moved to DeKalb county, 26 February 1920, at which time he purchased a farm in Franklin Township. They are the parents of five children: Gail, Virgil, Dean, Zoa, and Charles Jr. Their son, Dean, purchased their farm and lived there until 1985.

Dean, Lillie and grandchildren

DEAN OVERHOLT, born 6 April 1891, Hancock County, Ohio, died 3 July 1985, DeKalb County, son of Charles, 1860-1938, and Clara Belle (Linhart), 1865-1928, Overholt.

His paternal grandparents were Christian and Catherine (Leighty) Overholt. His paternal great grandparents were Christian, 1827-1898, and Elizabeth (Stauffer), 1831-1894, Overholt.

Dean married Lillie Pearl Hammond, 26 August 1915. Lillie was born 24 June 1891. They owned the farm northeast of Waterloo, formerly owned by his father. Dean came to Indiana, 1920, with his parents.

Dean and Lillie were the parents of one daughter, Luella Mae, born 18 March 1924. She married Glenn Dale Clark, 12 December 1944. They live on the farm which belonged to his father. Luella and Glenn are the parents of a son and daughter, Donald and Julia.

Dean and Lillie Overholt were members of the Church of Christ, Hamilton, Indiana.

Glenn and Luella Clark and Dean Overholt

LUELLA MAE (OVERHOLT) CLARK, born 18 March 1924, DeKalb County, daughter of Dean and Lillie Pearl (Hammond) Overholt. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Clara Belle (Linhart) Overholt. Her paternal great grandparents were Christian and Catherine (Leighty) Overholt. Her paternal great great grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Overholt.

Her maternal grandparents were George and Sara Caroline (Dirrim) Hammond. Her maternal great grandparents were William and Christina (Haughey) Dirrim.

Luella married Glenn Dale Clark, 12 December 1944. Glenn was born 4 February 1919. They adopted two children in 1962. Donald Gene, born 22 September 1957, married 31 September 1978, Dianna Bentz. There are no children. They are now living on Dean Overholt's farm in Franklin Township.

Julia Ann, born 20 December 1958, married Alan William Goodwin, 24 September 1977. Alan was born 21 September 1957, son of Richard and Alice Goodwin. They purchased the Wayne Clark farm in 1981. They are the parents of two children: Andrew William, born 8 July 1978, and Kasandra Maria, born 24 October 1979.

Glenn and Luella, live in Franklin Township. They now own both homestead farms and are farming the land. They are members of the Church of Christ, Hamilton, Indiana. Luella is a member of Fildles Christian Workers, Franklin Township Homemakers Club.

ELIAS OSBUN, born 30 November 1819, died 24 December 1876, Ashland, Ohio. Elias married Mary Ann Watson, born in March of 1806, died in August of 1879, DeKalb County. Elias and Mary homesteaded on land in Jackson Township, which is still in the family.

To this union were born five children: Elizabeth, born 1849, died 1918; twins, Aaron W., born 1852, died 1933; John W., born 1852, died 1939. At the death of their mother, the family homestead was passed on to the twin sons and daughter, Elizabeth. These three children never married. Another daughter, Lovina, born 1860, died 1920, married James Dove, born 1857, died 1949, in DeKalb County. To this union were born three children: Minnie Dove, born 1885, died 1960, married John C. Armstrong, sheriff of DeKalb County in 1928; Laura (Dove) Reasoner, born 1888, died 1974, married Floyd Higgins, a farmer and cattle buyer. She had one child from a previous marriage, Bessie Reasoner, born 1906. Bessie's father was Marion Reasoner, son of Silas and Alice Reasoner, of St. Joe. Bessie married Ernest Pfierman of Harlan, Indiana.

Sam, the last son of Elias and Mary Osbun married and had two sons: Frank and Hank. Sam married Leiha.

ERNEST H. PFIERMAN, born 17 July 1900, Harlan, Indiana, son of Frederick and Mary Pfierman, of Germany. His maternal grandparents were from Antwerp, Ohio.

Bessie Reasoner, born 3 October 1906, Auburn Junction, Indiana, daughter of Marion Reasoner and Laura (Dove) Reasoner Higgins, of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents were Silas and Alice Reasoner, of St. Joe. Her maternal grandparents were James and Lovina (Osbun) Dove, of Auburn, Indiana.

Ernest and Bessie attended school at Harlan, Indiana. They were married 9 August 1922, Hillsdale, Michigan. Ernest and Bessie ran a Country Grocery Store and Huckster wagon in Fancler, six miles from Harlan, Indiana. Later they moved to a farm near Auburn, Indiana.

To this union was born one son, Wilbur, born 30 November 1924.

Ernest is now deceased and Bessie lives near Auburn, Indiana, on a farm.

WILBUR J. PFIERMAN, born 30 November 1924, Jackson Township, Auburn, Indiana, son of Ernest H. and Bessie (Reasoner) Pfierman, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Frederick and Mary Pfierman, of Harlan, Indiana, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Marion and Laura (Dove) Reasoner, of Auburn, Indiana, both deceased.

Wilma L. Krebs, born 10 December 1924, Wolcottville, LaGrange County, Indiana, daughter of William W. and Loie I. (Straser) Krebs, of Wolcottville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth Krebs, of South Milford, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were George and Minnie (Anstett) Strawser, of Helmer, Indiana.

Wilbur attended school at Auburn. He has worked at Dana Corporation and Fruehauf Corporation, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Wilma has worked at General Electric and United Telephone. She is now retired. They met in Fort Wayne and were married 25 June 1949, in Fort Wayne.

To this union was born one son, Jack E., born 8 October 1962. Jack married Cathy L. Powell, of Waterloo, 8 March 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pfierman reside in Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the First Methodist Church. Their hobbies include farming, bowling, and skating.

JAMES MONROE LANE, born 28 July 1942, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Paul Thurman and Zelda Mae (Simpson) Lane, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Dr. E.H. and Vessie (Thurman) Lane of Petersburg, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Edgar and Delphia Simpson, of Evansville, Indiana.

Ann Marie Charleswood, born 4 November 1954, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Robert B. and Lois G. (Creager) Charleswood, of Waterloo. Her paternal grandparents are Burdett and Mabel Faye (Smurr) Charleswood, of Auburn, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Ray O. and Mary Leonardo (Cherry) Creager, of Butler, Indiana.

James attended school at Butler, Indiana, and college at Purdue University. He has worked at Lane Reality, Incorporated, and is now at First City Lane Develop, Dallas, Texas.

James met Ann in Butler, Indiana. They were married 28 November 1977, at Chicago, Illinois. They are the parents of three children: Jeffery, born 18 January 1962; Lecia, born 13 November 1970; and Jared, born 28 July 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lane currently reside in Dallas, Texas. They are members of the United Methodist Church.

JACOB SALTSMAN II, son of Jacob I and Elizabeth (Dolder) Saltsman. Jacob and Elizabeth were born and married in Switzerland. They are the parents of three children: Elizabeth, Mary, and Jacob II. While crossing the Atlantic, one child died and was buried at sea. After Jacob died, Elizabeth married Jacob Wimer.

Warner Reunion at Saltsman Home

Jacob II married Minerva Shenneman. To them were born three children: Frank, born 1881, in Waterloo, died 1918. He married Nellie Warner, daughter of Jesse H. Warner. Frank and his father were stonemasons, and many of the stone foundations and porches in the area are still standing. At the time the old Berg home on Indiana Avenue was torn down they had to use a bulldozer to rip out the ornate stone porch, which had been built to last by the Saltsman crew. Grace married Claude Meyer and they had three daughters, Eleanor (Meyer) Buss, they had two sons, Claude and David; Vinnie H. (Meyer) Martin, Seeman, she had a son Douglas; Helen (Meyer) Friend, had three sons, James, Robert and Mark; Hattie married Victor Zumbrunnen, no children.

Four generations of Warner

JESSE H. WARNER, 1850-1948, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Ransburg) Warner moved his family from McClure, Ohio, to DeKalb County, Indiana, about 1898, in a horse-drawn wagon over muddy, rutty roads. They first located in Ashley, then to Waterloo where the parents remained the rest of their lives. His wife, Almina (Walters) Warner, died in 1923. Jesse was 98 when he died, the oldest man in Waterloo at that time.

Their children were Maude, Nellis, Arthur, and Bessie. They were a musical family. Maude played guitar, Nellie the family organ, Arthur played banjo, and Bessie the mandolin, while their father played the violin.

Maude E. (Warner) Hine, 1878-1958, was an artist and dressmaker. She married Horatio S. Hine in 1905. Their children were Sheldon H. and Almina K., both born in Waterloo, but the family moved to Fort Wayne in 1923 where both children graduated from Southside High School and worked at photographers for Lincoln Life Co. Sheldon married Gertrude Snyder. They both served in the Navy during World War II; Sheldon as Lt. Commander and Trudi as secretary to his Commanding Officer. They retired to California where they wrote a book about their Navy experiences. They had no children. Almina married Charles Hause; Arthur V, 1883-1955, married Almeda W. Kohrn in 1907. They have three children: William, Clayton, and Thelma. William, 1907-1968, married Alice Randolph, an adopted daughter, moved to Chicago during World War II, and then to Ohio; Clayton, 1918, graduated from Waterloo High School and a Fort Wayne Barber College. Married Mary Louise Heign in 1937 and to them was born a daughter, Mary Carole, 1920. She graduated from Indiana University and became the bride of Charles P. Hampel, Superintendent of Butler Schools, in 1958. They have three children, Charles E., 1960, graduate of Ball State in accounting, and has one daughter, Libby Jean Louise. Amy Louise, 1961, graduate from Purdue in Graphic Arts. Frederick Lee, born 1962, graduate of Wabash College, majored in history. Thelma E., 1918, graduate of Waterloo High School, managed tourist cabins then worked as bookkeeper for Farm Bureau Mill for twenty-seven years. She retired to care for ~~her~~ 98 year old aunt.

NELLIE B. (WARNER) SALTSMAN, married Frank Saltsman in Waterloo. They lived on a farm in Smithfield Township. They are the parents of four children: Jacob W., 1905-1945, was thirteen when his father died so took over the farm chores, walked to school. He played trombone in school and Sunday School orchestras. He became a postal clerk and letter carrier. He married Naomi Hensel in 1937, but had no children. He was stricken with a massive coronary while delivering mail and died on the day President Franklin Roosevelt was buried. Almina G., 1907-1983, did not go to high school but went to work at the Printing Co. She did not marry. After Nellie died, Almina helped care for several ill and elderly ladies until she herself needed surgery in 1982. Francis I., graduated from Auburn High School, sang with a girls trio while studing singing, and went to Manchester College for six months to study music. She sang the alto solo the first time the oratorio "Messiah" was sung in Auburn. She started singing in Lutheran Choir in 1929. She worked at Messengers, Sanders General Hospital, for eighteen years. She married Herman Kessler, a widower with one son, Jere, who married Margaret Jennings, now living in Texas. He is an engineer and she an artist and teacher-writer. After a few camping trips, Francis returned to work with Health Department in the Courthouse until retirement. She became widowed in 1982. Jesse H., 1916-1973, the real musician of the family, played violin, trombone, and sang in three quartets -family and two Gospel. He directed a choir for a time. He became a master carpenter, working with both Brandon construction and later Jordan's. He built a home on the Saltsman land for his bride, Fern Hartung, whom he married in 1953. To them was born Joyce M., the only Saltsman in the last generation. She was a student at Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne. Joyce worked in the campus library to finish college and continued on after getting her degree to teach, in the library as head of circulation. The old Saltsman home is now hers, having been in Saltsman family since 1914. Jesse died suddenly at home while Fern was taking Joyce to Sunday School.

In 1914 Frank and Nellie moved to a smaller farm near Auburn. Frank made arrangements to have the whole family baptized in the Lutheran Church, but was stricken with the 1918 "Flu epidemic" and died of double pneumonia on the day after Christmas. Nellie carried out his plans and the rest of the family were baptized on Easter, 1919. All were active in Sunday School and Church. All four sang in the choir and family quartets.

WILLIAM ELLIS GETTS, born 11 July 1882, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Isaac H. and Catherine (Cox) Getts. He had four brothers and two sisters: Nora A., wife of Orrin Goodrich; Isaac Nelson married Glenna McGiffin; Cleveland O. married Chloe Hamman; Clarence A married Martha Homan; and Norma Beryl, wife of Oliver Worthy Billman.

William married Margaret Forrest Morr of Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana on 24 August 1904, daughter of Noah and Josephine (Nelson) Morr. Her paternal grandfather was Samuel Morr and her great grandfather was John George Morr, who was a Revolutionary War patriot. Her maternal grandfather was William

Nelson.

William received his education locally and at Tri-State Normal School, Angola, Indiana. He taught school in Waterloo, and Jefferson Township in Pulaski County, Indiana, for thirteen years then became a full time farmer. The family returned to DeKalb County in 1920, and located on a farm in Franklin Township.

William Ellis and Margaret were members of the Church of Christ, Hamilton, Indiana, where they were active as long as their health permitted.

To this union were born five children: Raymond Ellis, 27 May 1907, in Waterloo; Catherine Josephine, 1 March 1910, in Jefferson Township, Pulaski County; Heber Clair, 6 July 1914, in Monroe Township, Pulaski County; Mildred Olive, 25 April 1917, Monroe Township, Pulaski County; William Worthy, 5 September 1919, Monroe Township, Pulaski County.

William Ellis died 1 September 1962, and Margaret died 6 March 1950.

CATHERINE JOSEPHINE (GETTS) HOLSINGER, born 1 March 1910, daughter of William Ellis and Margaret (Morr) Getts, in Jefferson Township, Pulaski County, Indiana.

She attended elementary school in Monroe Township, Pulaski County, Indiana, and Franklin Township, DeKalb County, and secondary school at Hamilton, Indiana. She had a B.S. degree from Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana, and a M.S. degree from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her teaching career began with two years at College Corners, a one-room school in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, then continued for nine years in the elementary school at Butler, Indiana, and thirty years in DeKalb Central United School District. She retired in 1973.

She was a member of the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Society, Kappa Delta Phi, the John Houlton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the national, state, and local classroom Teachers Associations, and the Retired Teachers Associations. She served for ten years as the secretary of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County School Employees Credit Union.

Josephine married Lynn Holsinger, a teacher from Muncie, Indiana, 3 June 1939. He graduated from high school at Parker, Indiana, received a B.S. degree from Ball State and a M.S. degree from Indiana University. His entire teaching career of thirty-seven years was spent in the DeKalb Central United School District. He retired in 1974. He was a member of the Auburn Lions Club, the Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternity, national, state, and local Classroom Teachers Associations, the Retired Teachers Association and served on the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County School Employees Credit Union. He was also a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Shrine. They resided in Auburn, Indiana, their entire married life and both were active members of the United Methodist Church of Auburn. They shared a lively interest in antiques and for many summers dealt at the flea market at Shipshewana, Indiana, and in local antique shows. Lynn died 6 December 1978.

WILLIAM WORTHY GETTS, born 5 September 1919, Monroe Township, Pulaski County, Indiana, son of William Ellis and Margaret (Morr) Getts.

William married Mary Adeline Hepperly of Chenoa, Illinois, 4 November 1945. To this union were born three children: John Charles, 20 March 1949, died 21 March 1949; William Worthy, Jr., 19 January 1951, of Washington, Illinois; and Peggy Mae (Getts) Allen, 20 April 1953, of Abilene, Texas.

William received his grade school education in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, and attended high school in Butler, Indiana, graduating in 1937. He graduated from DePauw University in 1941.

Following graduation from DePauw, he served in the Army of the United States for four and a half years. He worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company for thirty-five years, retiring in 1981.

William and Mary have lived in Washington, Illinois, since 1947. They have been active in church and civic affairs.

HEBER CLAIR GETTS, born 6 July 1914, in Monroe Township, Pulaski County, Indiana, the third child of William Ellis and Margaret (Forrest) Getts. He had two sisters: Catherine Josephine, wife of Lynn Holsinger, and Mildred Olive, wife of Roger Tomson, and two brothers: Raymond, wife Elizabeth, and William Worthy married Mary Hepperly.

Heber married Edith Irene Hollinger, born 9 July 1916, Stafford Township, of Butler, Indiana, 28 September 1935, daughter of Ross Leon and Ethel Blanche (Krontz) Hollinger. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel and Clara (Gunsenhouser) Hollinger. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Aliza (Wyatt) Krontz, all from DeKalb County.

Heber was a farmer and factory worker, now retired. Edith was a housewife and mother. They lived all their married life in DeKalb County.

Heber was a member of the Church of Christ at Hamilton, Indiana, in his early years, but transferred to Butler United Methodist Church where both are members.

To this union were born seven children: Gloria Ann, born 22 August 1937, married Howard Troyer and they have three children: Michael Howard, married Mary Smith and they have three sons: Micah Howard, Mark Justin, and Mitch Michael; Karin Sue Troyer married Greg Hook; and Max Troyer.

Richard Ellis Getts, born 28 February 1939, married Helen Irene Troyer. They have two sons and two daughters: Donald Eugene, Darlene Sue, Dennis Darwin, and Diane Lynn.

Carolyn Sue Getts, born 28 January 1941, married Phil Ginder and they have two daughters and three sons: Park Dewayne, Tamara Lynn, Amy Beth, and twins: David Charles and Daniel Preston.

Patricia Lea, born 30 June 1942, married Larry Erwin. They have one son, Thomas Larry, and one daughter, Tricia Marie, married Terry Strock.

Helen Louise, born 8 November 1943, twin sister of Ellen Marie, married Maurice Casebere and they have one son, Kenneth Eugene.

Ellen Marie, born 8 November 1943, twin sister of Helen Louise, married Jim Miller.

Ronald Clair, born 24 March 1956, married Denise Carroll and they have one daughter, Jamie Leigh.

Harold Coll Maple Sugar Camp

MILDRED FRANCES (ARFORD) COLL, born 25 May 1902, to Charles Sumner and Susanna Laura (Shade) Arford, in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Charles and Susanna, married 19 February 1885, in Corunna, Indiana. Susanna came to Indiana from Stark County, Ohio, with her parents, four brothers, and one sister when she was one year old. Susanna, born 14 February 1864, died 23 May 1941.

Charles Sumner Arford, born 9 July 1859, on a farm in Stafford Township, son of Robert and Margaret (Weimer) Arford. He had two older sisters, Mayville Belle Tinstman and Elizabeth Macklin. Both are deceased. Charles died 7 December 1945, in Stafford Township. Her parents spent the first seven years of their married life on the Robert Arford farm, then they purchased the Huffman farm a half mile south, near the New York Central Railroad and the Ohio State Line. Robert Arford was the only grandparent I ever saw. He died 27 March 1906. His father, Jacob Arford, was born in 1807.

Mildred married John Harold Coll, 27 March 1921. He is the son of John Ashley and Katie Idell (Swinehart) Coll. John was born 14 June 1895, in Troy Township, DeKalb County. John Harold died 10 April 1982. They were all farmers, using horse power instead of gas. To this union were born two children: Richard Eugene, 27 July 1926, and Helen Louise, 30 July 1934. Both graduated from Butler High School. Helen married Howard Zerkle, 6 December 1953. When Howard was called to military service, they lived at Aberdee, Maryland, where he learned watchmaking which he still does. After their three children were born, they moved to Willard, Ohio. All of the children are married and live in the Willard area. Helen is a receptionist and assistant to an optician, Dr. Hookway. Richard died 2 August 1980.

Richard married Zayda Mae Umplet, 6 June 1954, at the Corunna Church of the Brethren by her foster father, Reverend Kenneth Murphy. She was a school teacher. They had one daughter, Nikki Kay, married and living in Fort Wayne. Zayda also went to Fort Wayne after Richard died.

All of the family members were active in the church, mainly at Big Run. My father was class-leader and taught the youth class for many years. When I was a child, he was elected as a delegate to the United Brethren General Conference at Dayton, Ohio. Mother was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and did some teaching. My parents started taking me to church when I was two weeks old.

THOMAS WOODS, born in Pennsylvania, 11 April 1814, spent a number of years in Ohio. He purchased forty acres from the Government, 6 June 1838, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, and 7 September 1839, he bought an adjoining forty acres. Thomas Woods married 19 July 1841 in Ohio, to Ellener Green, born 1820, Pennsylvania. To this union were born ten children, three in Ohio and seven in Wilmington Township: John Wesley, born in Ohio, 14 June 1843; James M, born 4 January

Emma, Ed and George Woods

1845, army records say in Putnam County, Ohio. He came to DeKalb County in 1847. He farmed until the Civil War. In the summer of 1863, he volunteered as a private in Company F, 118th Indiana and served six months. James joined Company H, 88th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, 30 March 1864. He was on General Sherman's march from Atlanta to the sea, then into the Carolinas. James M. was killed at the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, 19 March 1865; Thomas Jeff, born 5 December 1847, in Ohio, and came to DeKalb County as a baby. He never married and died around age 50; William W., born 16 March 1850; Mary E., born 1 July 1852, Wilmington Township, DeKalb County. She married 30 August 1874, to Leonard McCollough, born 16 January 1848, died 16 November 1905. They had one daughter, Mertie, born 26 July 1876, died in 1948. Mary died 27 March 1920; Harriet Hattie, born 19 March 1854, Wilmington Township, DeKalb County. She married William O. Eakright; Emma, born 27 March 1856, Wilmington Township, DeKalb County. She married 28 February 1877, to Winfield Matheny, born 1 September 1852, died 11 May 1915. He was a shoe cobbler. They had one son, Harry, born 6 August 1881, died 24 February 1962. Emma died at Butler, 21 April 1943, age 87 years. Winfield and Emma were members of the Church of Christ at Butler, Indiana; Edcil A., born 18 September 1859, Wilmington Township, DeKalb County. He married 28 October 1886, to Ida Wilson, born 12 April 1866, died 10 April 1945. They had a son, Alvin, born 13 April 1888, died 14 May 1978. Ed was a farmer in LaGrange County. He died 12 December 1929, and is buried at Brighton, Indiana; George C., born 30 June 1861, Wilmington Township, DeKalb County. He was married 17 October 1885 to Frances E. Ross, born 25 August 1861, died 14 March 1933. Frances had two children by a first marriage: John Wesley Ross, born 28 March 1878, died 5 July 1954, and Arthur Ross, born 30 June 1880, died 9 August 1957. Lucius Silvester, born 28 May 1863, died about five years old.

Ellener Woods died in childbirth, 28 May 1863, age 43 years and is buried in the Krontz Cemetery, Wilmington Township. Thomas remarried 26 June 1864 to Hannah Overacker. She died 17 June 1871, age 47 years. Thomas died 24 February 1900. He was one of the oldest settler in DeKalb County.

JOHN W. WOODS, born 14 June 1843, in Ohio, son of Thomas and Ellener (Green) Woods. When four years old, he came to Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, and here grew to manhood. At the time of the Civil War, he enlisted as a teamster in Company F, 118th Indiana, and was mustered in 5 September 1863, serving six months with this regiment. John then joined Company H, 88th Indiana Volunteer Infantry on 29 March 1864. His brother James also served in this company. In October of that year, while with General Sherman's Army in Georgia, John was disabled by an attack of rheumatism, caused from sleeping in the trenches in the rain. He was unable to accompany the regiment when they marched on to the sea. He was put on light duty as a guard of stores at Bridgeport, Alabama, until the close of the war. The illness may have saved John's life as brother James marched with the regiment and was killed at the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina. John was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, on 15 July 1865.

John W. Woods was united in marriage to Rachel Ann Borton, in St. Joseph County, Indiana, 24 July 1867. They made their home near Butler, Indiana. To this union were born eight children: James M., 13 April 1869, died 27 June 1948; Thomas, 29 November 1870, died 14 August 1948; Sherman, 31 October 1873, died 8 February 1942; John Logan, 30 December 1875, died in May, 1937; Ida, 17 April 1878, died 30 December 1968; Alma, 17 May 1883, died 20 July 1883; Ellen, 16 August 1884, died 28 December 1947; Laura, born April, 1886, died 22 August 1957.

About 1882, the family moved to Branch County, Michigan. John was two-thirds disabled from rheumatism and received an army pension. He also worked as a huckster or peddler and farmed. John died of heart failure on 16 October, 1889, and is buried in the Trayer Cemetery, Noble Township, Branch County, Michigan. Rachel received a widow's pension of $12.00 per month until her death 14 February 1912, at Burr Oak, Michigan, age 68 years, 10 months, and 4 days.

William and Paulina Woods

WILLIAM WARREN WOODS, born 16 March 1850, in Wilmington Township, son of Thomas and Ellener (Green) Woods. William grew to manhood in Wilmington Township and married a neighbor girl, Paulina Treman, 4 July 1872. Paulina was born 10 September 1850, the daughter of George and Martha (Hagerty) Treman.

William and Paulina Woods moved to Noble Township, Branch County, Michigan, where their children were born: Nora, 23 February 1876, died 9 November 1959; Bert, 3 January 1880, died 27 August 1955; Millard John, 21 February 1883, died 3 February 1956; Flora G., 28 October 1886, died 2 March 1956; Mabel and Ada, twins, 18 November 1889, Mabel died 6 February 1973, Ada died 3 October 1963.

William and Paulina farmed in Branch County until 1901, when they moved to Nirvana, Lake County, Michigan. Their children came with them, except Nora, who was married. William and Paulina owned a 480-acre farm near Nirvana, Michigan. William W. Woods was a farmer and livestock dealer and owned a sawmill. He died 2 September 1915. Paulina died 24 April 1918. They are buried in the Nirvana Cemetery.

CLARENCE LANTZ came to Garrett, Indiana, in 1929, with a realtor, who did not sell any real estate except barber shops. Clarence was twenty years old then.

He bought the four-chair barber shop located at 105 West King Street from Aden Klechner, November, 1929. At that time the Baltimore and Ohio shops were going strong, an estimated five hundred men working in the shops.

Clarence married Dorothy B. Roach from Goshen, where she was employed at the Goshen Chase Bag Company, on 18 December 1930. They took up housekeeping at 111 South Walsh in Garrett. In November, 1931, they moved to 113 South Ijams, where they lived until 1941. They then bought their present residence on West Keyser, Garrett, where they have lived for forty-five years.

Clarence and Dorothy are the parents of two sons: Larry Duane, born in 1935, graduated from Garrett-Keyser-Butler High School and enrolled at Tri-State. Larry is plant manager over facilities at Lima, Ohio, with Dana Corporation, being employed with them over twenty-six years. On 3 August 1957, he married Judith Marie Capen, daughter of Helen Capen and the late James Capen, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana. To them were born four sons: Micheal Duane, born 2 June 1958, graduated from DeKalb and is a Lab Technician at a crime lab in Valparaiso. He married Lori Beaty, in Auburn 6 September 1980, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Lori is a Registered Nurse at the Valparaiso Hospital; Roger Allan, born 16 April 1962, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He is a Lab Technician employed at Central Soya, Fort Wayne. He married Jenny Leffler, Auburn, 19 September 1984. They presently live in Auburn; Donald Lee, born 27 October 1963, graduated from DeKalb High School and Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne, in auto mechanics. He is employed at Jack's Garage; Ronald James, twin brother of Donald, is a senior at Valparaiso University.

Lawrence Calvin Lantz, born 10 October 1936, graduated from Garrett High School. He and Larry enrolled for four years at General Electric, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, later joining Dana as Process Engineer, having been employed there for over twenty-five years. He married Nancy Virginia Smith, daughter of Lauren and Phyllis Smith, 27 July 1957. To them were born two sons: Timothy Lawrence, born 31 March 1959, married Lisa Molargik and to them were born two sons: Jarrod and Jason; Trey Lynn, born 25 September 1962; and two daughters: Theresa Laureen, born 27 August 1957, and Thoma Lynn, born 13 September 1960, married 23 June 1979, and has two children: Andera and Adam.

MARTIN BRECHBILL, born 1860, son of Jacob and Sarah (Ober) Brechbill, in Stark County, Ohio. The family came to Garrett, Indiana, when Martin was a child. Martin worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad out of Garrett.

Colonia Smith "Lonie", born 8 April 1858, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (LaRue) Smith, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. This German Baptist family moved to Fairfield Township, Indiana.

The date of their marriage is not known. They had four children: Mertie, married Ward Leiter; Effie, married Charles S. Jenner; Jacob Samuel "Jay S", married Blanche Slater; and Martin Ray, married Ruth Etta Yarde.

Martin died at the age of thirty, in 1890, after he contracted typhoid fever while visiting a sister in Kansas. Colonia died 19 November 1893 of typhoid fever at her rural Garrett home. Their monument in Christian Union Cemetery is an unusual one. It represents a tree that has been stripped of its branches and broken off in the middle of the trunk, a symbol of life that ended in its prime.

The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Sarah, took care of Ray until their health failed. He then lived with the Henry Davidsons for a time, then went to live with the David Yardes. Aunts and uncles of the children cared for the others. David and Mary Yarde took Mertie. Henry and Elizabeth Davidson took Effie. Daniel and Sarah Wagner raised Jacob. This arrangement permitted the children to grow up living within two miles of one another.

Martin had two brothers: John and Claude, born 1882, died 1883, and five sisters: Nancy, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, and Cora, died in infancy.

Colonia's family consisted of six full brothers: Albert, Irvin, Oliver, Samuel, Ulysses Grant, and Harry; two full sisters: Maria and Hattie; and four other half brothers and sisters. David and Charles are lived in the family history as having served in the Civil War.

MARTIN RAY BRECHBILL, born 4 May 1890, in Keyser Township, northwest of Garrett, son of Martin and Colonia (Smith) Brechbill. His father, Martin, died when Ray was six months old and his mother died three years later. Ray was raised for a few years by his paternal grandparents and later by aunts and uncles, Henry and Elizabeth Davidson and David and Mary Yarde, who all resided in the same area.

Ruth Etta Yarde, born 27 November 1896, in Keyser Township, northwest of Garrett, daughter of Henry and Ida (Ober) Yarde. Her paternal grandparents were John, Sr. and Mary (Symonds) Yarde. Her maternal grandparents were Levi and Betsy Ober.

Ray and Ruth were married 2 January 1914, at the Methodist parsonage in Auburn. They purchased a farm in Richland Township and conducted a general farming operation, including chickens, dairy, hogs, grain, and pototoes. They lived on these acres their entire married lives.

They had one son, Martin Richard, who took over the management of the family farm in 1954.

They were active in the Farm Bureau and were members of Christian Union Church until they transferred membership to the Garrett United Methodist Church in 1952. They enjoyed spending winters in Florida.

Ray had two sisters: Mertie (Brechbill) Leiter and Effie (Brechbill) Jenner; one brother, Jacob S. "Jay" Brechbill. Ruth had three brothers: Merritt, Ralph, and Frank Yarde; and three sisters: Lydia Yarde, Mary (Yarde) Hall, and Rosa Yarde. Another sister died and was never given a name.

Ruth died 14 April 1964. Ray continued living on the farm until he entered Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where he died 14 December 1983.

HENRY YARDE, born 13 February 1868, on a farm near Garrett, Indiana, to John, Jr and Lydia (Houser) Yarde. He was reared on the family farm northwest of Garrett. Henry began managing the farm at an early age and later bought the adjoining farm.

In March of 1894, Henry married Ida Ober, daughter of Levi and Betsy Ober.

To this marriage, eight children were born: Merritt; Ruth, married Ray Brechbill; Lydia; Mary, married Virgil Hall; Ralph, married Elsie Davidson; Rosa; Frank, married Mazella Herzer; and an unnamed infant daughter.

Henry had two brothers: Frank and David Yarde, and three sisters: Martha, Nettie, and Bertha.

Henry and Ida both died in 1950.

MARTIN RICHARD BRECHBILL, born 2 December 1920, son of Martin Ray and Ruth Etta (Yarde) Brechbill. His paternal grandparents were Martin and Colonia (Smith) Brechbill. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Ida (Ober) Yarde. Each of these families resided northwest of Garrett, Indiana. Richard is a native of Richland Township.

Ruth Jean Hinshaw, born 1 December 1920, at Carmel, Indiana, Hamilton County, daughter of Robert Rue and Vina Saleen (George) Hinshaw. Her paternal grandparents were Franklin Parker and Nettie Anna (Henley) Hinshaw, of Carmel, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Richard E. and Eunice (Dunn) George of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Richard and Jean met while attending Purdue University in 1940. Richard was enrolled in Agriculture School and Jean was a Home Economics Education major. Jean graduated with the spring class of 1943. Richard had been called to active duty with the Army Air Force in

February, 1943. His cadet training took him to various training bases in Mississippi. Jean joined him in Starkville, Mississippi, where they were married 15 May 1943. Her was transferred to bases in Texas for pilot training, where he received his commission and wings at Pampa, Texas, in May of 1944. Jean taught Home Economics at Lawrence Central High School, Lawrence, Indiana, 1943-1944. After spending time at state side bases with Richard, Jean returned to Carmel and worked in the Union State Bank, Westfield, Indiana. Richard served as a B-24 bomber pilot stationed in Panama until he was discharged as a First Lieutenant, in July, 1946. He and Jean came to live on the Brechbill family farm, northwest of Garrett, where Richard took over the management and they built their home.

Richard attended the Veterans Agriculture School held in Waterloo, Indiana, and became active in the Extension Program, D.H.I.A. and A.B.S. organizations.

Jean had been active in Extension. She has held numerous offices in Model Home Homemakers Club; been a 4-H leader in Richland Township, in 1956; recently completed thirty-five years of 4-H leadership in Hamilton, Marion, and DeKalb Counties; served as an area 4-H Judge for twenty-eight years; taught a private Kindergarten sponsored by the Model Home Homemakers Club, 1955-1960, which was held in the Corunna Church of Christ.

The family are members of the Garrett Methodist Church where they have held offices and Jean has taught church school.

Richard is an only child. Jean has one brother, Frederick Philip Hinshaw, of Carmel, Indiana.

They are parents of two children: Philip Richard Brechbill, born 30 April 1947, who now manages the Brechbill Farm, Incorporated, and lives on the home farm. Cynthia Jean (Brechbill) Spence, born 1 May 1949, died 22 November 1977. The Brechbill's claim Purdue University their special school as their children and their spouses all graduated from Purdue. Their grandchildren are Elizabeth and Sarah Brechbill and Jennifer Christine Spence, born 22 November 1970, and Zachary Kyle Spence, born 5 June 1974. Cyndy's children live with their parents, Donald Lee and Mary Eileen (Kelly) Spence, in Logansport, Indiana.

JACOB BRECHBILL, born 2 September 1832, in Bedford, Pennsylvania, son of Martin and Barbara (Geyer) Brechbill. He was of German origin. In 1834, his family moved to Indiana County, Pennsylvania where he was reared and educated. The family moved to Stark County, Ohio, in 1854. Jacob farmed with his father until he married Sarah Ober, 3 February 1859.

Sarah, born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, 12 August 1839, daughter of John, Sr. and Nancy (Bechtel) Ober. She moved to Stark County, Ohio, when she was fifteen, with her parents.

Jacob and Sarah moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1864. They settled on a farm two and one half miles northwest of Garrett in Keyser Township. Jacob cleared land and became a prosperous man, the owner of three hundred seventy acres. He had learned the trade of shingle making which he followed in addition to his farming operation until he died.

He donated the ground on which Christian Union Church stands with the understanding that all denominations had a right to worship there. He then donated the land for the Christian Union Cemetery. Since the original plot outgrew its needs, more of the original Brechbill farm was acquired from the Walter Davidson farm, which was a part of the original farm Jacob owned.

Jacob built two brick houses for his children, which still stand in that area.

There were eight children born to this union: Martin; John; Claude, died in infancy; Nancy, married David C. Shirk; Elizabeth, married Henry Davidson; Sarah Anne, married Daniel Wagner; Mary, married David Yarde; and Cora, died in infancy. All the children, except for Nancy, lived on farms in the Christian Union area all their lives. Nancy moved to Kansas after her marriage.

Jacob died 21 February 1902, and Sarah died 2 November 1908. Both are buried in the Christian Union Cemetery.

OSCAR STONER NOEL, born 27 March 1905, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of John C. and Nora B. (Helmuth) Noel. His paternal grandparents were Philip and Mary (Stoner) Noel. His maternal grandparents were Augustave and Amanda (Lahmon) Helmuth. Augustave was of German descent, coming to America as a boy in 1859, at the age of thirteen, with his older brother, Herman, who was age nineteen.

Mary Kathryn Hixson, born 29 June 1907, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Forest and Amanda (Houser) Hixson. Her paternal grandparents were Bennett and Sarah (Knott) Hixson. Her maternal grandparents were Adam and Katharine (Beber) Houser.

Oscar S. Noel graduated from Auburn High School in 1923. Mary K. Hixson graduated from Garrett High School in 1925. She then attended Madam Blaker's Teachers College, in Indianapolis, Indiana, for one year. She taught all eight grades for two years at the Hogue School in Butler Township. Oscar worked for the Auburn Automobile Company for part of the year 1926.

Oscar and Mary were married 5 September 1928, in her parents home by the Reverend V.B. Ratcliffe. They started farming on the eighty acre farm that Philip Noel purchased in 1873, and the farm became a Centennial Farm in 1973. They were farming during the Great Depression of the 1930's and continued to farm until 1979, when they retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5 September 1978. They were both active in church and civic affairs and were charter members of the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Mr. Noel is a thirty-two Mason and Mrs. Noel belonged to the Eastern Star. He served on the Butler Township Advisory Board and the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Township School Board for six years. He was president of the DeKalb County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for several years.

Mr. Noel has one brother, Ralph A. Noel, and Mrs. Noel had one sister, Belva, and one brother, J. Myles Hixson.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel are the parents of one son, Bennett A. Noel, who works for the Air National Guard at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Bennett A. Noel married Patricia Owens, 29 August 1952, and they became the parents of two children: Michael A. and Janice E. Noel.

Michael A. Noel and Nancy Butcher were married 17 July 1976, and have three children: Joshua Allen, and twins, Brandon Michael and Erica Lynn.

Janice E. Noel married Donald Miller on 11 February 1978. Mr. Miller had two sons by a former marriage, Paul and Chad Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children: Corey Noel and Stacey Kathryn Miller.

Mary K. Noel died 10 March 1982. Oscar lives on the same farm and in the same house where he was born.

GEORGE WASHINGTON PUTT, born 19 November 1914, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, to Jacob and Catherine (Shaffer) Putt. He married Sarah Ann Gettz/Getz, born 1821, to Nicholas Gettz and Elizabeth (Palm) Getts, in Pennsylvania. They were affiliated with the German Reformed Church.

George Putt was a farmer and teamster. Places of residence were Berks County, Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Stark County, Ohio, and DeKalb County, Indiana.

George W. died 6 May 1900, and is buried in the County Line Cemetery. Sarah Ann died 9 September 1884, and is also buried in the County Line Cemetery.

They had two children: Levi Putt, born 24 June 1840, married Harriett Anstett, born 1846, daughter of George and Susan (Stoffer) Anstett.

Joanna Elizabeth Catherine Putt, born 1844, died 1922, married John Anstett, born 1935, died 1908. John Anstett's parents were George and Susan (Stoffer) Anstett.

DAVID A. MC BRIDE, born 23 July 1832, in Portage County, Ohio. His parents were Richard McBride and Samantha Smith, who were married 15 May 1823, Portage County, Ohio. They moved to Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in the year 1847.

Joel Thompson and his wife, Maria Jane (McBride), sister of David, made the trip to DeKalb County, in 1847. The trip was made by team to Cleveland, Ohio, hence to Toledo, Ohio, by canal boat to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and team to DeKalb County, Indiana. It is quite likely that David and Rachel and other members of their family came at this time.

David purchased land in DeKalb County as shown in the Deed Book, 1836-1860, Volume K, page 108, Auburn, Indiana.

The members of the community started a church they called the Cedar Lake Organization, Christian Church Disciples, later named the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, Waterloo, Indiana. It is still in existence at this date, but is called the Church of Christ, Independent. Rachel, David, and their parents were charter members and Rachel wrote a history of the church in 1909. The original on tablet paper is owned by Daisy Brugh Getts, granddaughter of Rachel.

David and Rachel had two children: Emma Lavina, born 30 January 1855, and Mary Laticia, born 1 July 1859.

David enlisted in the Union Army, 22 October 1862, but before he left for duty, he and Rachel had photos taken with Emma and Mary. They are in a large oval frame and Daisy Getts has the original.

David was called to duty, 16 November 1862, at Indianapolis, Indiana, Company G., Fifty-fourth Regiment Indiana, under Captain Carter. David's time in the service was short. He died on board the Dia Vernon, enroute from Memphis to Cairo, Illinois. The date of death varies in military record and it was either 18 or 19 January 1863. Several other soldiers died at this time and they were buried at Mound City, Illinois, in unmarked graves. Joel Thompson, brother-in-law of David, heard of David's illness and went in search of him. He traced the location of the boat, Dia Vernon, which led him to Mound City, Illinois. He had the body disinterred and brought home for burial, 1 March 1863, at Cedar Lake Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana. A detailed record of this is in David's military records from the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Rachel, left a widow with two small children, married Frederick Harmes/Harms, 20 December 1864. He had four children by his first marriage: Joel, Alice, Angeline, and Henry.

A daughter was born to Rachel and Frederick Harmes, Eva.

Mary Laticia died in September, 1867, and Rachel recorded the date on tablet paper.

According to the military papers, John Shatto, grandfather of Emma, was appointed her guardian. Later Joel Thompson, her uncle was appointed. He cared for the $500 given by the government for the loss of her father in the Civil War. When Emma married William Brugh and moved to Oviatt, Michigan, in the fall of 1882, this paid for their first home.

They had three children: Nellie, Maude Bell, and Glen when the family moved to Oviatt, Michigan. They had four more children after they made their home in Oviatt: Ivy, Ray, Hazel, and Daisy.

FRANK PUTT, son of Levi Putt and Harriett (Anstett) Putt, born 24 August 1869, in DeKalb County, Indiana.

On 28 September 1904, he married Maude Belle Brugh, daughter of William and Emma Lavina (McBride) Brugh, born 22 September 1882.

They lived on a farm in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, and raised a family of five children: Dwight, born 19 March 1908, married Rachel Minerva Dale, 31 December 1931; Naomi Brugh Putt, born 18 December 1910, married Raymond Rensch, 2 September 1932; Pauline Harriett, born 11 July 1913, married Roy Elmer King, 18 March 1934; Lurah Jeanette, born 17 December 1916, married Doyle Thornton DeVoe, 1 December 1938; and Allen Oscar, born 11 February 1919, DeKalb County, Indiana, married Evelyn Foster, born 19 November 1919, in March, 1943, military, World War II, mine sweeper.

RAYMOND RENSCH, born in Butler, Indiana, 5 September 1908, son of Harley and Elva (Everetts) Rensch. His paternal grandparents were William and Phoebe (Aldrich) Rensch. His maternal grandparents were Joseph Walker and Eunice (Slentz) Everetts.

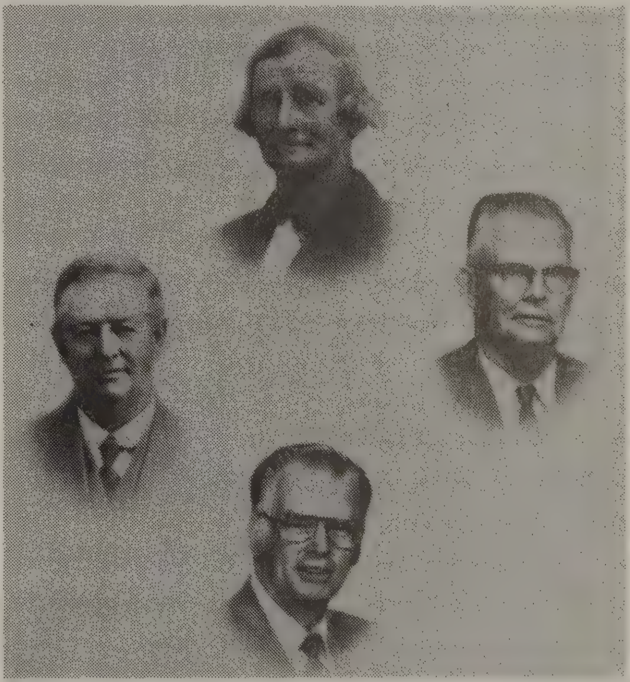
Naomi Brugh (Putt) Rensch, born 18 December 1910, daughter of Frank and Maude Bell (Brugh) Putt, in Fairfield Township, southwest of Hudson, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Levi and Harriett (Anstett) Putt. Her maternal grandparents were William and Emma Lavina (McBride) Brugh.

Raymond and Naomi were married 2 September 1932. At this time they lived in Hudson and the surrounding area. They later bought a little farm near Fairfield Center. Raymond attended Tri-State Normal College and Manchester College. He first taught school at Tamarack School, in Troy Township, in 1928-1929.

Raymond and Naomi had two children: Carolyn E., born 4 November 1933, and Lyle Harley, born 18 December 1934, died 19 December 1934.

Carolyn married Florian Cripe, of Wenatchee, Washington, 5 June 1955. They met while attending Manchester College. They have four children: Frederick of Northbrook, Illinois; Lisa, of Sturgis, Michigan; Daniel, a graduate student at Purdue University; and Katrina, who plans to attend Purdue University, this fall 1986. The Florian Cripe family live near Angola, Indiana.

In February, 1948, Raymond and Naomi purchased a farm in Wilmington Township and still reside there. They are members of the Community Bible Church in Butler.



Four Generations of Hamman

MAX W. HAMMAN, a life-long resident of Smithfield Township, is the fourth generation to farm the original Hamman Homestead founded one hundred forty years ago. Max's great grandfather, Thomas Hamman, moved here from Stark County, Ohio. He bought his farm in Smithfield Township, in the fall of 1847. The next April, he began the erection of a dwelling which he finished in the Spring of 1849, and is still standing today. This was the first frame house in Smithfield Township. On 20 December 1850, Thomas, born 11 November 1823, died 8 August 1897, married Elizabeth Schuyler, born 24 November 1822, died 4 April 1901. She moved from York County, Pennsylvania, in 1842, with her stepfather, Adam Hood. In 1864, he built his barn which is eighty-five by forty-two feet in size, which is still in use today. Some of the twelve by twelve inch beams are black walnut with some as long as forty-five feet. Thomas began building another house in 1881, next to the first one.

Thomas and Elizabeth had nine children: John, born 29 December 1851, died 17 January 1930; Samuel, born 15 August 1853, died 24 June 1883; Henry, born 21 February 1855, died 1930; Eliza, born 15 March 1858; Caroline, born 3 February 1863, died 19 January 1886; Thomas, born 25 July 1866, died 22 May 1946; Simon, born 19 December 1868, died 17 September 1930. Eliza and two others died in infancy. On 18 December 1891, Simon married Cora Bollinger, born 17 December 1874, died 4 December 1938, and they became the second generation on the family farm. Simon added on to Thomas's house in 1902. During Simon's residence in 1924, twenty-four acres were converted to an emergency landing field for airmail services. When electricity was added to the landing field, it was also put in the house, making it one of the first in the community.

Simon and Cora had seven children: Hugh Leroy, born 13 June 1892, died 15 October 1949; Daisy Mae, born 27 November 1893, died 7 March 1973; Merle Leonia, born 16 July 1895, died 13 May 1943; Ralph Jennings, born 27 May 1897, died 4 May 1981; Loyde Herman, born 7 May 1899, died 20 December 1935; Cleo Simon, born 3 May 1901, died 30 December 1966; Orba Albert, born 12 December 1902, died 17 May 1961, who was adopted.

Ralph Jennings served in World War I in the infantry and after returning, 18 February 1919, married Doris O. Collins, born 22 June 1897, died 5 December 1982. From this third generation farm, Ralph served as trustee of Smithfield Township. Ralph and Doris had three children: Wayne Lamar, born 16 May 1920; Wilma Marcella, born 30 September 1922; and Max Wilbur, born 25 January 1926.

Max Wilbur, the present generation residing on the family farm, married Doris A. Kohart, born 28 September 1924, on 23 September 1945, and moved into the ancestoral home on 1 January 1949. Max and Doris have four children: Steven, born 23 June 1946, married Janice Elleman, born 12 March 1947, of Troy, Ohio, and resides there with two sons: Scott, born 9 December 1973, and Jeremy, born 2 May 1976; Joyce Hammon, born 30 May 1949, married Timothy L. Shopp, born 23 January 1950, of Fort Wayne, and they have four children: Stacy, born 19 July 1975; Michael and Jennifer, born 23 July 1981; and Sarah, born 9 September 1985; Gary Hamman, born 13 March 1952, married Leslie Eyler, born 7 August 1952, of Auburn, and they have a daughter, Natalie, born 31 July 1983; Shirley Hamman, born 21 November 1953, married Walter Earl DeLong, born 15 December 1949, of Garrett, and have a son, Willis, born 19 May 1986.

CHRISTIAN FRETZ, born 24 January 1824, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, son of George and Magdalena (Stickler) Fretz. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Mumaw) Fretz.

Esther Showalter, born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Her birthdate and parentage are unknown.

Christian came to DeKalb County before marriage, bought and cleared some land a half-mile east of the future East Richland School and built a log cabin home. He then married Esther Showalter, 29 March 1853. The log cabin still exists at this writing but is now the property of Attorney John Martin Smith, who dismantled, moved, and re-erected it on his property.

Christian and Esther had five children but he did not live long enough to help raise them. He died 20 April 1862, when their youngest, Henry, was four months old. He had a cold, which developed into what they called brain fever.

Esther must have been a remarkable woman and mother. She never remarried but raised her five children with Christian training and they lived to honor her. Her eldest, Benjamin Franklin Fretz, became an Abstract Attorney, in Rochester, Indiana; John Calvin Fretz became a doctor in Waterloo; Nancy Jane was married first to Lewis Olinger, a farmer who died young, and then to David Bloodhart, a farmer who left her a widow for many years; George Washington Fretz and Henry Maurice Fretz were both farmers in Richland Township. Henry bought his parents' eighty acre farm, built a new house, and used the log cabin for storage.

Christian, Esther, Nancy, George, and Henry are all buried at Sedan. John is buried at Waterloo, and Benjamin at Rochester.

George Fretz Family

GEORGE WASHINGTON FRETZ, born 8 May 1860, in Richland Township, son of Christian and Esther (Showalter) Fretz. His paternal grandparents were George and Magdalena (Stickler) Fretz, of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Eva Susan Howard, born 4 December 1860, in Hannibal, Missouri, daughter of Lewis and Catherine Howard.

George and Eva were married 23 October 1881. They had thirteen children: Walter, Charles, Vesta, Archie, Melvin, Clarence, Lewis, Elmer, Harold, Opal, and Orval. Orval's twin and Paul died as infants.

George and Eva met in Indiana, because she lived for some time with relatives in LaGrange County. Like many young couples at that time, they went west to seek their fortune. They were near Coffeyville, Kansas, when the notorious Dalton gang robbed the bank in Coffeyville. All but one of the gang, seventeen year old Emmet, were killed and George arrived soon after and saw their bodies propped against an upturned haystack. Eva also had the experience of attending school with Frank James and another brother, who joined their oldest brother, Jesse, to form the notorious "James Gang."

George and Eva gave up their venture and returned to Richland Township and bought a farm a half-mile east of Showers Corners. They attended the Maple Grove United Brethren Church, which George helped to build. It was completed about 1893, and Reverend Milton Wright, Bishop, father of Wilbur and Orval Wright of airplane fame, preached the dedication sermon.

George served as Township Road Supervisor at one time and succeeded in plugging the sinkhole north of Feaglers Corners. He bought and razed an old log barn and piled it on top of the three bridges already lost there.

Of all their children, only three remained in DeKalb County. These were: Vesta, married Emery Bowman; Archie; and Clarence.

Eva died 16 June 1923, and George died 24 November 1926, at their home in Auburn. Both are buried at Sedan, as are their sons: Melvin, Clarence, Paul, and Orval's twin.

Archie and Eva Fretz

ARCHIE D. FRETZ, born 21 February 1887, on the Aldrich farm, southeast of Corunna, Indiana. He was one of eleven sons and two daughters born to George Washington and Eva Suzanne (Howard) Fretz. His paternal grandparents were Christian and Esther (Showalter) Fretz. His maternal grandparents were Lewis and Catherine Howard, of Hannibal, Missouri.

Eva Ann Miller, born 12 February 1888, at Miltonvale, Kansas. She was one of seven daughters and two sons born to Allen Douglas and Nancy Emaline (Poore) Miller. Her parents were from the Laketon-Roann, Indiana area, but like many at that time, went west to make their fortune. Discouraged, they returned to Collamer, Indiana, about 1892.

Archie and Eva were married at Collamer, 18 March 1911. They have two sons: Max Allen and Mark Elbert Fretz.

Archie attended the Showers Corners School and was a life long member of Maple Grove United Brethren Church. He never attended high school, but, after working a few years, he went to Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana. These years included working for farmer Fred Scattergood and two years at a harness factory in Sidney, Ohio, where he also helped his oldest brother, Walter, on evenings and weekends in the Funeral business. At Tri-State, he studied some high school subjects and the "Normal" or Teacher Training Course. He taught his first year at Sedan School at age nineteen. At Showers Corners School, he taught his sister Opal, brother Orval, and cousin Florence (Fretz) Wittig. He returned to Tri-State where he met Eva Ann Miller.

Eva completed two years of high school at South Whitley, Indiana. She worked in the A to Z Printing Plant, South Whitley, and stores in

North Manchester with college in mind. She graduated from Tri-State College in 1910, with a PhD. degree in Pharmacy and was the only girl in her class. Her classmates included Worthy Hughes and John Zimmerman, who later owned drug stores in Garrett. Eva never worked at her career as she and Archie were married the next year. Their first home was Al Triplett's cement block house, east of Showers Corners, where Archie taught the 1911-1912 school year.

The Colfax, Indiana School advertised for a teacher in junior high and Archie accepted the position in 1912. After two years, he decided to return to farming. His son, Max, was born at Colfax, 21 March 1913. Archie rented three farms in succession. First, from his uncle, Henry Fretz, then Jacob Amstutz, and finally, his father, George. On the Amstutz farm on the Auburn-Ashley Road, their son Mark was born 28 August 1916. Archie and Eva finally bought the farm southeast of the Lintz Lake Bridge and moved there on their eighth anniversary, 18 March 1919.

About 1921, the Garrett School decided to segregate, the black and white children in grades one to six. Jenny Lash was soon hired for grades one to three but they needed a man for grades four to six. Clarence Green, County School Superintendent, interviewed Archie two or three times before he consented to teach. The segregation ended the next year when the Baltimore and Ohio shops moved to Willard, Ohio. Archie continued teaching there, and farming also, until a week before he died, 14 April 1944, at age fifty-seven. He is buried at South Whitley.

Eva sold the farm, as they had planned, to Thain Farley and moved to North Manchester, where she worked as a seamstress for six years. She moved to Fort Wayne, worked a while, and retired to a small home near her son Max. As of August, 1986, she is still living in a nursing home at the age of ninety-eight.

MAX A. FRETZ, born 21 March 1913, at Colfax, Indiana, son of Archie D. and Eva Ann (Miller) Fretz. His paternal grandparents were George Washington, of Richland Township, and Eva Suzanne (Howard) Fretz from Hannibal, Missouri. His maternal grandparents were Allen Douglas and Nancy Emaline (Poore) Miller, of Collamer, Indiana.

Erma Lucille Heeter, born 16 October 1914, at Sidney, Indiana. She is one of four daughters and one son of Melvin O. and Florence (Nichols). All were of Kosciusko County, Indiana.

Max, with his parents, moved on his first birthday to Richland Township from Colfax, where his father taught school for two years. After three more moves, the family bought the farm southeast of Lintz Lake Bridge, in 1919, and sold it in 1944, after Archie died. He attended East and West Richland Schools and Garrett Grade and High Schools. He was active in Radio Club, Band and Orchestra, and played with the Auburn City Band for several years. He attended Maple Grove United Brethren Church.

Max graduated in 1931. He intermittenly worked on the farm and attended Tri-State College until graduation in 1935, with the Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. His primary employments were with Magnavox and General Electric Companies in Fort Wayne, and with A.D.T. Alarm System in Toledo, Ohio.

While in Toledo, he and Erma L. Heeter were married 30 May 1940. In December 1940, the General Electric Company recalled Max to the Broadway Plant, Fort Wayne, as a tester in Large Motor-Generator Division for fourteen years. He transferred to the Winter Street plant as Engineering Assistant for twenty years and retired in April, 1975. In 1955, he graduated from United Electronics Laboratories, Louisville, Kentucky, and is a licensed Radio/TV Technician. Since retirement, he has worked as motion-picture projectionist in eight theatres.

Max and Erma have three sons: Philip Leroy is a civilian employee in the Finance Section, Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio; James Lynn is Warehouse Manager with Leo Distributors, Fort Wayne; David Allen is a Manufacturer's Representative operating as Progressive Marketing, Greenfield, Indiana.

MARK ELBERT FRETZ, born 28 August 1916, on the Jacob Amstutz farm, west of Waterloo, Indiana, son of Archie D. and Eva A. (Miller) Fretz. His paternal grandparents were George Washington and Eva Suzanne (Howard) Fretz. His maternal grandparents were Allen Douglas and Nancy Emaline (Poore) Miller.

Jane Merritt West, born 15 November 1922, at Macon, Georgia, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Boone) West.

Mark's parents bought the farm southeast of Lintz Lake Bridge in 1919. The family attended Maple Grove United Brethren Church. Mark attended East and West Richland Township Schools through the fourth grade and was transferred to Garrett School, where his father taught and was in his father's fifth grade class for a time. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1934. He was in the Radio Club and built and operated Ham Station W9MHX for three years. He played trumpet in the school band and in the Auburn City Band for several years. Like the rest of his family, he attended Tri-State College. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and was accorded membership in the Honorary Scholastic Chemical Fraternity.

He was working in Detroit as a chemist with Detroit Sulphite Pulp and Paper Company when "Uncle Sam" drafted him into the service. His trumpet experience served him well as he soon became a bugle instructor at Camp Wheeler, near Macon, Georgia. There he met and married Jane West, 16 December 1943.

In April, 1944, he was assigned to duty in China and left from Florida via Africa on or about the day his father died, 14 April 1944. The word did not reach him until about a month later. Among his duties in China, he was a bugler for General Clair Chenault of the Flying Tigers.

After his honorable discharge from the Army, he and Jane returned to Detroit and his former job. Mark never liked winter weather and Jane preferred Georgia, so they made efforts to move south. Fortunately, Huber Clay Company was near Macon, so Mark applied there and was accepted. After more than twenty-five years of service, he retired as Laboratory Manager from Huber Clay Company.

They have four daughters: Ann Camp is director of the Mathematics Department at Newnan, Georgia High School; Ellen Randolph, also a math major, is the wife of a Navy officer; Susan Maddox is a secretary; and Jean Bixby is a commercial artist.

Mark is a sailboat enthusiast, so he and Jane now reside at Punta Gorda, Florida, one of the many manmade peninsulas. They travel and recently returned from a month in the British Isles.

CYRUS BOWMAN came from Onondage County, New York, to DeKalb County in 1839. He cleared twenty acres of the one hundred sixty given to him by his father, John Bowman, a native of New Jersey, who had purchased it from the government. After three years here, he returned to New York, and married Rachel Waterman, a native of New York. In 1843, the couple returned here and built a log cabin and cleared seventy acres of land. On this farm, Mrs. Bowman died and in 1858, Cyrus married Sarah Ann Smith of Franklin Township.

Sarah and Cyrus had two sons, one being Bob's great grandfather, Archibald (1859-1945). Archibald was born and reared in the southeastern part of Smithfield Township. Archie married Alice Kelly, daughter of Freeman Kelly, in 1880. They moved to Cass County, Michigan, and were engaged in the timber business until 1900, when they returned to the farm where Archie was born, a part of which Bob farms now.

Archie and Alice had seven children, one of them being Clarence Clare Bowman, born in 1881. After graduating from Agricultural College at Michigan State, Clare began farming a tract of land in section thirty-five in Smithfield Township, where his father had farmed. Clare was an enthusiastic up-to-date farmer and an active member of the community. He was on the committee that built the mausoleum in the Waterloo Cemetery and his body was placed there after his death in 1940. It remained there until is was transferred to the cemetery in 1967, when his wife, Dora, died. Clare had married Dora Lutz and they had three children. Wayne, born in 1914, their only son, is Bob's father.

Wayne married Opal Knott, daughter of Fred and Cora (Heitz) Knott of Auburn in 1933. Wayne farmed and Opal taught school for many years, first in one-room schools and later in Ashley and Waterloo. In the beginning of DeKalb High School, Wayne taught the Auto Mechanics class for several years. Wayne and Opal had two children: Robert and Barbara (Bowman) Kleis, who lives in Springfield, Ohio.

Robert Bowman Family

ROBERT W. BOWMAN, born 14 October 1934, son of Wayne and Opal (Knott) Bowman. His paternal grandfather was Clarence A. Bowman, born 1881. His paternal great grandparents were Archibald (1859-1945) and Alice (Kelly) Bowman. His paternal great great grandparents were Cyrus and Sarah Bowman.

Robert married Jean Brand in 1957. Jean is the daughter of John (1901-1980) and Aileen (Buss) Brand (1899-1977) of Fairfield Township. John and Aileen were prominent farmers in Fairfield Township, southwest of Ashley. They and their parents, Ezra and Alice (Betz) Brand, and John and Mary (Bickel) Buss, are buried in Fairfield Cemetery.

Both Bob and Jean graduated from Ashley High School. After high school, Bob began farming. He is a hard working farmer, and at this time is farming land in Smithfield, Grant, Union, and Butler Townships. He has been a director on the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op board for twenty years.

Jean graduated from Manchester College with a degree in Home Economics. She taught Home Economics four years then returned to college and received her Master's Degree in Education. Jean has taught twenty-four years, eighteen of them in the DeKalb Central United School District. Twelve of the years were in the old Waterloo Elementary building and four in the newly constructed Elementary building as a sixth grade teacher. In 1984-85, when the district changed to the Middle School, Jean taught the sixth grade at the Middle School.

Robert and Jean reared their three children: Kevin, born in 1959; Steve, born in 1963; and Debra Kaye, born in 1966, on the Clare Bowman farm where they remodeled the old farm house. To this union was also born a daughter, Kimberly Jean, who expired in 1962, at the age of eighteen months and is buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

Kevin Robert, the eldest son, received his associate degree in Farm Management from Purdue in 1979, and then returned to the farm. In 1980, he purchased virgin land in southeastern (Bladen County), North Carolina. In 1984, Kevin married Rachel Voelkel, of Auburn. Rachel is the daughter of Robert Voelkel and Margaret (Folker) Voelkel Rice. Kevin continues to farm in partnership with his father in Smithfield and Grant Townships, as well as owning acreage in Butler Township.

Steve, the second son, remains at home. Debbie, the youngest, is attending Anderson College, studying to become an elementary teacher.

The Bowman family are members of the Waterloo Nazarene Church and are now living northeast of Waterloo.

BENJAMIN WAYNE DURST, born 13 September 1913, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, the son of John and Pearl Almeda (Lowe) Durst. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Bertha (Durst) Durst. His paternal great grandparents were Fred and Salome Durst and Jacob and Catherine Durst, all of Switzerland. His maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Laura (Shaffer) Lowe. His maternal great grandparents were John and Sarah (Summers) Lowe and Henry and Nancy (Myers) Ream Shaffer. A great great grandfather was Calvin Summers of Union County, Indiana.

Joyce Isabelle Mark was born 24 December 1917, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, the daughter of George Jacob (Jay) and Hattie Leora (Bell) Mark. Her paternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine (Smith) Mark. Her paternal great grandparents were Christian and Catherine (Hess) Mark of Williams County, Ohio, and Adam and Elizabeth Smith. Her maternal grandparents were Lorenza (Ran) and Amanda (Lower) Bell. Her great grandparents were Joseph and Eliza Lower.

B. Wayne and Joyce were married 1 January 1939, at the Butler U.B. Parsonage on West Main Street, by Reverend Pellet. The city hall is now where the parsonage was standing.

Wayne farmed seventy acres in Franklin Township and worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for twenty-seven years. He retired from there on 31 December 1974. Joyce worked at the Oberlin Grocery in Butler at $12.00 a week from 1936 until 1939. She was then a housewife and farm helper until September, 1964, when she went to work at DeKalb Memorial Hospital as an aide until 30 March 1972. B. Wayne is a gifted handyman in machine repair, an electrician, plumber, carpenter, and household helper.

Wayne and Joyce are members of the Butler United Methodist Church, and U.A.W. 825 Local Retirees, of which Wayne is chairperson. He is also a member of Region three, area four council of U.A.W. Retirees.

Mr. Durst is an only child. Mrs. Durst had five brothers and two sisters: Arlie Jacob Mark; Ruth (Mark) Kuttler; Ward Mark; Lawrence Mark, all deceased; and Ruby (Mark) Krafft Miller, who died 5 September 1986; Weir Mark and Wilver F. Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Durst are the parents of four children: John Jay, of near Tallahassee, Florida; Marylin A. (Durst) Forbes of Ashley, Indiana; Connie L. (Durst) Williams of San Diego, California; and Fred Weir, deceased. They have thirteen grandchildren, one great grandchild, three step grandchildren, and three step great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Durst both attended all eight grades of College Corners School in Franklin Township, and graduated from Butler High School. They lived on the family farm until January, 1966, at which time they moved to Butler.

JOHN DURST, born 15 November 1887, the son of Henry and Bertha Durst. His paternal grandparents were Fred and Salome Durst of Switzerland. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine Durst of Enda Canton, Glorus, Switzerland.

Pearl Almeda Lowe, born 12 February 1886, the daughter of Benjamin and Laura (Shaffer) Lowe. John and Pearl were married 28 November 1911, at the St. Mark's Evangelican Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana.

John was a farmer and very good neighbor in Franklin Township. Pearl, after John's death, worked as a live-in housekeeper for various families, until she went to work at the Auburn Rubber Company.

John had two brothers and five sisters: Fred, Minnie (Durst) King, Katherine (Durst) Porter Moore; Bertha (Durst) Shultz; Motsie; Clara; and Olive (Durst) Buss. Pearl had two sisters: Cora (Lowe) Hamman and Bertha Leona (Lowe) Stuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Durst had one son: Benjamin Wayne, of Butler, Indiana. Mrs. Durst was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Waterloo.

John Durst died 27 December 1929, of pneumonia and pluresy. Pearl died 10 June 1963, of complications from a blood clot. Both were interred in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Erving and Dorothy Venderly

ERVING R. VENDERLY, born 24 September 1909, near Payne, Ohio, to Delbert Venderly. His paternal great grandfather, George Julliene Venderly, was born in Alsace in 1806, and came to New York on 20 June 1853, with wife Elizabeth and three children: George Joseph, born 1841; Julliene, born 1843; and Mary Francois. Erving's paternal grandfather had six children: Delbert, Ellen, George, John, Jacob, and Jeanette. Delbert had five children: Erving, Iris, Wallace, Ernest, and Naonto.

Erving married Dorothy M. Hursh, 17 December 1932. Dorothy was born 17 March 1915, Allen County, Indiana, daughter of Ezriah and Elizabeth (Overholtzer) Hursh.

The family lived in Monroe, Michigan, before returning to Spencerville, in 1937, where he managed a filling station. He later went into construction, building homes and apartments. At the time of his retirment, 1976, he was employed with East Allen County Schools as construction supervisor. Dorothy worked in Fort Wayne, at St. Joseph Hospital, Duemling Clinic, and ITT Laboratories.

To this union were born two children: Buddy Ronald, a construction supervisor who lives on a farm near Spencerville, and Nancy Jo, who is on the News Sentinel Editorial Staff at Fort Wayne, where she lives.

The Erving Venderly's lived in the same home for forty-three years. They also have a summer home on Jimmerson Lake and spend winters in Florida.

GLEN HARTMAN, born in Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 27 June 1936, son of Verl L. and Louise F. (Dibling) Hartman. Verl L. was born 17 June 1911, Fairfield Township, son of William and Ethel (Daniels) Hartman. Louise F. was born 31 March 1909, Hamler, Ohio, died 14 November 1980, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Marechal) Dibling. Lewis Dibling was born in Germany in 1868, and died in Ohio, in 1921. Mary Dibling was born in France in 1869, and died in 1931, in Indiana.

Glen graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1962, after serving with the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a foreman at Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry for thirteen years, before becoming a transport driver for Marathon Oil Company, driving for seven years until the terminal closed. He is presently driving for RAD, Incorporated, in Kendallville. He is a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. He has been on the Waterloo Town Board since January, 1984.

Glen has one brother, Wayne L., of Hicksville, Ohio, and one sister, Betty Noragon, of Auburn, Indiana.

Ida Mae Krontz was born 28 July 1936, north of Waterloo, daughter of Raymond H. and Minerva E. (Pearson) Krontz. Raymond H. was born 23 December 1893, Wilmington Township, son of John and Ida Ann (Smith) Krontz. He died 22 May 1971. Minverva was born 10 November 1899, in Butler, Indiana, daughter of John F. and Amanda (Shanklin) Pearson. Minerva lives in Waterloo with a daughter, Delorse Crowl.

Ida Mae graduated from Waterloo High School in 1954. Glen and Ida Mae were married on 15 August 1954. Ida Mae belongs to the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Progressive Literary Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society of Indiana, and the Waterloo Depot Foundation, Incorporated. She had been employed by the Citizens State Bank for 15 years.

Three children were born to the Hartmans: Denise Marie, 27 August 1957, married Thomas Lee Lochner, 17 June 1978. They have two sons, Jacob Donald, born 7 April 1982, and Sean Thomas, born 2 January 1985. They are presently living in Louisville, Kentucky; Teresa Kay, born 30 September 1962, married Robert Edward Krafft, 16 June 1984. They presently live in Angola, Indiana. Teresa is a school teacher; Thomas Glen, born 17 October 1964, is a senior at Manchester College, majoring in accounting.

Ida Mae has three sisters: Juanita Crowl, Betty Bolen, and Delorse Crowl, and one brother, Samuel. All live in or near Waterloo.

JONATHAN PARK THOMAS, born 28 April 1878, at Eden, Ohio, son of John Wesley and Phobe M. (Everhart) Thomas. His paternal grandparents were Reverend Jonathan and Elizabeth (Bacon/Beacon) Thomas. His maternal grandparents were James M. and Harriett (Koons) Everhart.

Grace Adele Goodwin was born 23 November 1885, at Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Elmer Norris and Almeda (McEntarffer) Goodwin. Her paternal grandparents were David and Sarah (Wiltrout) Goodwin. Her maternal grandparents were David Franklin and Mary Ann (Wildersin) McEntarffer.

Jonathan Thomas enrolled at the Hamilton Public School. Grace Goodwin attended the Waterloo Public School. Jonathan's first job after graduation was with the Auburn Courier paper, where he learned typesetting.

Jonathan and Grace were married on 21 April 1906, in Waterloo. They had two children, Ruth Lorraine, born 19 August 1908, at Waterloo, and Wayne Goodwin, born 27 January 1919, at Waterloo.

After their marriage, they owned several businesses over the years, including a bakery in Auburn, 1906; a bakery in Butler, 1908; a hardware in Waterloo, 1923; a grocery and hardware store in Auburn, 1925.

Mr. Thomas had a sister, Zoe, and two brothers: Thaddeus and Frank. Mrs. Thomas had no sisters or brothers.

Mr. Thomas died on 29 July 1936, at Auburn. Mrs. Thomas never remarried. She died 29 March 1962, at Auburn.

WAYNE GOODWIN THOMAS, born 27 January 1919, at Waterloo, Indiana, son of Jonathan Park and Grace Adele (Goodwin) Thomas.

Margaret Joyce Atkinson, born 28 June 1924, at Alma, Michigan, daughter of John Wesley and Mary (Everhart) Atkinson.

Wayne attended school in Auburn. After graduation from high school, he served in the United States Army during World War II, from December, 1941 through January, 1946.

Mr. Thomas had several jobs after the war, including work at the Auburn Rubber Company and several dry cleaning stores. He enjoyed the art of Taxidermy as a hobby and part-time job. Mrs. Thomas has worked at Fruehauf Corporation, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, since 1944.

Wayne and Margaret were married 28 August 1947, at the United Brethren Church in Waterloo, Indiana. They made their home in Auburn. They were the parents of one son, Howard Elton, born 2 July 1949, at Auburn. Howard served in the United States Navy from June, 1968, through April, 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are now retired and live in Steuben County, Indiana.

HOWARD BANNING TIBBALS, born 4 July 1915, at Garrett, Indiana, son of Howard Lincoln and Alta Florence (Banning) Tibbals.

Ruth Lorraine Thomas was born 19 August 1908, at Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Jonathan Park and Grace Adele (Goodwin) Thomas.

Howard attended school in Garrett. Ruth attended school in Waterloo and Auburn.

Howard served in the United States Army during World War II, from October, 1941, through November, 1945.

Howard and Ruth were married 19 January 1944, in Greenwood, Mississippi. After the war, they lived in Garrett, for one or two years, then they moved to Auburn. Mr. Tibbals had several jobs since the war, including the Magnavox Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mrs. Tibbals had started work at Messenger's in Auburn, in July, 1936, where she worked until her retirement in January, 1971. Mr. Tibbals was an active member in the American Legion.

Howard had a sister, Helen, and a brother, Buster, both of whom are deceased. Ruth has a brother, Wayne. They have no children.

Mr. Tibbals died 12 November 1979, at Auburn. Mrs. Tibbals is retired and still living in Auburn.

NOAH VALENTINE GERIG, born 14 February 1875, son of Joseph W. Gerig and Sarah

Bowen. His paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O. Gerig. Joseph O. immigrated to America when Joseph W. was two years old. Noah's maternal grandparents were Marvin and Trephosy Bowen.

Mary Ann Koble was born 18 September 1876, daughter of John Koble, born near Paulding, Ohio, 21 June 1853, and resided in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, for sixty-five years. He was a farmer and died 9 May 1939. He is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. In his final days, he resided with his grandson, Virgil Gerig, but died on his farm across the road from Virgil and Barbara (Goldsmith) Gerig. Christian and Anna Koble are believed to have immigrated from Germany in 1850.

Mary Ann Gerig's mother, Barbara Goldsmith, was born 10 October 1848, daughter of Joseph Goldsmith and Elizabeth Augsberger. Barbara preceded her husband, John Koble, in death by thiry-one years. She died 8 November 1908. Joseph Goldsmith was born in 1812, and died in 1881. Elizabeth Goldsmith was born in 1822, and died in 1864. Joseph and Elizabeth were both born in Germany. The Goldsmiths and the Augsbergers were of the Amish-Mennonite faith.

Noah Gerig was known as an expert farmer in DeKalb County. He had a farm at 7023 County Road 35, Auburn. He raised grain, especially corn, and held over five hundred ribbons, besides gold, silver, and bronze medals, for grain exhibited at county and state fairs. Noah was appreciated for his love of nature, trees, and wildlife.

Noah and Mary Ann (Koble) Gerig both attended the Brush College Church of God on the Allen-DeKalb County Line. The church is now known as the County Line Church of God with affiliations with the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana. Noah's father, Joseph Gerig, helped to see that an acre of land ~~was~~ set aside for the church. His dream was that God's people should be united and not divided into denominations or sects which did not get along. The Joseph Gerig family also had an Amish-Mennonite religious heritage. Noah and his brother, Eli Gerig, helped in the erection of the first building for the Brush College Church of God.

Noah Gerig died 17 April 1930, at the age of fifty-five years, and Mary Ann Gerig died 22 November 1931.

Noah and Mary Ann were married 7 October 1896, and had six children: Forest, who had the Gerig Furniture Store and Funeral Home; Joseph W., a farmer in Jackson Township, married Lula Alexander and were the parents of four children: Carol (Gerig) Whittington, Wilma (Gerig) Marks, Thelma (Gerig) Daley, and Joseph Gerig, Jr., who lives on his father's farm on County Road 31 South. Grace (Gerig) Hartung lived near Huntertown; Goldie (Gerig) married Fred Kruse and lived on a Jackson Township farm. They were the parents of four children: Russell, Harold, Helen (Kruse) Rowe, and Doris (Kruse) Moreland; Virgil Gerig married Velma Gale Carper, and lives on the home farm. They are the parents of three children: Byron Gerald Jerry, Cleo (Gerig) Waggoner, and Rita (Gerig) Kardatzke; Leona married Kenneth Lung and had four children: Nelson, Verlin, Nancy (Lung) Boger, and Larry.

VIRGIL GERIG, born 6 May 1906, on the family farm in Jackson Township, son of Noah Moses Valentine and Mary Ann (Koble) Gerig. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Gerig, who came from Alcase, Germany, and Sarah (Bowen) Gerig, of Allen County. His maternal grandparents were John and Barbara (Goldsmith) Koble, of Jackson Township, DeKalb County.

Velma Carper was born in Concord Township, DeKalb County, 21 August 1907, daughter of Oliver Ollie and Lois (Wyatt) Carper.

Virgil and Velma were married 31 December 1930, in the Presbyterian Parsonage, by Reverend Craven, in Auburn, Indiana, and have lived the entire time on the family homestead, where Virgil was born. They attend the County Line Church of God on the DeKalb-Allen County Line.

Virgil was engaged in farming until retirement. After the children were raised, Velma worked at Messenger Corporation and Gerig Funeral Home. Virgil served as block chairman during World War II.

Virgil's family consisted of Grace (Gerig) Hartung, Goldie (Gerig) Kruse, Joseph Gerig, Sr., Forrest Truman Gerig, and Leona (Gerig) Lung. Velma's family were Coral, Arden, Chalmer Carper, and Donna (Carper) Mitchener.

Velma's paternal grandparents were Aaron and Sarah Jane (Hughes) Carper, from Pennsylvania, who lived on the farm that Aaron was born on. They lived in a log house and later built the frame home that is still occupied on 46A, east of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents were Theodore and Louisa (Wilderson) Wyatt.

Virgil and Velma were the parents of three children: Byron Gerald Jerry Gerig, who served in the United States Air Force for four years during the Korean War. He was badly injured in a truck-auto accident on 11 May 1961, and died 1 August 1961, never having regained consciousness; Cleo (Gerig) Waggoner, an underwriter for the Mutual Security Life Insurance

Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Reta (Gerig) Kardatzke, mother of three children and living in Wichita, Kansas.

Virgil and Velma are the grandparents of six grandchildren: Douglas Vaughn Gerig, Steven Wayne Gerig, Heidi Katherine Kardatzke, Holly Marie Kardatzke, and Erik Stanly Kardatzke, all of Wichita, Kansas, and Diane Suzanne Waggoner, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

DAVID NATHANIEL FITCH, son of Nathaniel and Sarah Fitch, born 13 February 1865, died 1950. David attended school near Huntertown and Fort Wayne, Indiana. He graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College and practiced veterinary medicine in Auburn, Indiana, for fifty years. David married Emma Bell Stirlen, 1 June 1887, and they lived their entire married life at the corner of Eleventh and Main Streets, with Dr. Fitch having his veterinary practice in the barn at the back of the property. Their family consisted of three children: Burgess, Hurshel Humes, and Helen (Fitch) Hawver.

HURSHEL HUMES FITCH, born 9 February 1890, died 1969. Hurshel attended the Auburn Schools and graduated from Purdue University in 1913. He served during World War II in the United States Navy. He married Mabel Catherine Snyder, born 26 November 1892, died 25 April 1960, on 12 July 1918. After separation from the Navy, Hurshel and Mabel C. resided at Auburn, Indiana. Hurshel worked as chief engineer for the Auburn Foundry, Incorporated. Two sons were born to this marriage: Stephen David and James Sterling.

JAMES STERLING FITCH, born 18 May 1923, in the family home, Auburn, Indiana. James attended the Auburn Schools and after graduation he entered the United States Army in February, 1943. James trained with a mountain ski troop at Camp Hale, Colorado, and later served with the 71st Artillery Division in Germany. James married Joanne Lois Miller, 5 December 1943. Joanne was born 11 March 1924, daughter of Joe and Mary Ethel (Clouse) Miller, whose farm was east of Auburn. She attended Pyles School for eight years and graduated from Auburn High School in 1942.

After discharge at the end of World War II, James returned to Auburn where he built a house on land which was given by Joe and Mary Miller.

James was employed by Dana Corporation of Auburn for 35 years. Joanne worked as a secretary for local attorneys and a real estate firm in Auburn.

They are the parents of two sons: James Sterling, Jr., born 4 February 1947, in Auburn, Indiana. He attended the Auburn Schools and graduated from Auburn High School in 1965. James, Jr., attended Tri-State College in Angola, and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1967. After discharge in 1971, he returned to Auburn, where he married Patricia Ann Miller, 10 March 1973. They reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and are the parents of four children: David Nathanial, born 25 July 1974; Christopher James, born 1 August 1977; Michael Jonathan, born 1 September 1979; and Mary Katherine, born 2 August 1982.

Mark Warren was born 29 April 1952, in Garrett, Indiana. He attended the Auburn schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970. Mark graduated from Purdue University in 1975. He married Melody Lynn Miller, who was born in South Bend, Indiana, 15 November 1955, attended the South Bend schools, and graduated from Purdue University.

JOE MILLER, born in Payne, Ohio, 18 January 1889, died 5 February 1975, son of Manoah and Cynthia Miller, who purchased a farm east of Auburn and moved to Indiana in 1904.

Joe married Mary Ethel Clouse, 28 February 1911. Mary Ethel was born in Union Township, 9 June 1893, died 17 December 1979. She was the daughter of Rueben and Amanda (Lacey) Clouse. Joe and Mary resided on the farm on CR 43 their entire married life. Joe was a farmer and served as Union Township Trustee and Union Township Assessor.

Six children were born to Joe and Ethel. At that time the doctor came to the home and stayed until the birth, since roads were sometimes impassable. The children are as follows: Helen Erma (Miller) Huntsman, born 25 June 1911; Lela Virtle (Miller) Rathert, born 1 March 1914, died 26 October 1960; Donald Walter, born 13 August 1918; Richard Keith, born 1 December 1921; and David E., born 14 December 1927.

ELMORE N. CHANEY, born 1854, died 1930, and Lizzie Alvaretta Friedt, born 1861, died 1931, resided in Auburn around the turn of the century, early 1900's. He was a carpenter. They were married in DeKalb County in 1882, and resided in Corunna and Auburn. He was one of the first purchasers of a burial lot in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, where deceased family members are buried.

Elmore's parents were George and Ruth Chaney, who came to Allen County, Springfield Township, in 1853, from Ashland County, Ohio. They had five children: Rezon, Milton, Walton, Elmore N., and Philip, who grew up on their farm and later were closely connected to DeKalb County. Rezon married Nancy Scott in DeKalb County in 1872, and Milton married Jennie Scott in 1882. Both men had farms and operated a butcher shop in Spencerville. They had no children. Walton Chaney and wife resided in Auburn after their marriage and he and son, Dayton, operated a men's clothing store on Main Street, across from the courthouse for many years until their deaths. Besides Dayton, they had a daughter, Ruth. Roy Chaney, son of Philip Chaney, and family were residents of Spencerville.

Elmore and Lizzie's children were Scudder Chaney, born 1883, and Eddie W., born 1885. Eddie never married and died in 1921. Scudder Chaney and Myrtle G. Miller were married in Auburn, 17 October 1904, by the Reverend G. Herendeen. Myrtle Miller was the daughter of David A. Miller, whose family were early settlers of Steuben County, Indiana. They resided in Auburn at this time, while he was employed in taking care of the horses owned by a lumber yard there. She was born in Steuben County in 1889.

Scudder and Myrtle Chaney had two children: Iris Eileen, born in Auburn, and Scudder A., born in Angola. After living in Auburn for several years, they moved to Angola, Steuben County, where Scudder was employed until his death in 1918, in the influenza epidemic. Myrtle died in 1982. Eileen Chaney and brother, Scudder A., went to school in Angola and Fort Wayne, and were employed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and General Electric Company of Fort Wayne. Scudder A. Chaney and Lucille Wilma Pyle, daughter of Oral Harrison Pyle, of Jay County, Indiana, were married in March, 1932. They have one daughter, Marian Louise (Chaney) Moyer, and four grandchildren.

LIZZIE FRIEDT, born 1861, daughter of Jacob Friedt, born 1824, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and Wayne County, Ohio. He married Sarah Snyder, born 1823, in 1844, in Ashland County, Ohio. He and his family came to Allen County, Springfield Township, in 1855. He was a carpenter. Lizzie's family were early citizens of DeKalb County. Jacob and Sarah had six daughters and one son. Only three, John Samuel, born 1857, Mira Bell, born 1859, and Lizzie, were born in Indiana.

Her grandparents were John and Lydia (Zimmerman) Friedt from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, who followed their son, Jacob Friedt, to Allen County. John and Lydia were married 28 November 1822, in Ohio. They had eight children, four of whom lived in DeKalb County after maturity. They were: Sarah Friedt, born 1835, married John Carper, of Auburn, a farmer, and lived there until their death. George Friedt, born 1831, moved from Ashland, Ohio, with his family to Garrett, DeKalb County, where he died in 1918. Henry C. Friedt, born 1827, in Wayne County, Ohio, came with his brother, Jacob.

In August 1862, at Spencerville, he enlisted and was mustered into Company A, 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, 10 September 1862, commanded by Captain M.L. Rhodes, which became attached to the Army of the Tennessee, which participated in twenty-five battles of the Civil War. He was honorably discharged in 1863. A short time afterwards, he married and moved to Osborn, Kansas, where he died at the age of ninety-three.

JOHN LOWE, born in Oldham, a manufacturing town in Lancaster, England, 12 April 1825. At the age of nine, he began working for his father, who was a cotton spinner. In 1850, after sixteen years in the cotton mills, he came to American, and went to a friend's home in Connellville, Pennsylvania. He left his trunk there. He took a steamboat to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, from there to Cincinnati, Ohio, by boat. He walked across country to the Golvin Summers farm home and told his story and how he wanted to learn to farm. He worked on the Summers farm and nearby farms.

On 8 February 1852, he married Sarah Summers. In September, 1860, John Lowe and wife Sarah, along with their five children, moved onto the eighty acres north of the Franklin Township Center School.

In November, 1864, John Lowe went to the Civil War, and returned on 1 August 1865.

In 1870, John sold his eighty acre farm and bought the John Eckhart farm of two hundred forty acres, running a debt of $5400 at ten percent interest. He lived on this farm for twelve years and traded with a Mr. Haverstock for a farm on the Hamilton road.

To John and Sarah were born eleven children: Benjamin, Edwin, Samuel, Elizabeth (Lowe) Noragon, Martha (Lowe) Bowlby, John, Lorinda (Lowe) Jones, Margaret (Lowe) Kiplinger, Marshall, Emma (Lowe) Porter, and Inez (Lowe) Kaufman.

John Lowe died 9 October 1911, interment in the Hamilton Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN MARK was born in Rodenburg, Germany, on 10 April 1812. He had a sister, Withelmena (Mark) Shookhart, but the rest of the family is unknown. He was a tailor by trade and came to America in 1834.

Christian and Catherine Hess crossed the Atlantic on the same ship, landing in New York after a voyage of forty days. They were married on 12 June 1834. Catherine was born 11 October 1818, in Rodenburg, Germany. They lived in New York for seven years, moving to Chambersburg in Columbiana County, Ohio, and later to Williams County, Ohio, northeast of Edon, Ohio, in 1849.

To them were born eleven children: William, George, Jacob, Eliza Ann, John, Henry, Hannah, Rachel, Mary, Lavenia, and Harriet.

Catherine died 2 September 1890, and Christian died 18 March 1901. Their interment is in Edon, Ohio, Cemetery.

JACOB MARK, son of Christian and Catherine (Hess) Mark, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, 25 August 1840. He married 7 May 1855, to Catherine Smith, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Smith. Catherine was born 5 April 1843.

Their final home was on a farm in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, a fourth mile east of Capps Corners, on the south side of the road, in a large brick house that they built. When it was first built, it had two stairways to the second floor, one from each end of the house. I believe the year the house was built is on the slate roof shingles.

To them were born ten children: Melissa (Mark) Wolf; Louiza (Mark) Hook; Eliza (Mark) Osbun; George Jacob (Jay); Elnora (Mark) Creager; Elizabeth Catherine Mark, died in infancy; Saloma (Mark) Teutsch; Nancy Jane (Mark) Haverstock; and Earl.

Catherine died 17 August 1885. Jacob died 19 March 1894. Interment is in the Hamilton Cemetery.

GEORGE JACOB "JAY" MARK, born 11 February 1871, to Jacob and Catherine (Smith) Mark, in DeKalb County, Indiana. On 24 October 1896, he married Hattie L. Bell, born 9 January 1880, daughter of Lorenza Rand and Amanda (Lowe) Bell.

They lived, for a while, in the west end of the brick house that Jacob and his father built on the north side of the road. Just east of the brick house, they built a small home. After a few years, they moved to Williams County, near Edon, Ohio, for two years, and then back to DeKalb County. They lived on the Haverstock farm, later known as Capp farm and now belonging to William Farmer. A few years later, they bought the King farm.

To them were born eight children: Arlie Jacob, Ruth (Mark) Kuttler, Ruby (Mark) Krafft Miller, Wilber F., Weir, Lawrence, Ward, and Joyce (Mark) Durst.

George J. Mark died 25 February 1959. Hattie Mark died 23 January 1956. Interment in Hamilton Cemetery.

The farm on County Road 57, where they lived most of their years, now belongs to Virgil Bonecutter.

Peter Grogg Home

PETER GROGG, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Holtz) Grogg, was born 25 January 1851, in Union Township, in the log cabin built by his father. His was the grandson of Solomon and Mary (Snyder) Grogg.

On 3 December 1871, Peter and Mary Jane Baker were married. She was born 16 August 1851, the daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Parrish) Baker of Richland Township.

Peter and Mary Jane remained on the original homestead, where he was a progressive farmer, and purchased an additional one hundred sixty acres of land in Richland Township. In 1878, he built a new nine room brick home, located just south of the log cabin, which his wife, Mary Jane, was only to enjoy seven years, passing away on 14 September 1902, at the age of fifty-one.

To Peter and Mary Jane were born ten children: Oscar, born 8 March 1873; Wilson, born 25 October 1875; Marion, born 7 July 1877; Lettie, 11 May 1880; Alva, born 3 July 1882; Dora (Grogg) Draper, born 2 January 1885; Elmer, born 3 February 1887; Lottie

(Grogg) Close, born 7 May 1889; Gladys (Grogg) Myers, born 12 November 1893; and Mabel (Grogg) Yarde, born 11 January 1895. They all remained in DeKalb County.

Peter Grogg passed away on 12 March 1916, at the age of sixty-five. Gladys (Grogg) Myers is the only surviving member of this family.

Elmer Grogg Family

ELMER BAKER GROGG was born on 3 February 1887, son of Peter H. and Mary Jane (Baker) Grogg, in the house that was built by his father, where he remained his entire lifetime. He also farmed the same farm established by his ancestors. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was a Lutheran by faith. He received a grade school education at the Feagler's Corners School in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Saturday afternoon, 8 July 1911, Elmer and Anna Mary Schuster were united in marriage by Reverend Thornberg, in Auburn, Indiana.

Anna was born 16 July 1891, to George and Ella (Wherly) Schuster of Smithfield Township. Her paternal grandparents are Andrew and Elizabeth (Rinehart) Schuster, natives of Erie County, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents are Rudolph and Mary Ann (Blattner) Wherly, natives of Switzerland.

To Elmer and Anna Grogg were born four children: Helen Josephine (Grogg) Yarde, deceased; Alice Ailene (Grogg) Scott, of Auburn; Lucille Jane (Grogg) Lee, of Jackson Township; and Max Elmer, of Jackson Township.

Anna Grogg passed away 13 February 1972, at the age of eighty-one. Elmer passed away eight months later on 14 October 1972, at the age of eighty-five.

The farm still remains in the Grogg family and the house built by Peter Grogg still stands.

ROBERT DALE WELCH, son of Daniel and Emily (Culbertson) Welch, born 25 August 1880, died 16 August 1919. Robert married Lettie Estella Herrick in 1906, by Reverend Harlan of the Methodist Church. They are the parents of six children.

Albert Dale, 29 October 1907, died 14 May 1935, married Jessie Dull of Garrett, Indiana, in 1931. To this union was born one son, Robert, born 31 July 1933. He is now chief geologist of Enserch Exploration Incorporated of Dallas, Texas.

Franklin Hugh, born 20 May 1909, worked for Indiana Bell for forty-six years before retiring in 1974. He married Geraldine Ruehart 29 August 1953. They have one son, Michael, born 22 December 1954. He works at Dana Corporation of Columbia City, Indiana. He married Beth Euwert, 12 November 1977. They have two children: Brandy, born 27 October 1978, and Shawn, born 5 November 1984.

Edward D., born 25 August 1911, died 9 April 1984. He married Ruth Beeber of Garrett, in Los Angeles, California, 12 February 1946. They have one son, Patric, born 20 March 1947. He married Beth Lynch of Indianapolis, 12 March 1977. They have two children: Aaron, born 4 December 1979, and Ashley, born 19 February 1981. Patric is a golf pro at Woodland Club at Carmel, Indiana. Edward was in the first contingent drafted in the United States Army in 1941, when forty-one men left on the New York Central from Auburn for Camp Perry, Ohio. He returned in December, 1945. He worked for Ford Sales in Auburn.

Blanche Louise was born 1 November 1913. She married Lowell J. Baker, of Sherwood, Ohio, 24 December 1946. Lowell was born 24 August 1909, died 7 September 1982. He was employed by B & O Railroad. Blanche worked at Messenger Corporation for thirty-five years before retiring in 1976.

Charles D., born 7 November 1915, served in the United States Air Force from 1942, to December, 1945. He married Mary Louise Imus, born 20 January 1920, on 18 June 1948. Charles worked at Messenger Corporation for forty-three years before retiring in 1978. To this union was born one daughter, Lynn Louise, born 11 August 1953. She married Michael Davis, 21 February 1976, and they have two children: Micah, born 28 March 1977, and Jacob, born 17 August 1979. Lynn is a realtor at Carmel, Indiana.

Ethel Mae was born 10 November 1917. She was an employee of Messenger Corporation and Hubbard Spool, now retired. She married Harold Reasoner, born 8 November 1908, died 2 January 1980, on 4 June 1969. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

DANIEL HERRICK, born 6 December 1860, died 21 February 1941, son of Franklin Herrick, of near St. Joe, Indiana, and Sarah Jenkins, daughter of John Jenkins, one of the earliest settlers in the county.

Franklin and Sarah were the parents of six children: Daniel, Orange, Charles, Melvin, Margurite, and Nettie. Daniel married Ida M. Spitler, born 11 September 1862, died 22 December 1940, on 7 May 1882, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fales, grandparents with whom Ida resided for a number of years. They moved to the farm of Mr. Herrick's father, eventually leaving the farm to reside in St. Joe, where Mr. Herrick operated a meat market.

In 1898, Mr. Herrick was elected Democrat Recorder of DeKalb County, taking the office in January, 1900. He served until 1904. After leaving the office, Mr. Herrick bought Hadermann's Restaurant on East Seventh Street and had a hotel annex, which is now Odd Fellows Hall. He operated this place for fourteen years. He was then employed by Indiana Service Corporation at Kendallville and Waterloo as ticket agent from 1920 to 1926, when he bought the 113 Restaurant on West Seventh Street with his daughter, Mrs. Estella Welch.

Daniel and Ida celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in 1932 at 208 East Sixth Street with a family reunion. Those attending were: son, Frank, and wife, Maude Herrick, of Baltimore, Maryland, and their children: Helen, Robert, Richard, Junior, Betty, Maxine, Beverly, Charles, and Billy; daughter, Estella Welch and family, Albert, Frank, Edward, Blanche, Charles, Ethel Mae of Auburn; Orange and Ida Herrick of St. Joe; Mrs. Nettie Culbertson, of St. Joe; Melvin Herrick, of Angola; Mrs. Herrick's sisters: Reba Rodenbaugh of Fort Wayne, and Lydia Kressley, of Auburn.

Dan and Estella served many meals with good homemade food at the 113 Restaurant. They never turned a hungry person away. They sold the restaurant in April, 1940, due to the poor health of both.

HENRY L. HOUSER, born 21 February 1853, "Mawchunk," Pennville Township, Schuykill County, Pennsylvania, son of Gideon and Rebecca Houser, died 11 January 1932.

When nine years of age, he left there with his father and mother for Indiana, where they settled in DeKalb County, not far from the present Tri-State areas of Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan, in what is now Butler Township, DeKalb County.

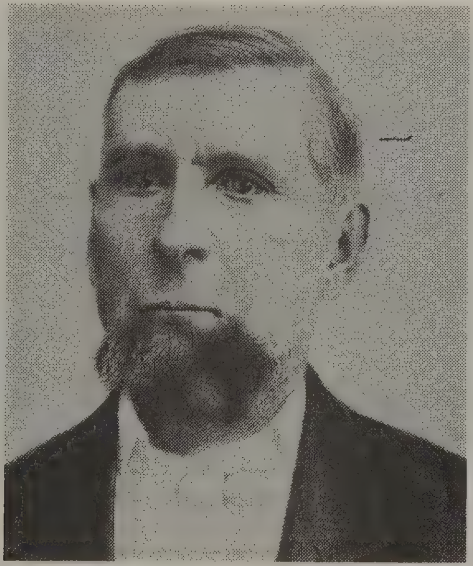
At about the same time the Housers were settling in Indiana, Phillip, 23 May 1831, and Elizabeth, born 8 September 1832, Weller, settled in this same area, bringing with them their ten children, two being Olive and Oliver, twins.

As the years went by, Henry L. Houser and Olive Weller, who had been in Springfield, Ohio, 27 January 1856, married in DeKalb County, Indiana, 23 May 1874.

Henry L. and Olive settled in eastern DeKalb County, Butler Township, where they spent their entire married life. They became the parents of: Cora, married Wilbur Hawver and had one son, Glen; Clarence, married Della Jackson and had one son; Loyd married Jennie Kelham; Goldie married Harry Lung and had two children, AnnaBelle and Kenneth; Cleo married Glee Swoverland and had one son and one daughter, all of whom settled in or near Butler Township.

LOYD E. HOUSER, son of Henry L. and Olive (Weller) Houser, married Jennie Kelham, 16 October 1902, daughter of Joseph A. and Lydia (Simon) Kelham, at the home of the bride's parents in Butler Township.

Loyd and Jennie went to housekeeping in Butler Township near her maternal home and later moved to near Cedar Chapel Church, where they reared their six sons and three daughters. Maurene graduated in 1920, married Ralph Moss, a farmer, of Perry Township, Allen County. She was a graduate of St. Francis College, a DeKalb County school teacher, retiring in 1970. She was life-licensed in Indiana; Joseph went to Five Points, one room school, in Butler Township, and later graduated from Garrett High School. Joseph took an apprenticeship at G.E. in Fort Wayne, was sent by G.E. to Schenectady, New York, and Connecticut, to help with their toolmaking problems. He was later transferred to Tiffin, Ohio, as the tool and die supervisor of the G.E. plant there. He died in 1966; Perry graduated in 1924, married Lila Rudig. He went to work for International Harvester, Fort Wayne, and then in Chicago. While there, the U.S. Government asked for his services as a consultant and for the tool and die procurement division. He was later named president of Metel Cutting Institution, with offices in the Chrysler Building, New York City. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946, with the rank of Colonel. He returned to the Chicago International Harvester as Head of tools standard research, completed Executive Program college night classes; Edith graduated in 1927, married Wayne Surfus, an Allen County farmer. They became the parents of two sons: Robert graduated in 1929, married Elizabeth Spaulding of a well known Allen County family on 13 October 1935. They were the parents of three daughters and a son. He was an International Harvester employee and moved to California, where they permanently established their home, educated their children and where Mrs. Houser died on 28 July 1978. He later returned to DeKalb County, married Ruby (Dosch) Clark and they now spend their retired years commuting between Indiana and California. He became interested in small cabinets and furnishings for compact apartments and motor homes; Carl E., graduated in 1930, chose the vocation of his ancestors, farming. He married Harriett Mondy of Noble County. They became parents of three daughters and one son. One of a pair of twin daughters died at birth. He built and operated a dairy farm in Noble County for many years. He is now retired at this location: Wilson W., graduated in 1931, a local Butler Township farmer, also worked and retired from International Harvester in 1943. He married Dora Surfus of Allen County. They became the parents of two sons and one daughter. They now reside in Butler Township, DeKalb Coaunty, part of the year and spend the winters in Florida; James A., born 15 March 1915, became a follower of his farmer ancestors, later operated a summer camp at Houghton Lake, Michigan. He married Louise Squires and they became the parents of two sons. James later was forced, for health reasons, to seek a warmer climate and moved to North Fort Meyers, Florida, where they now reside. James graduated in 1934; Ruth graduated in 1934, married Robert E. Lee, a DeKalb County farmer and a retired I.H.C. employee. They have three daughters.



Edward Kelham Sr.

EDWARD S. KELHAM, SR., born in Lincolnshire, England, 13 November 1826, son of Thomas and Mary (Boothby) Kelham. He was reared and educated in his native country. At the age of twenty-one, he left home and made his living by making bricks. In 1849, his family decided to move from England, and it was the toss of a coin whether they would go to America or Australia. They came to America and located in Richland County, Ohio. He worked on the railroad and lake steamers for three years.

Sarah (Downend) Huston Kelham, born in Meltham Yorkshire, England, 5 March 1826, daughter of James and Mary (Shaw) Downend. At the age of eight, she came to America with her parents. They settled in Richland County, Ohio. She married George Huston in 1844. Mr. Huston, died in 1852. Sarah then married Edward S. Kelham, Sr., in Richland County, Ohio, 22 April 1853. In 1857, they moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, and bought eighty acres of land. On this farm was a clay section suitable for making bricks. The farm is west of Garrett, on what is now County Road 48.

The Kelhams had ten children: Edward, Jr., was four years old when he came to DeKalb County. He married Cynthia Viola Whetsel, 1 February 1880. They had four children; Chloe G. married William Helm; Claude K. was a machinist by trade and worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, later he went to Frankfort, Indiana. In December, 1906, he returned to Garrett and on 30 December 1906, married Frenie Crowe. They returned to Frankfort for a year and a half, then returned to DeKalb County on a farm owned by Joseph Weller. They had three children: Lucille Caroline, born 1 November 1907, married Harry H. Riccius, 23 July 1927. They have five children: DeMerice Glenns, born 1 September 1909, married Josiah Henry Woodcox, 1 September 1935. They have four children; Martha Viola, born 3 April 1912, married Harold Brown. She died 11 February 1935; Mary, Thomas, Joseph, George, Charles, Matilda, James, William, and Martha. Matilda, William, and Martha died in childhood.

Edward, Sr. built his family a brick house but the foundation cracked and the house did not last. He built a frame house just east of the brick one, which still stands today.

MINERVA ELSIE (PEARSON) KRONTZ, born 10 November 1899, in Butler, Indiana, daughter of John Francis and Amanda (Shanklin) Pearson. She married Orpheus Copeland in the parsonage of the Waterloo Episcopal Church in 1919. This marriage was terminated early in 1926. Minerva married Raymond H. Krontz, 7 September 1926, in Defiance, Ohio. Raymond, born 23 December 1893, Wilmington Township, son of John and Ida Ann (Smith) Krontz. He served in World War I, being honorably discharged in 1919. Raymond worked as a farmer, mason, and a laborer on the New York Central Railroad from which he retired. He died 22 May 1971.

Minerva was a member of the now disbanded Faith Rebekah Lodge, Pythian Sisters, and Mothers of World War I.

The Krontz family moved from the farm into Waterloo, in March, 1940. Mrs. Krontz lived in the same house for forty-five years before moving in with her daughter, Delorse Crowl.

To her first marriage, a daughter was born, Ruth Annabelle, born 2 March 1921, married to Clarence Mahlum in 1946. Ruth was killed in a car/train accident in Waterloo in 1948.

Five children were born to the second marriage: Juanita, born 15 October 1927, married Clayton Crowl; Betty, born 21 October 1928, married Orville Bolen, Sr.; Samuel, born 29 June 1930, married Betty Pope; Delorse, born 13 January 1932, married George Crowl; and Ida Mae, born 28 July 1936, married Glen Hartman.

Minerva had four sisters: Nora, Flora Funk, Cora Beerer, and Loma Brooks, and two brothers, Earnest and John. All are deceased.

RUTH VALEAN PROVINES, born 18 September 1918, Jackson Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Kent and Ruth (Draggoo) Provines. Her paternal grandparents were Lician and Sarah (Moore) Provines. Her maternal grandparents were James and Deliah (Ervin) Draggoo, all of DeKalb County.

Ruth attended a one-room school known as Magginis No. 2, in Jackson Township, where one teacher taught all eight grades. Ruth graduated from McIntosh High School, Auburn, in 1937. Three of those years she stayed in Auburn and worked for room and board so she could go to school. At that time there was no busing and no boys in the neighborhood to drive.

After graduation, she got a job in Garrett, Indiana, at a garment factory, "Natures Rival" women's undergarments. When World War II started, the company changed over to making mosquito tents for the soldiers cots. From there, she went to work at the Taylor Street General Electric Company, in Fort Wayne. There she made parts for the supercharger engine on airplanes. She was custodian at the County Line Church of God for sixteen years.

Forrest Jennings Surface and Ruth married 20 June 1943, in Fort Wayne. Forrest, born 29 December 1915, Jackson Township, son of Ray S. and Amy (Freeman) Surface. His paternal grandparents were Steven and Ellen (Cornell) Surface. His maternal grandparents were Alexander and Selvia (Bailey) Freeman, all of DeKalb County.

Forrest got his grade school education at No. 9, in Jackson Township. He went to Huntertown and Leo High Schools. He walked about a mile to meet an Allen County bus that took him to Huntertown to school for two years, then a Leo bus started to go past his home so they changed schools.

At the age of fourteen, he started working at the County Line Cheese Company every other weekend and during the busy season. Besides helping his father on the farm, he was an amateur boxer for the Golden Gloves in Fort Wayne, for three years. In 1940, he worked full time for the Cheese Company where he worked until 1952. Then he went to work at Dana, Salisbury Axel, in Fort Wayne, where he worked until he retired in 1978.

In 1954, Forrest and Ruth bought a farm in northern Allen County where they farmed and raised hogs. When he quits farming, they expect to move back to DeKalb County.

Forrest and Ruth are the parents of four children, all born in DeKalb County: Rosella (Surface) Libbey, is living at Hudson, Indiana, on a farm. She is a farm wife, a seamstress, and a schoolbus driver; Lee A., is an electrician and moved to Springfield, Ohio, with International Harvester, now Navistor; Olen F., is a systems analyst in California; Eric K., lives at Rochester, Indiana, and is a microbiologist at Dukes Hospital, in Peru, Indiana. They have five grandchildren, all boys.

Gleason and Martha Williamson

GLEASON ROBERT WILLIAMSON, born 6 August 1901, on a farm near Pierceton, Indiana, son of Delmar and Maude (Hathaway) Williamson. His paternal grandparents were Henry Hall and Melzene Williamson. His maternal grandparents were John and Henrietta (Smith) Hathaway. All lived on a farm near South Whitley, Indiana.

Martha Lenora Eger, born 5 March 1911, on a farm near DuPont, Indiana, daughter of Jacob John and Mary Bertha (Weidenhoeft) Eger. Her paternal grandparents were Jacob, Sr., born 8 February 1821, and Mary (Hegel) Eger. Both were born in Ehingen, near Rentlingen, Wurtenburg, Germany, and were married in 1846. An uncle of Martha's was born in 1849, named Herman Eger. He was left in Germany when the family came to America in 1850 because of so much sickness on the immigrant ships. His father returned to Germany and brought him to this country when he was fourteen years old.

Mary (Weidenhoeft) Eger died when Martha was three and a half years old, and little is known of her family except they were German descent and settled in Erie County, Ohio.

Gleason and Martha married 28 February 1936, in the Wesleyan Church parsonage. Gleason attended high school in Larwill and was engaged in farming with his father. Martha graduated from Pierceton High School and was employed in the office of the lumber company there.

After their marriage, they were employed at the Whitley County Home, he as the assistant farm director and she as assistant cook and other duties. After the new building was erected, Martha was cook in the superintendent quarters. After two years, they farmed on shares in Ohio for one year, then moved back to Indiana, to farm on shares for four years near Larwill, Indiana.

They bought a forty acre farm west of Avilla. Gleason started to work at Phelps Dodge, in Fort Wayne, for twenty-two years. In 1951, they bought the farm they now live on.

Two daughters were born to them: Donna Smith, Pleasant Lake, a registered nurse, and Joyce Williamson, a teacher in Toronto, Ohio. The family has been active in the Hamilton Wesleyan Church for many years, holding various offices as Sunday School Superintendent, church treasurer for over twenty years, board member, and so on.

JAMES H. WILKINSON, son of James W. and Bessie Wilkinson, born in Peru, Indiana. He moved to Marion with his parents and sisters, at the age of five. The Wilkinsons operated a retail coal and oil business in Marion for many years.

James graduated from the Marion High School and attended the Indiana University School of Business. He was affiliated with the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Indiana University. Later, James transferred to the Northern Illinois School of Optometry, where he obtained his O.D., Doctor of Optometry, in the spring of 1939, and then established his practice in Auburn, Indiana, in December of 1939. The first office location was in the Stamen building, now the site of the Grimm Law Offices. In 1942, he moved his office to 1049 East Seventh Street, where he maintained his practice until retirement in 1982. Dr. Wilkinson did post graduate work at Indiana University Optometry School and at Ferris State Optometry School in Michigan.

Dorotha "Dottie" Wilkinson, daughter of William and Elsie (Orr) Krinn, of Marion. Her family operated a grocery in Marion for many years.

Dottie was graduated from the Marion High School and Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. While at Ball State, she was active in many organizations and sang with a college group. She was president of the Lambda Delta Phi, later affiliated with Tri Sigma Sorority. She taught three years in Marion before marrying James on 20 April 1941. Dottie attended Mississippi University, Indiana University, Butler University, and obtained her Masters Degree from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne.

James and Dottie are the parents of two children: Linda, born 15 September 1943, and James K., born 10 September 1947. After both children were enrolled in school, Dottie accepted a teaching position in the Auburn School System, where she taught for the next twenty-eight years before retiring in 1982.

Dr. Wilkinson has been a member of various civic clubs, including the Elks, Moose, Masonic and the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum. He is a charter member of the local Kwianis Club of which he was president and has been honored as a life member. James was active in youth baseball, coaching in Little League, and was president of the Colt and Pony Leagues in the early 1960's.

Dottie was a member of the Sigma Beta Sorority, Eastern Star, Indiana Professional Educators, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, and the Women's Association of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum. Both James and Dottie are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

PHILIP LAYMAN married Susan Fetters. To this union were born five children: George, Israel, Sadie, Laura, and Maude. They lived on the farm on County Road 60. Philip, his wife, and Lew, a cousin, are all buried in the Bear

Creek Cemetery in Jackson Township.

George was united in marriage to Allie Leora Woodring. They built a house west of the old home place and they lived there until George died. George and Allie were the parents of two children: Guy and Lola. Guy married Edna Hook. They had a store in West Unity, Ohio, until his health failed. They then moved back to Auburn. Guy died in 1985, and Edna is still living.

Lola married Forrest Beaty and they had four children: Naomi married Howard Alwood, and they live near St. Joe. They have a son, John, who is married and lives in Auburn. They have a daughter, Carolyn, married to Gerry Humbarger. They have two sons: Greg and Brian, both at home. Chalmer, married Mary Ellen Rude and are the parents of seven children: Sharon, Larry, Sue, Dan, Rick, Dawn, and Brenda. Chalmer is known as Mike. He and Mary Ellen live in St. Joe. Lola and Forest had twins, who died in infancy. Forrest worked at Auburn Auto for a number of years and at General Electric during the War. After George died, Forrest and Lola and their family moved to the farm and Allie lived with them for the remainder of her life.

Israel lived on the family farm all his life. He was united in marriage to Rosela Morr. They were the parents of two daughters: Gladys married Fred Hull. She now lives in Defiance, Ohio, and Bessie Zeigler lives in Elkhart, Indiana.

Laura married Lester Cobler and they live in Auburn.

Sadie married William Farmer and lives in Jackson Township.

Maude married Charlie McCosh and they lived in Indiana for a while, then moved to Michigan, where they lived the remainder of their lives. They had one daughter, Hazel, and two sons, Harry and Harold.

Lewis Layman, a cousin, had two daughters: Lula and Lucretia. Lula lived in Nebraska and Lucretia lived in Anderson, Indiana. In later years, Lew lived by himself on Uncle Israel's farm. He cut hair for all of the men that lived around the neighborhood. Uncle Henry, a brother of Philip and Aunt Mary Layman lived on a farm close to the church which was called "Sawdust Church." They are buried in the cemetery back of the church, which is known as Mt. Pleasant.

PAUL ELTON BARTLES, born in DeKalb County, Jackson Township, 3 February 1897, son of Charles W. and Sarah (Lochner) Bartles. His brother, Ralph Bartles, born 10 February 1894, same residence, is deceased. His paternal grandparents were August and Minnie (Kruse) Bartles and his maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Wyatt) Lochner. All grandparents came from Germany.

Lotus V. Berry was born 13 February 1901, in DeKalb County, Jackson Township, daughter of Clarence O. and Pluma (Stafford) Berry. Her paternal grandparents were Winfield Scott and Nancy B. (Nelson) Berry. Her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Harriet (Seely) Stafford, of Newville, Indiana.

Paul was schooled in DeKalb County, and started farming as his life's occupation until his retirement in 1971.

Lotus graduated from Auburn High School, attended Tri-State College, became a teacher and taught before and after her marriage in Jackson Township.

Two daughters were born to this couple: Eleanor J. (Bartles) Culbertson, deceased, on 19 October 1925, and Margaret D. (Bartles) Gaskill, born 21 September 1929. The daughters lived in Jackson Township.

Mrs. Bartles became a farm wife and her husband, Paul, raised grain and livestock. They resided on the farm on which Paul was born.

They were members and workers in Meese Chapel Methodist Church in Jackson Township. They reared their two daughters and attended the church, each daughter being married in the same church. Mrs. Margaret Gaskill is still attending, a member and a great worker in the church. To the union of the Gaskills were born a son and a daughter, Tom and Susan Link. They have two grandchildren: Mathew and Marcia Link.

The Culbertson family consists of two sons: Wayne E., living on the Bartles farm, and Calvin Culbertson.

After sixty-two years of marriage, the Bartles are still residing on the old homestead.

SAMUEL H. SMITH, born 28 January 1810, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was of German descent.

He married twice and was the father of seventeen children.

In the spring of 1867, he moved with his family to Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Mr. Smith died 2 December 1878, and is buried at Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Elizabeth (LaRue) Smith was born 21 December 1821, in Virginia. She was of French and Scotch-Irish descent. She married twice and was the mother of thirteen children, four children by her first husband, Mr. Miller, and nine children by Samuel H. Smith. The children were: Albert L. Smith; Irvin L. Smith; Colonia, married Martin Brechbill; Oliver Smith; Maria, married David Bolinger; Samuel Smith; Ulyssess Grant Smith; Hattie, married Butler Somerville; and Harry Smith. They were of the Baptist faith.

Elizabeth Smith died 22 August 1886, and is buried at Pleasant Dale, Blackford County, Indiana.

WARD A. LEITER, born 19 June 1886, son of Abraham and Elmina (Christlieb) Leiter, in Swan Township, Noble County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Christian, Jr. and Emily (Zimmerman) Leiter. He moved to Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1910, and was a farmer.

Mertie (Brechbill) Leiter was born 3 September 1885, in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Martin and Colonia (Smith) Brechbill. Her paternal grandparents were Jacob and Sarah (Ober) Brechbill. Her maternal grandparents were Samuel H. and Elizabeth (LaRue) Smith. Prior to her marriage, Mertie was employed at the Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ward and Mertie married 17 February 1910, and resided in Richland Township, Indiana. They had one child, Maxine Effie, married Calvin Harvey.

Ward died 1 July 1951, and Mertie died 29 August 1964. They are buried in Christian Union Cemetery, Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Ward had two brothers: Clarence and John Leroy, and one sister, Bessie, married George Sadler. Mertie had two brothers: Jacob Samuel and Martin Ray, and one sister, Effie Mae, married Charles Jenner.

CALVIN CECIL HARVEY, born 17 January 1924, son of Cecil E. and Bertha (Drummond) Harvey, in Adams County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were James C. and Zora (Gregg) Harvey, of Clinton County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Ulysses and Corintha (Nelson) Drummond, of Adams County, Indiana.

Maxine Effie Leiter was born 27 October 1926, the only child of Ward A. and Mertie (Brechbill) Leiter in Garrett, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Abraham and Elmina (Christlieb) Leiter, of Noble County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Martin and Colonia (Smith) Brechbill, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Calvin and Maxine married 24 July 1948, at Garrett, Indiana. Calvin attended Decatur High School, Decatur, Indiana. Maxine graduated from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1948.

Calvin began work at the General Electric Plant in Decatur, Indiana, in 1942. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was in the One hundred eighty-seven General Hospital Division from 1943 to 1946, a portion of that time being spent in England. He retired from the General Electric Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with forty-three years of service in December, 1985.

Maxine practiced her profession as a registered nurse for twenty-five years, her last position being Director of Nursing at the Garrett Community Hospital. Both are members of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

DANIEL LEE REED, born 12 April 1947, in Zanesville, Ohio. He married Susan Carolle Stonebraker, born 12 January 1956, in Garrett, Indiana. They are the parents of two children: Chris Michael, born 14 April 1972, Dayton, Ohio, and enjoys motorcycling, and Travis Ian, born 2 June 1982, Kendallville, Indiana.

Daniel's occupation is Mobile Home Sales. He is interested in golf and pool. Susan is in sales also. Her interest are aerobics, camping, family trips and they both life family get-togethers.

FRANK TUSTISON, born 19 May 1876, at St. Joe, Indiana, son of Nelson and Susan A. (Baker) Tustison. His paternal grandparents were Washington and Catherine (Cox) Tustison. His maternal grandparents were James and Barbara Baker.

America "Anna" Trostle was born 3 September 1881, near Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of George W. and Sara (Sewell) Trostle. Her paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth (Swiggart) Trostle. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and America Sewell.

Frank and Anna were married 21 October 1899. He farmed in Concord Township, DeKalb County, and with his wife, Anna, they raised seven children: George W., born 31 August 1900, died 26 July 1969; Paul R., born 29 October 1902, died 21 February 1964; Harold V., born 28 June 1904, died 17 May 1972; Mrs. Alice M. Peckhart, born 26 February 1906, died 7 December 1983; Carl, born 9 July 1908, died 1 December 1983; Russell, born 12 April 1910, died 19 April 1966; and Mrs. Helen Strouse, born 7 July 1919.

Mr. Tustison had a sister, Mrs. Minnie Ulm, and a brother, John. Mrs. Tustison had a brother, Abner W., and a sister, Mary A.

Anna Tustison died 14 October 1943, and Frank followed on 26 November 1950.

MARION G. PECKHART, a life long resident of DeKalb County, born 1 August 1904, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Henry and Wilhelmine "Minnie" (Lembeck) Peckhart. His maternal grandparents were Johann and Mary Lembeck.

Alice M. Tustison was born 26 February 1906, in St. Joe, Indiana, the daughter of Frank and America "Anna" (Trostle) Tustison. Her paternal grandparents were Nelson and Susan A. (Baker) Tustison. Her maternal grandparents were George W. and Sara (Sewell) Trostle.

Marion and Alice were married 21 May 1929, at St. Joe, Indiana. Before their marriage, Marion worked for the City Delivery, two years, then Frank Thomas' Grocery, two years, and then at Lumm's Grocery for thirty years. It was during this time he met Alice. She had graduated from International Business College and was working at Goodall Lumber Company, Auburn, Indiana, when they were married.

During this time period three daughters were born: Mrs. Margaret J. Pulver, born 16 August 1938, died 13 February 1981; Mrs. Cynthia A. McCrory, born 8 November 1941, an elementary teacher in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Mrs. Rosemary Ray, born 12 May 1944, Creative Director and writer for Marplex, Inc., in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The Peckharts have three grandchildren: Linda R. Pulver, Gregory F. McCrory, and Michael A. Ray.

After working at Goodall's, Alice was a bookkeeper for the Ice Company, and then worked for Cooper's Music Store. Meanwhile, Marion was the proprietor of Peckhart Market in 1945 until 1955. After that he worked at the Concrete Products, Karns Supermarket in Fort Wayne, Swartz for Bob Cook, V. and R. Grocery, then Burger's IGA, until he retired from there in 1972.

Both Marion and Alice were active when Auburn had the Community Concerts during 1948-1958. They have also been active in the Auburn Garden Club and in church affairs at the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Marion is the youngest of twelve children: Mrs. Mary Groves, Sophia Peckhart, John, Edward, Ora S., Mrs. Edna Refner, Mabel, all deceased, and Mrs. Edith Merriman, Mrs. Aileen McCauley, Mrs. Helen Anweiler, deceased, and Annis Peckhart. Alice was the middle child of seven: George W., Paul R., Harold V., Carl, Russell, all deceased, and Mrs. Helen Strouse.

Alice died 7 December 1983. They had been married for fifty-four years. Marion still resides in the same house in which he was born and keeps himself busy with his hobbies. One is making wooden toys and the other is making homemade cookies, especially chocolate chips, and giving them away.

HENRY PECKHART, born 21 July 1856, in Lekendorf, Germany, and arrived in New York, 25 December 1865, at the age of nine.

Wilhelmine Minnie Lembeck was born 11 July 1859 in Stefenhagen, Germany, the daughter of Johann and Mary Lembeck. She arrived in New York in 1868, at the age of nine. Her paternal grandparents were Christian and Hanna (Geist) Lembeck.

Henry was a cement contractor and some of his original work still remains in the city of Auburn. Together with his wife, Minnie, they raised twelve children: Mrs. Mary Goves, 17 June 1881, died 1966; Sophia, born 1882, died 1894; John, born 2 April 1884, died 1977; Edward, born 19 June 1886, died 1894; Ora S., born 28 January 1888, died 1962; Mrs. Edna Refner, born 28 January 1890, died 1957; Mabel, born 10 November 1891, died 1894; Mrs. Edith Merriman, born 24 February 1894; Mrs. Aileen McCauley, born 21 January 1896; Mrs. Helen Anweiler, born 30 September 1898, died 1983; Annis, born 16 September 1900; Marion, born 1 August 1904. During the year of 1894, there was a diphtheria epidemic to which three of the children became victims.

Mrs. Peckhart had a sister, Mrs. Sophie Palmer Witt.

Mr. Peckhart died in 1932, and Minnie died in 1936.

JOHN DIEHL, born 8 May 1855, in the home of his grandfather, John Deal of Green Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, son of George and Nancy (Ober) Deihl.

He was a prosperous farmer and livestock raiser and he established a residence in Indiana in 1891.

He married Emma C. Davidson, in Kansas, 26 November 1891. In 1896, they built the house on the Deihl homestead north of the Christian Union Church. They had three sons and one daughter: George Henry, born 20 November 1892, died 7 June 1976. He married Ada Miller, 19 January 1918, born 29 January 1896, died 9 February 1975. They are buried in Christian Union Cemetery; LeRoy John, born 11 October 1894, died 1 May 1970, and married Helen Vesta Diehm, born 8 January 1905, died 20 October 1965. They are buried in Christian Union Cemetery. No children; Victor Francis, born 24 June 1899, died 15 November 1972. He was president of Pico Revera Savings and Loan Association, Whittier, California. He married Wilma Aileen Thomas, 30 August 1922, born 26 October 1900, daughter of Milo and Vesta (Kline) Thomas, a well-known businessman and banker of Corunna, Indiana. They are buried at Rose

Hills, Whittier, California. They had two sons: Thomas Victor and Richard Harry. Dorothy Mary, born 24 June 1904. She still lives on the homestead.

HARRY DEIHL, former DeKalb County farmer, born 8 December 1869, in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, to George and Nancy (Ober) Deihl, the youngest of eight children. He lost his father at age nineteen. In 1893, he came to Indiana with his mother and sister, Jennie (Chas) Shumaker, to join a considerable number of their family, who were already settled in DeKalb County. These were a brother, John, and sisters: Sarah, married Jacob Olinger; Elizabeth, married D.B. Shumaker; Mary, married Charles Shaffer; Sannie, married Reverend I.W. Smith, located in Kendallville, thus leaving their brother, Lincoln, on the home farm near Penn Run.

There were also other close relatives who had earlier settled here in DeKalb County. With so many relatives to greet them, DeKalb County was like coming home. Many family gatherings and exchange dinners followed their arrival.

In 1893, Harry Deihl bought eighty acres in Keyser Township, east of Garrett, known as the A.J. Bolyard farm and directly across the road from the farm home of his sister and her husband, Elizabeth and D. Burton Shumaker, and their family. Here Mr. Deihl built a large comfortable house, a big bank barn and other buildings common to the farms of the era. Only the house stands today, the home of Thelma (Steward) Deihl, the widow of his son, Glen.

In 1896, Mr. Deihl married Laura Shumaker in Pennsylvania. She died in 1905. To them were born two sons: Virgil, who died at birth, and Ernest, who lived to be seventy-two. Later Mr. Deihl was united in marriage to Bertha Olinger, Louisville, Ohio, daughter of Ephriam and Kizziah Olinger, former DeKalb County residents. To this union seven children were born: Olive, married Trevor Frederick, Ilif, married William Behrens; Laree, married Hanley Hammel; Lois, married Arthur Yarde; Thelma, married Blaine Pomeroy, both deceased; Iva, married Ford Hockenbarger, and Glen, deceased, married Thelma Steward. There are seventeen grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren.

Mr. Deihl lived the balance of his life in the home he built, to the age of eighty-eight, surviving his wife by seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Deihl both practiced and taught the principles of religion and to respect the rights of others to their children. They were true "family parents", loving each and all and in return their family felt the wealth of their wisdom was by far the richest inheritance one can receive in life.

Gafken Family

FREDERICK DANIEL GAFKEN was born 29 July 1890, in Putnam County, Ohio, one of six children: Anna, Matilda, Amanda, William, and George. His parents were Daniel Frederick and Alvina (Baum) Gafken. Both his parents came from Germany, from all indications. Fred's father died of typhoid fever and two unnamed children also died.

Newman Heffley used to haul potatoes from Ohio to Indiana, and Fred, being in need of a job, hired on to help, thus coming to Indiana sometime prior to 1917. In church, he met a young lady named Lanta Ailene Dunn, daughter of William H. and Mae (Nieswander) Dunn. Lanta was born 12 December 1898, outside Waterloo, Indiana, in a large red brick home which still stands and to her knowledge, never lived outside this county. Fred and Lanta were married in 1917 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The Gafkens had a family of four: Wilma, Doris, Dale, and Arlene, who died when eleven years old.

Fred spent most of his life farming. Lanta raised her family and sold chicken eggs. Lanta died 12 April 1972, and Fred died nineteen months later, 29 November 1973.

Henry Snyder Family

HENRY LAVERN SNYDER, born 18 February 1916, at a rural home in the small town called Hurshtown, Indiana, Allen County. He was one of four children born to William Jay and Alma (Rice) Snyder.

He soon moved to DeKalb County, north of the settlement called Concord, outside of St. Joe, Indiana, where his grandfather, Jasper Snyder had a large frame house built. Henry or "Hank" grew up there and attended the Hayes School for three or four years, then to St. Joe School, where he graduated in 1936. Henry married Wilma May Vena Gafken, 4 July 1907, in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Wilma was born 21 March 1919, in rural Waterloo, Indiana, to Frederick Daniel and Lanta (Dunn) Gafken. She is the oldest of four children: Doris, Dale, and Arline. Wilma attended Stroh Country School her first year, then went to Waterloo Town School where she graduated in May, 1937.

They were the parents of five children: Richard, 3 May 1938; Lee; Larry Lavern, born 23 May 1940; Jimmy Dale, born on his father's birthday, 18 February 1942, Jimmy was killed at age sixteen years in an automobile accident; Rex Alan, born 30 January 1949; and Van Stuart, born 15 December 1950.

Henry farmed several area farms where they lived then settled in St. Joe, Indiana, in March, 1953. He also worked in a couple of factories in their early married years, then, in July, 1956, he went to work at Warner Gear, in Auburn. Here he spent the next twenty-four and a half years, then retired in January, 1981.

Wilma spent her time raising her boys. She worked at several area factories for various lengths of time.

WILLIAM JAY SNYDER, born May, 1883, in Paulding County, Ohio, son of Jasper and Alice Ann (Lackey) Snyder.

Jay met a young lady from Hamilton County, Ohio, Alma Rice, born 20 March 1889, daughter of George and Fannie (Kelly) Rice. Jay and Alice were married on 11 March 1905. They moved to Indiana, settling for a while in Hurshtown, Allen County, Indiana. Jasper Snyder, Jay's father, followed to Indiana, in 1908, and built a home on County Road 51, north of the settlement called Concord in DeKalb County.

Jay eventually bought the house on County Road 51 that his father had built and moved his family there.

The Snyder's had a family of four children: Henry Lavern, George, Roy, and Gladys.

Jay and Alma were members of the Church of Christ. In 1955, the Snyders celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Just a few short months later on 15 September 1955, Alma died. Jay continued to live at their home until 28 October 1974, when he also died. They were both laid to rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Willard and Gladys Stonebraker

WILLARD ARTHUR "BILL" STONEBRAKER, born 21 November 1905, in Corunna, Indiana, son of Jesse H. and Lemo L. (Conrad) Stonebraker. His paternal grandparents were James and Rebecca (Slayman) Stonebraker. His maternal grandparents were Alvin and Drucilla (Shull) Conrad.

Gladys Iola Snyder was born 19 June 1907, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, daughter of William Jay and Alma Irene (Rice) Snyder. Her paternal grandparents were Jasper and Alice (Lackey) Snyder of rural Concord, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were George and Fannie (Kelly) Rice of Paulding County, Ohio.

Willard and Gladys were married 1 June 1927, in Auburn. Bill attended school at Pleasant Hill, rural Corunna, and the Corunna High School. Gladys graduated from the eighth grade at rural Concord Hayes School and attended high school at St. Joe, Indiana.

Willard and Gladys started up farming with one blind mare and a horse with the heaves, a walking plow and an old wagon. They tried farming with his father and brother the first summer. Then they bought a few more tools and rented the McGiffin farm. After several depression years, they bought the undivided half of Bill's grandfather's farm and moved there in the spring of 1936. Gladys still lives on the farm. Willard died in August, 1985. This farm has belonged to the Stonebrakers since 1853. His grandfather lived on this farm after he came home from the Civil War. The farm is now being operated by Jeffery Grate, a grandson of Willard and Gladys Stonebraker.

Willard was a very civic minded man and started in politics as a precinct committeeman soon after his marriage. From there he moved to the Advisory Board for nineteen years, was on the first Consolidated School Board of DeKalb Central, then Fairfield Township Trustee, four years, elected for a fifth term but had to resign for health reasons. He also served on the Fairfield Cemetery Board for eighteen years until his death.

Gladys helped on the farm, milked cows, and raised chickens, both for market and replacement hens. She kept five hundred to six hundred hens and sold eggs to Napoleon, Ohio, egg market for years. She also helped in the fields when needed.

Bill had one brother, Itha. Gladys had three brothers: Roy, George, both deceased, and Henry, who lives near St. Joe, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Stonebraker are the parents of three children: John K., deceased; Billy Jay, of rural Corunna, and Donna Sue (Stonebraker) Grate, Van Horn, of Fort Wayne.

CATHERINE LEE (STONEBRAKER) ASTERLIN, born 21 February 1953, eloped with Gunther Ervin Asterlin, 10 April 1981. Gunther was born Gunther Ervin Oat in Mella, Germany, on 12 December 1947. At the age of seven, his family emigrated to the United States in 1955, and resided in Milwaukee. Gunther studied at Marquette University and received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently manager of Engineering at Filter Specialists in Michigan City. Catherine received as Associate of Business degree at the College of Commerce in South Bend, Indiana. Her career is predominately in sales of telephone systems and computer terminals. She is currently working on a Bachelors in computer science.

Gunther and Catherine have one son, Max John Asterlin, born in South Bend, 11 October 1982. He was named after Gunther's Uncle Max, who was killed flying his last mission in an airplane during World War II. Max's middle name was after Catherine's father, John K. Stonebraker, who was killed flying his private airplane in November, 1981. Max has two half-brothers: Alex and Paul, from Gunther's first marriage.

FREIDA NIONA GUILFORD, daughter of Elmer J. and Goldie L. (Treace) Volkert, born 9 August 1907, in Allen County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph E. and Samantha (Koch) Volkert and her maternal grandparents were George A. and Christina (McNamara) Treace. Freida married Merl A. Guilford, 27 June 1931, in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ, being the first couple to be married in that church. Merl, son of William and Ella (Zehendner) Guilford, born 31 May 1904, in DeKalb County, Indiana, died 17 December 1959, at his home in St. Joe, Indiana. He is buried in the Leo Cemetery, Leo, Indiana.

Merl and Freida Guilford

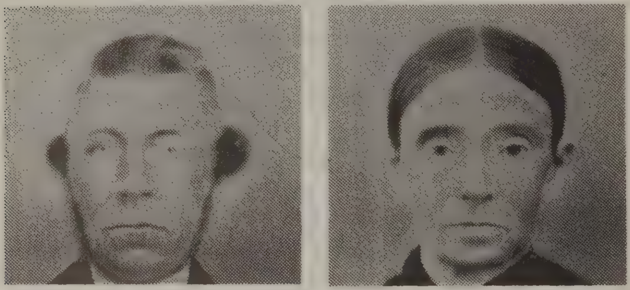
Merl and Freida lived in St. Joe upon their marriage in 1931, and in 1932, moved into the house at 603 West Washington Street, St. Joe. For over fifty years, Freida has lived at this residence and maintained a beautiful home.

Merl worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad before his marriage and for a short time at the Auburn Foundry after his marriage. However, he is best remembers as a carpenter and cabinetmaker.

Freida, a lifelong educator of the area, graduated from Leo High School, Leo, Indiana, in 1924, and received her Associate Degree in Education from Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, in 1927. She received her B.S. Degree in Education from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1958, and her Masters Degree in Education from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, in 1961. From this continual pursuit of additional education, Freida holds a First Grade Elementary Education License, Administrator and Supervisor License, and School Service Personnel License.

Freida retired from Riverdale Elementary School in 1975, after having taught for thirty years in DeKalb County, Indiana, and ten years in Allen County, Indiana. In forty years of teaching, Freida became widely respected for her skill and dedication as a teacher and in 1973, she was presented with the Outstanding Teacher of America Award. In 1975, she was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the St. Joe News.

Freida is a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, N.E.A. life member, and A.A.R.P. In the past, she was a member of the Indiana State Teacher Association, Eastern DeKalb County Teacher Association, State and Pokagon Council of Indiana Reading Association and Instructor and Consultant in Indiana University Regional Campus Reading Clinics. Freida is a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Indiana. In addition to her career as an educator, Freida had traveled to Europe, the Orient, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and to many places in the United States.



Samuel and Phebe Haverstock

SAMUEL HAVERSTOCK, son of Conrad and Martha (Bowers) Haverstock, born 5 February 1818, in Paint Township, Wayne County, Ohio, died 21 December 1885, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Conrad and Margaret (Reighart) Haverstock. Samuel married Phebe Masters, 11 February 1841, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Phebe, daughter of David and Mary (Lewis) Masters, was born 15 February 1823, in Ohio, and died 27 June 1888, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Samuel lived in Paint Township, Wayne County, Ohio, until about 1833, when his father and family moved to Wayne Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. In April, 1857, Samuel and Phebe moved to Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where they remained until their death. Samuel was one of the large farmers of his day, having owned in excess of twelve hundred acres. In addition to his farming operation, he also had business interest in Butler, Indiana. One of his business interests in Butler, located on the Southwest corner of Main and Broadway, was torn down in February, 1984. This large brick building was built about 1872, and was last known as the Parkison building.

Samuel and Phebe have seven children: Noah, born 5 December 1841, died in infancy; Jonathan, born 17 April 1843, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, died 16 July 1911, in DeKalb County. He first married Josepha Anna Gardner, 6 December 1866, and, after her death, he married Eleanore Cole, 1 August 1869. His children by his first marriage were: Samuel Gardner and twin brother, who died in infancy. By his second marriage, he had Phebe Leona, Charlie Hayes, Alcid DeBurling, Odessa Belle, one son and one daughter died in infancy.

Mary was born 27 May 1846, in Wayne Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, died 11 May 1935, in DeKalb County, Indiana. She first married Emery Higley, 13 May 1866, and remarried Solomon Sattison, 7 December 1873. Her children by her first marriage were Luther Hume and Leverett Grover. By her second marriage, she had Bertha Victoria and Waldo Marion.

Martha was born 20 April 1849, in Ohio, died 21 January 1928, married Frederick Sattison, 22 August 1869. Her children were Edward and Lola May.

Melissa was born 1 August 1853, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, died 20 November 1927, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio. She married James M. Kelley, 24 April 1873, and their children were: Ida Blanch, Robert Alcid, Mary and Edna.

Francis Marion was born 16 June 1857, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, died 19 December 1925, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Mabel Adella Kelley, 18 December 1879. Their children were Samuel Freeman, Robert Lester, and Gertrude.

Robert Anderson was born 10 February 1861, in DeKalb County, died 18 February 1919, married Amy Roberts Kelley, 28 September 1882. Their children were Grace Martha and Iva Blanch.

DON RAYMOND TURNER, born 12 August 1918, at his parents' home, son of Ernest E. and Grace M. (Clouse) Turner. Born premature, his mother reports that he slept in a box on the woodstove for several weeks to keep warm.

He attended grade school at the Grant Township one room school located on the Auburn-Ashley Road at County Road 36. He graduated in 1937, from Waterloo High School and went to work for Rieke Metal Products before entering the United States Army, 1 December 1941, a week before Pearl Harbor. He was in uniform for forty-six months with twenty-six months assigned to the Air Corps as a radio operator. He came home from Italy in October, 1945, and returned to Rieke.

Don married Mary Adine Thompson, 22

October 1948, then of Fort Wayne. The couple met on a date arranged by mutual friends.

Don joined the Indiana State Police assigned to the Ligonier barracks, 1 November 1947. In 1954, the couple moved from Fort Wayne to Auburn, where his widow still resides.

Mary Adine Thompson was born 13 March 1921, in Peru, Indiana, daughter of Ivan and Hazel (Watkins) Thompson. She has a sister, Lillian Clauser, of Detroit, Michigan. A brother, Paul Ivan, died in a drowning accident at a Miami County gravel pit at age sixteen, 16 July 1935.

Mary attended Peru and Fort Wayne schools and graduated in 1940, from Fort Wayne Southside High School. Following graduation, she worked on experimental aircraft at General Electric in Fort Wayne, until 1948.

The couple had three children: David Rex, born 16 January 1950, in management with Magnavox Government and Electronic Systems Corporation in Fort Wayne; Patti Jo (Turner) Graham was born 22 January 1951, an elementary teacher in the Metropolitan School System of Steuben County; and Jeffrey Lynn was born 24 June 1952, an Auburn attorney.

On 28 January 1956, Trooper Turner was called from his home to investigate an automobile accident on State Road 427, approximately five miles south of Auburn. While there, an on-coming vehicle struck and instantly killed him.

Mary stayed home and raised her three children until 1976, when she became bailiff to Judge Charles Quinn of the newly created DeKalb Superior Court, a position she still holds.

She is a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she was an adult leader in the Cub and Girl Scout programs for many years. She is also active in the DeKalb County Republican Women's Club. Mrs. Turner worked many years as a polling official in her Union Township precinct.

SUSAN CAROL BROWN, born 27 December 1952, to James Edwin and Mary Helen (Fisher) Brown, in Garrett, Indiana. They resided in Butler, Indiana, at the time. Susan's older brother, John Michael Brown, was born 22 November 1950, in East St. Louis, Illinois, before the family moved to Butler, where Jim went to work for his college friend, Frank Sechler, at the Sechler Pickle Factory, in St. Joe. Susan's sister, Peggy Ann (Brown) Dwyer, was born 27 April 1954, in Auburn, Indiana. She now resides with her husband, Michael John Dwyer, in Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois.

Susan graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970, and has degrees in elementary education from Ball State University, where she received a B.S. Degree in 1974, and at Indiana University, Indianapolis, where she received a M.S. Degree in 1977.

Susan married Jeffrey Lynn Turner, 18 August 1973, while the couple were seniors at Ball State. They then moved to Indaianapolis and Susan taught Kindergarten for three years at Eden Elementary with the Greenfield Central Community Schools. In 1977, they returned to Auburn when Jeff established his law practice here. Susan has since taught intermittently with the DeKalb Central School District at all three Auburn elementary schools.

Jeff was born 24 June 1952, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Don Raymond and Mary Adine (Thompson) Turner, while the family lived in New Haven.

Jeff is a 1970 DeKalb High School graduate, where he served as student body president, an honors graduate in secondary education from Ball State University, where he received a B.S. Degree in 1974, and a cum laude graduate from the Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, where he received a J.D. Degree in 1977. In 1977, he joined the law firm of Van Horne and Van Horne, and in 1979, he formed a partnership with Grant M. Van Horne.

The Turners have four children: Katherine Fisher, born 31 August 1978; Emily Thompson, born 26 December 1980; William Thorp, born 29 November 1983; and Anne Brown, born 22 April 1987.

Jeff and Susan are active in the Auburn First United Methodist Church where they have each held various positions and both teach Sunday School Classes. Jeff is active in Republican Party Politics, serving as an Assistant County Chairman and Treasurer of the Dan Coats for Congress Committee. He is a board member and past secretary of the YMCA of DeKalb County, Incorporated, Vice President of Auburn Industrial Development Corporation, and lay speaker at area churches.

Susan is an officer with the local Tri Kappa Chapter, member of the Ladies Literary Guild of Auburn, and an avid runner. The couple reside on North Main Street in the home built by Auburn Rubber Company, now Cooper Industrial Products, founder A. Linn Murray.

GRACE MAE (CLOUSE) TURNER, born 4 July 1891, daughter of Mary Amanda "Maude" (Melton), of St. Joe, Indiana, and William Clouse, of Auburn. She had two brothers: Forrest "Dick" Clouse and Harry Clouse.

Ernest Edward "Ernie" Turner was born 30

May 1893, son of David and Mary (Kelham) Turner, on a farm at West Plaines, Howell County, Missouri. Mary Kelham was the daughter of DeKalb County pioneers Edward and Sarah Kelham, who lived west of Garrett. Ernie was the youngest of three children: George, resided in Fort Wayne until his death, and a sister, Celia Nicholson, spouse of Howard, resided in Garrett.

In 1901, Ernie's parents moved from Missouri to Garrett, where Ernie attended the public schools, finishing half of the senior year. He worked for two years as a fireman with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Grace and Ernie met in 1911, at a box social at Sugar Grove School. The school still stands but is used as a residence. They married 24 December 1913. Grace relates that a friend of hers, Hazel Quince, taught at the Sugar Grove School and invited her to the box social. Ernie bought the lunch and the relationship ensued.

They lived on several farms north of Auburn, where Ernie had twenty-five to forty head of dairy cattle. He was well known throughout the county as an auctioneer, who practiced his trade with much humor. He also served as President of the DeKalb County Fair Board and was a Republican candidate for sherrif, losing to Frank Carpenter, in the 1946 election. From 1933 to 1940, he retailed milk in Auburn and then sold milk at wholesale until his death, 9 September 1958.

Grace was a homemaker after her marriage, from which were two children: Mary Jo Wort, now of Huntertown, born 14 September 1928, and Don Raymond, born 12 August 1918, deceased, 28 January 1956, of injuries in an automobile accident.

Grace Mae Turner moved from the family farm in 1967, to a home at 728 North Jackson Street in Auburn. In 1983, she moved to Castle Court Apartments until January of 1985, when a fall at her home broke her hip. She resided at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, when she suffered a fatal stroke and died 18 August 1986. Grace was a member of the First Christian Church of Auburn.

PAUL BURTON MUTZFELD, born 23 September 1907, at 114 North Broadway, Butler, Indiana, son of Eli Wesley and Sada Belva (Sawvel) Mutzfeld. His paternal grandparents were Christian and Henrietta (Schnider) Mutzfeld. His maternal grandparents were Isaac and Mary (Lutz) Sawvel.

Mareta Lenore Bonecutter was born 12 February 1914, in rural Continental, Putnam County, Ohio, daughter of Jesse Christopher, born 15 May 1888, died 26 April 1971, and Mabel Christine (Konst) Bonecutter, born 6 April 1890, died 8 January 1954. Her paternal grandparents were John Christopher and Delilia Rebecca (Manville) Bonecutter. Her maternal grandparents were Frank Adam and Anna Louise (Yenner) Konst. Mareta's family moved to Branch County, Michigan, in the fall of 1917, and to Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in March, 1924. Her father was a farmer for many years.

Paul and Mareta married 1 June 1939, in Gary, Indiana, by Reverend Taylor, their former minister at the Butler United Brethren Church. After a honeymoon to Niagra Falls, they returned to Butler and remodeled a house at 211 North Broadway. They moved into the house on their first anniversary.

Paul and Mareta are graduates of Butler High School, in 1926 and 1931 respectively. They have each been active in community service over the years. They are members of the Butler United Methodist Church. Paul served the church as financial secretary for many years and is a trustee.

Paul was Butler's City Clerk-Treasurer from 1956 to 1960, and again from 1972 to 1980. Paul has also been President of the Library Board and a member of the City Plan Commission. He has also been active in the Butler Lions Club, serving that organization as secretary. A street in Butler's Industrial Park is named for him for his many years of service to Butler.

Mareta is a charter member of the Ener-Jet Home Extension Club, founded in 1954. She continues to be active in this group.

Paul and Mareta were honored as Grand Marshals of the 1985 Butler Days Parade.

Paul has worked for the Indiana State Highway Department, Higley Printing Company, Butler Lumber Company, and retired from Mold Service, Incorporated. He also ran the movie projectors at the Butler Theatre part-time for many years.

Mr. Mutzfeld had one brother, Wayland D.I. Mutzfeld, and two sisters: Elsie Mabel (Mutzfeld) Steckley and Sada Ruth (Mutzfeld) Swain, of Granger, Indiana. All were born in DeKalb County.

Mrs. Mutzfeld is the oldest of the seven children born to her parents. She has three sisters: Lois B. Bennett; Jesta B. Fair Trethric, both of Battle Creek, Michigan; and Annabelle B. Schott Bible, of Edgerton, Ohio, and three brothers: Paul, of Bronson, Michigan; Clare, of Butler, Indiana; and Maurice, of Espanola, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutzfeld are the parents of three children: Belva Christine (Mutzfeld) Myers, born

18 May 1947; Earl Lee Mutzfeld, born 7 November 1949, each of Auburn, Indiana; and Lorna Jo (Mutzfeld) Atz, born 8 April 1952, of Cromwell, Indiana. All were born in Auburn, Indiana, and are graduates of Eastside High School, Butler, Indiana.

They also have four grandchildren: Christie Lee Mutzfeld, born 5 December 1969; Brent Allen Mutzfeld, born 1 November 1971; Tracy Dian Atz, born 17 January 1973; and Janelle Ann Atz, born 23 July 1975.

ELI WESLEY MUTZFELD, born 9 January 1864, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, to Christian, born 25 March 1827, died 6 November 1892, and Henrietta (Schnider) Mutzfeld. Christian arrived in America from Germany in 1854, and came to DeKalb County about the same year. He settled first near Auburn Junction and later moved west of Butler in 1865. Christian served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Sada Belva Sawvel, born 13 February 1867, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Isaac, born 18 October 1836, died 5 January 1908, and Mary (Lutz) Sawvel, died 1 April 1914. Isaac and Mary married on 20 October 1863.

Eli and Sada married 1 June 1891. Eli was associated with his brother, William, in the harness business for a number of years. After selling his interest in the business, they lived on a farm in Stafford Township. The family then returned to Butler where he was Town Marshal for several years.

They were the parents of four children: Elsie Mabel, born 28 March 1892, died 19 November 1982, married Alvin Steckley; Wayland D.I., born 4 July 1896, died 18 September 1982; Paul Burton, born 23 September 1907, of Butler, Indiana, all were born in Butler, and Sada Ruth, born 21 October 1912, married Robert Swain, of Granger, Indiana, born in Stafford Township.

Eli was the youngest of four children born to Christian and Henrietta. His mother died soon after his birth when a hay stack fell on her. His siblings were Mary, married John Cook, John, and William. He also had other half-brothers and sisters from his father's marriage to Magdalena Scheough, 23 July 1865.

Sada was one of six children born in Franklin Township to Isaac and Mary Sawvel: John, born 8 January 1865; Sada, born 13 February 1867; Mary, born 12 February 1869; Sherman, born 20 April 1871; Laura, born 16 February 1873; and Sumner, born 18 April 1875.

Eli died 9 July 1939, and Sada died 12 January 1954.

Emmett Steininger Family

EMMETT OTIS STEININGER, born 28 August 1914, in Royal Centre, Indiana, son of Forrest Ray and Viola Delilah (Lusher) Steininger. His paternal grandparents were Howard and Eliza (Behler) Steininger. His maternal grandparents were William and Christina (Hile) Lusher. As a child, Emmett lived in Bebe, Arkansas, as well as in Rochester, South Bend, Logansport, and Auburn, Indiana.

Mabel Louise "Peggy" McDougle was born in Metea, Indiana, to Clarence Otto and Della Eulalah (Leavell) McDougle, 7 November 1915. Her paternal grandparents were Joshua and Lillie McDougle. Her maternal grandparents were John Thomas and Emma Irene (Bloom) Leavell. Peggy lived and attended school in Cass Coaunty until 1935, when she came to Auburn as a housekeeper for the O.K. McKittrick family.

Emmett and Peggy married 10 October 1936, in Logansport, Indiana, and set up housekeeping in Auburn, where Emmett was employed at Auburn Printing Company. In 1937, Emmett began working for Pearse Printing Company, where he worked until he purchased the St. Joe News, St. Joe, Indiana, in 1946. After two and one half years, he did printing in Waterloo, Indiana. After three years, he relocated his business in Auburn under the name Printcraft Shop. He worked for Webb Printing Company for a short time before purchasing Pearse Printing Company. After selling this business, he worked in the Essex Wire Print Shop, Fort Wayne, Indiana, for two years. He worked at Fort Wayne Printing Company from 1969, until his retirement in 1979.

Peggy was employed by the Evening Star of Auburn for eleven years until 1970, when she began working for Electric Motors and Specialty, from which she retired in 1980.

Emmett and Peggy have resided in DeKalb

County during their fifty years of marriage, except the years of 1970 to 1978, when they lived in the home they built at Ball Lake, Hamilton, Indiana.

Since retirement, Emmett has devoted much time to his hobbies of gardening and traveling. In 1985, he was awarded the John Placencia Award for the best garden in DeKalb County. Emmett and Peggy have traveled in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and forty-seven of the fifty states, including Hawaii.

Peggy has pursued her hobbies of gardening, crocheting, and quiltmaking, and has recently taken up painting.

Five children were born to them: Judith Ann, married Dewain Johnson, resides and teaches high school in Beech Grove, Indiana, and has three children; Roberta Kay, married Gerard Reed, and teaches at Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego, California; Donald Bruce, an attorney, resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with his wife, Kathy, and daughter; Betty Jean, a pre-school teacher, lives in Overland Park, Kansas, with her husband, Larry Theel, and their three children; Barbara Joan, employed as a teacher's aide for DeKalb Central School System, lives in Auburn with her husband, Russell Hoff, Jr., and their two children.

DR. DAVID J. SWARTS, born in Ashland County, Ohio, 30 June 1832.

After graduating from the Medical College of Ohio in Cincinnati, he came to Auburn in 1860. In 1862, he married Vesta Ward, daughter of Stephen B. Ward, local merchant, Baptist Minister, and Indiana State Senator, who had settled in DeKalb County in 1842.

Dr. David Swarts enlisted in the 100th Indiana Regiment, serving the last two years of the Civil War as First Lieutenant, Assistant Surgeon of the Fifth Army Corps.

Vesta Swarts, teacher and Superintendent of Auburn Schools in 1863-1864, enlisted as an Army nurse and served two years. In 1878, she began the study of medicine, entering the University of Michigan, and graduated from Fort Wayne College of Medicine in 1882. The present brick house on the corner of Main and Sixth Streets, in Auburn was built in 1882 as a home and office. The sanatorium and bath house were built next door in 1887.

Two sons were born to the Drs. Swarts: Harris J., in 1868, and Willard Ward, in 1872. Both attended Auburn High School. Harris was founder and part owner of the Auburn Hardware Company, eventually moving to Illinois. Willard graduated from Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati in 1896, and married Nell Garside, of Edon, Ohio. After practicing for five years in Poe, Indiana, he returned to Auburn and took over the practice of his parents.

Dr. David Swarts died in 1905 and Dr. Vesta Swarts died in 1923. On Dr. David's death, J.Y.W. McClellan, Mayor of Auburn, issued the proclamation, "I hereby request that business houses close from two to three o'clock, Wednesday afternoon during the funeral services of the decedent, Dr. David J. Swarts."

Two children were born to Dr. Willard and Nell G. Swarts: Irene and Ward G. Irene married Walter A. Huffman, of Auburn. Their children are Jean (Huffman) Savers, of Sturgis, Michigan, and James Swarts Huffman, of Woodland Park, Colorado. Ward G. Swarts married LaRea Foote, daughter of Perry A. and Edythe O. Foote, of Richland Township. Both were Auburn High School graduates. Ward attended DePauw University and the University of Michigan School of Architecture. LaRea attended Indiana University and the University of Michigan. Their children are Stephen Ward, of Jackson, Michigan, and Susan (Swarts) Roberts, of Herndon, Virginia.

After twenty-five years of practicing architecture in Michigan, plus the World War II years with the United States Government projects in Illinois and Mexico, Ward became Director of Architecture and Engineering for the Colonial Williamsburg Restoration in Williamsburg, Virginia, until he retired in 1971. He died in Reston, Virginia, in 1979.

JONATHAN DALE HARVEY, born 29 June 1959, in Allen County, Indiana. He is the adopted son of Calvin C. and Maxine (Leiter) Harvey. His paternal grandparents were Cecil E. and Bertha (Drummond) Harvey, of Adams County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Ward A. and Mertie (Brechbill) Leiter, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Donna Elaine (Bartles) Harvey was born 31 August 1960, daughter of Merlin C. and Lillian (Fields) Bartels, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Harold F. and Viola (Church) Bartels, of DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents are Alfred and Mildred (Stamper) Fields of DeKalb County.

Jonathan and Donna married 2 July 1977, at Garrett, Indiana. Jonathan attended DeKalb High School and later received his G.E.D. Diploma, 1 April 1985. He has been an employee of Vulcraft, Nucor Division, in St. Joe, Indiana, since 1 May 1978. Donna graduated from Garrett High School, in Garrett, in 1978.

Jonathan has one adopted sister, Susan Jean, who married Paul Culler. She resides in DeKalb

County.

Donna has one half-brother and one half-sister; Michael Wayne Kinsey and Lavon Dawn Bartels. She has one sister, Cynthia Ann, who married Gary Warstler. They all reside in DeKalb County.

Jonathan and Donna live in DeKalb County and had two sons: Randy Lee, born 14 November 1977, and Timothy Allen, born 12 January 1981.

Wayne and Opal Bowman

WAYNE BOWMAN, born 1 June 1914, in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Clarence and Dora (Lutz) Bowman. His paternal grandparents were Archibald and Alice (Kelly) Bowman. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Sarah (Hammon) Lutz. Wayne received his elementary education in the county schools and graduated from Waterloo High School. He was associated with his father in farming.

Wayne married Opal M. Knott, in 1933, daughter of Fred W. and Cora (Heitz) Knott. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel and Roxanna (Parker) Knott. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Lydia (Groves) Heitz, all of Butler Township.

In 1937, Wayne and Opal moved to an eighty acre farm east of Waterloo, in Smithfield Township. Wayne farmed and Opal taught school.

Wayne and Opal became the parents of two children: Robert Wayne "Bob" Bowman, married Jean Brand, daughter of John and Aileen Brand; and Barbara Lee (Bowman) Kleis. She became a nurse and married Anthony P. Kleis. At the present time they are living in Springfield, Ohio, with their five children.

Wayne farmed for many years, then son Robert bought the farm. After working as a mechanic for several years, Wayne was hired to teach Auto Mechanics at the DeKalb United School System. After eight years of teaching, Wayne retired. Opal retired after thirty-eight years of teaching in the DeKalb County Schools, Ashley, and Waterloo.

Wayne and Opal have lived on the same farm for fifty years, celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary 25 November 1983. The Bowmans spend their winters now in Harlingen, Texas.

ARTHUR H. LAUTZENHISER, born on the Lautzenhiser homestead, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 7 June 1887, son of Ezra and Elizabeth (Reichman) Lautzenhiser.

His father, Ezra, was the son of Jacob and Catharine (Reese) Lautzenhiser. Ezra was born in Stark County, Ohio, 5 April 1845. He and his siblings, Isaac, Cyrus, and Hannah, accompanied their parents to Indiana in 1862. In 1864, Jacob and Catharine purchased a home and land in Franklin Township, south of Hamilton.

Ezra lived in the family home and married Elizabeth Reichman, 23 March 1871. The farm was deeded to Ezra and Elizabeth by Jacob and Catharine in 1879. All their ten children were born and reared there.

Arthur attended Hamilton High School and Tri-State Normal School. He passed proficiency tests at a telegraphic school in Mina, Ohio. In the meantime, he continued to live in the family home and work on the land.

Arthur married Dora Lavina Snyder, 9 March 1916, at her family's home in Smithfield Township. Dora was born to J. Frank and Ida (Harwood) Snyder, 4 February 1884. At that time her family resided in Franklin Township.

The newly married couple lived on the Lautzenhiser farm and purchased it in 1917. Arthur and Dora were the parents of four children: Lloyd Lyle, born 18 December 1916; Argyle Glenn, born 14 April 1919; Ardys Elizabeth, born 5 March 1922; and Twila Mae, born 27 June 1930. A real element of tragedy entered the lives of the young family upon the illness and death of Ardys on 20 November 1936.

Arthur and Dora Lautzenhiser were people who shared an unquestioned identity with their families, their land, and the community in which they lived. They always had the energy and zest for one more interest and in return were sustained and enriched by the life about them. While aware of state, national, and international affairs, these events were always regarded from the base of their own established position.

For many years, Arthur served as County Chairman for DeKalb County AAA Program with offices in Auburn. He served as Agricultural Advisor to the War Production Board during

World War II.

Arthur and Dora were active members of the Hamilton Methodist Church and the Hamilton Grange. Arthur was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and Dora of the Auxiliary of Pythian Sisters.

Dora was a charter member of the Home Demonstration Club and the DeKalb County Chorus, traveling across the country with this group . In 1937, she became a member of the Hamilton Study Club. She was co-director of the Red Cross in her area for fourteen years and a 4-H leader for many years.

Arthur and Dora enjoyed guests in their home and frequently hosted large family gatherings and organizational meetings.

Even on the busiest days, Arthur could usually find time for a game of horseshoes. The Lautzenhiser grandchildren grew up playing fierce and agonizing games of canasta, each grandparent playing with a child for a partner.

Dora and Arthur continued to share similar interest throughout their lives. After some years of declining health, Arthur died on 10 November 1979, in the home where he was born.

Dora continued to live in the old house alone, although she was quite blind and had offers from her family for a place to live with them. She died in Angola on 14 February 1983.

ARGYLE LAUTZENHISER, born on the Lautzenhiser homestead, in Franklin Township, 14 April 1919, son of Arthur H. and Dora (Snyder) Lautzenhiser. He married 15 August 1941, to Alice Miller, born 5 October 1921, at the family farm in Stafford Township, daughter of Donald E. and Edna (Countryman) Miller.

They graduated from Butler High School, Argyle in 1937, and Alice in 1938. Argyle earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Tri-State College and took a position with Delco Remy, Division of General Motors, in Anderson, Indiana. He began work in December, 1940. . Alice was attending Manchester College, but quit to marry Argyle.

In June, 1944, Argyle received a commission from the United States Navy. His longest period of service was aboard a minesweep, the USS Barrier, located in the North Pacific. He was released in 1946.

During the next few years, Argyle worked from Delco Remy, in Anderson, Indiana, to AC Spark Plug in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1960, Argyle was promoted to a new R and D facility located in Wakefield, Massachusetts. They arrived in Essex, Massachusetts three days after Christmas in 1960, and knew they loved New England.

Their home was in Glouchester and they were delighted to be included in civic, community, and church affairs within the first few months.

In 1970, General Motors closed the Wakefield facility to continue research in Milwaukee. They elected to remain in New England, and Argyle became a consultant for Arthur D. Little, Incorporated, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. During his career as an R and D engineer and consultant, Argyle had the opportunity to work on many diverse projects and was awarded thirty-two patents on electro-magnetic and mechanical devices.

In Indiana, their families and land beckoned. In 1975, they started thinking seriously about moving back to DeKalb County to build a home on land owned for many years by Argyle's maternal grandfather, J. Frank Snyder. In 1976, they arranged for timber to be cut from the woods located on that land. It was sawed by a local mill and allowed to cure.

Argyle and Alice moved back to DeKalb County on 17 June 1977. Their youngest son, Frans Peter, took a year off to help his father build the house before entering Wabash College in September, 1978. Building the house was a long adventure, fourteen months, which Alice frankly admitted got a bit tedious at times, but the place, located on County Road 12, has become home. They have been made welcome by their neighbors and are enjoying their lives.

Alice enjoyed working at the Eckhart Public Library for a time. It is a busy, interesting place and she met many wonderful people. They are members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

DONALD E. MILLER, born in Stafford Township, son of George W. and Pearl (Hootman) Miller, 22 July 1898. His parents had both resided in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, prior to their marriage on 22 January 1896. They purchased a farm located in Stafford Township and moved there 2 April 1896.

Donald graduated from Butler High School in 1916, and attended Tri-State Normal School. He taught school for a year, but decided teaching was not for him and joined his father on the farm. In 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army and attended an officers training school at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. He was released after the signing of the armistice.

Donald married Edna Mae Countryman at Edgerton, Ohio, 7 August 1920. At the time of her marriage, Edna lived with her parents in Milford Township, Defiance, Ohio, but she was born in Stafford Township to Allen and Minnie (Christoffel) Countryman.

Peter Countryman, Edna's paternal grandfather, and his brother, Ludwig, enlisted in the United States Service in the Civil War, at Waterloo, Indiana, 23 September 1861. Peter and his wife, Elizabeth (Hart) Countryman, and his parents, Jacob and Lydia (Freedline) Countryman, are buried in the Newville Cemetery.

After their marriage, Donald and Edna lived on the Miller family farm. While living there, their two childen were born: Alice Evelyn, born 5 October 1921, and Earl Albert, born 3 November 1924.

Donald farmed and usually had an additional money-making project which he pursued during the slack winter months. For several years in the late twenties, he sold thirty-two volt electric light plants.

In 1938, Donald and Edna moved to a farm they had purchased in Stafford Township. He continued farming until 1950, when he took a position with Federal Fertilizer in Butler. He retired in 1963.

After his retirement, it became apparent that Donald had two great loves in his life. The first one had always been Edna, and the second was with road maps. He and Edna owned a succession of progressively nicer RV's. A special delight for Donald was to map a route and then follow it exactly as planned. He was inclined to feel sorely betrayed by detours. Their pleasure with traveling in this manner was mutual. One of their favorite things to do was to roll into a city or hamlet where cousins or friends lived and invite them to supper. Edna, a superb cook, prepared a fine meal in her efficient RV kitchen. The guests would arrive and everyone would eat and laugh and talk for hours. Eventually the work ethic won out and at the ages of seventy-one and seventy-two, they assumed an agency for garage doors and electric door openers. They named their business Dorboy, and installed many commercial and residential doors and operators in DeKalb County and Defiance County, Ohio. Only occasionally did they squeeze out time for a trip in their RV. They took real pride in their installations and in giving responsible service.

In 1979, they sold Dorboy, and in 1984, their farm. Early in 1984, they contracted to have a home built in Smithfield Township. They moved into their new home in October, 1984, and celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary there, 7 August 1985.

Donald died 13 August 1985, and Edna continues to live in the house they built.

Both Donald and Edna have been life long members of the West Milford Church of Christ. Donald served for many years as a director of the Inner City Mission in Fort Wayne. They were vigorous supporters of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Fund Drive.

EARL A. MILLER, born at the family farm in Stafford Township, 3 November 1924. His parents were Donald E. and Edna (Countryman) Miller.

He graduated from Butler High School and enlisted in the United States Navy, in November, 1942.

Earl served in the naval Air Force aboard the carrier USS Petrof Bay. He was a radio gunner, flying in a TBM, participating in every major battle from Palau to Iwo Jima.

His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, received for a torpedo attack on a large Japanese task force in October, 1944. He was also awarded an Air Medal. Earl was released from the service 9 September 1945.

Earl married Sally Ann Fetter, 16 September 1945, at her home in Garrett. Sally is the daughter of Clayton and Faith (Brunson) Fetter. She was born in Garrett, 14 March 1929, and attended Garrett High School.

Earl attended Tri-State College, and worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad after his release from the Navy. In 1950, he and Sally moved to the family farm and he was engaged in farming.

In 1957, he became affiliated with the Dana Corporation, working in the Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn. There he held several positions in management. He was serving as Quality Control Manager at the time of his retirement in 1984.

Earl and Sally have three children: Tonya Jo, born 21 December 1946; Vincent Earl, born 24 January 1950; and Romona Ann, born 12 June 1955.

In 1963, they moved their family to Garrett, where they and their two daughters and their families presently live.

Tonya married James Reinoehl, 10 June 1967, and they have two sons: Eric Christian, born 7 June 1969, and James Matthew, born 1 October 1973.

Romona married Mark Michael, 9 August 1974, and they have three children: Benjamin David, born 7 December 1976; Andrew Mark, born 1 April 1980; and Emily Nicole, born 2 December 1985.

Their son, Vincent, resides in Vermont, Illinois.

Earl is a member of the American Legion and a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the Butler Lodge. Sally is a member of the Auxiliary, Eastern Star. She and her daughters have been members of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority for many years.

Wagner Family

INA OLIVE (GURTNER) WAGNER, born 30 April 1903, east of Hamilton, Franklin Township, Indiana, daughter of David Peter and Mildred Viola (Fee) Gurtner. Her paternal grandparents were Henry, and honored veteran of the Civil War, and Sarah (Cummings) Gurtner. Her maternal grandparents were John and Juliette (Cameron) Fee.

Paul Frederick Wagner, born 17 October 1905, north of Butler, Franklin Township, Indiana, son of Lewis Dudley and Edith May (Sommers) Wagner. His paternal grandparents were John and Catherine (Anthony) Wagner.

Paul and Olive married 18 September 1932, in Auburn, Indiana. After graduating from Hamilton High School, Olive attended Tri-State College eighteen weeks and began teaching in September, 1921, at Jerusalem School No. 6, Franklin Township. Her first teaching license was obtained by passing a written teacher's examination in Angola, March, 1921. By going to summer school, Saturdays, and evenings, she received a B.S. degree from Ball State Teachers' College in 1932, and M.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1965. During forty-six years of teaching in the public schools in Indiana and Michigan, Olive had experience in every grade level from one to twelve. The last seven years were in special education. While in her last year of teaching, private tutoring was the beginning of many years in this field. June 12, 1986, she completed 10,000 hours of private tutoring and is continuing.

After high school graduation, Paul continued his interest in farming by helping his father. Later he worked for John Platt, north of Butler. After marriage, they rented a farm southeast of Hamilton. In February, 1935, Paul and Olive purchased forty acres of the Will Brown estate, where they moved 1 March 1936. The winter of 1935-1936 was one of frequent heavy snow storms and drifting. Often Olive had to leave her car in Dode Houlton's barn and walk one-half mile home. One evening it was so cold that her nose was frozen.

Paul farmed for a neighbor, Martin Everitts. Failing health made necessary gradually reducing activities and responsibilities, and the forty acres were rented to Earl Everitts. Paul died of a heart attack on 18 May 1962. The farm was sold to Rex and Elaine Johnson in 1964.

Olive has two brothers, living: John and Bruce. Two sisters, Mabel and Etta, died when they were young ladies. The youngest brother died at birth. Paul's sister, Helen Wagner, lives in Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are the parents of one son, Shirley Dale Wagner, who lives north of Auburn, and is a maintenance electrician at Reeves Brothers, south of Auburn. Shirley Dale Wagner and Marga Faye Havard married 27 April 1964, in Texas, where he was stationed in military service. They are the parents of two daughters: Tonia Ann and Kelly Lynn. In March, 1977, the family moved into the newly completed house north of Auburn.

Don Wilson Family

DONALD GENE WILSON, born 25 May 1904, in Bainbridge, Ohio, the son of Marion E. and Fanny (Jones) Wilson. His maternal grandparents were Rocelia (Smith) and David Jones. His paternal grandparents were Sarah (Smith) and Churchill Wilson.

Frances Louise Frederick was born 26 February 1912, in Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of C.E. Frederick, farmer and owner of the Auburn Retail and Wholesale Hardware Company, and Bertha Ketchum. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph A. and Addie (Chilson) Frederick of Hudson, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Frances (Grieves) Ketchum of Hudson, Indiana.

Donald and Frances married 1 September 1935, in her parents' home in Auburn, Indiana. Mr. Wilson attended business school in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated with an M.A. in 1929, from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. Mrs. Wilson graduated with a B.A. in 1935, from Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan.

Mr. Wilson was a professor in the Music Conservatory at Olivet College for nine years. In 1938, he moved his family to Auburn, where he was associated for twenty years in the hardware business with his father-in-law. He later owned and operated Wilson's Gifts and Music on West Seventh Street in Auburn. He taught music at the high schools in Waterloo and Garrett, until forced to retire in 1964 due to ill health.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been active in church and civic affairs. Frances is a member of the Chi Eta Chapter of Sigma Beta, the Entra Nous Literary Club, and the First United Methodist Church. Don was an active Rotarian, and Minister of Music for twenty-five years at the First United Methodist Church on West Seventh Street in Auburn. Mr. Wilson was honored Sunday, 17 April 1966 with a "Don Wilson Day" service which was recorded and later presented to the family. He died at his home 11 May 1966. Mrs. Wilson currently resides in the family home in north Auburn.

Don had four brothers: Omar, Loren, deceased, Maxwell, and Marion. Frances had one brother, Cortland K. Frederick, deceased in 1974. He was in the hardware business with his father and was City Clerk-Treasurer in Auburn from 1964 to 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of three children: Barbara (Wilson) Irving, born 18 July 1938, Pendleton, Oregon; Mary (Wilson) Marchal, 12 December 1943, Greenfield, Indiana; and John D., born 28 March 1948, currently residing in Auburn and a teacher at New Haven High School.

WALTER S. BATES III, born 21 March 1921, at Alden, Pennsylvania, the son of Walter S. and Genevieve (McAdorey) Bates.

Megan Bates was born 11 November 1923, at South Bend, Indiana, daughter of Dana C. and Violet (Lautzenhiser) Farnham. Her paternal grandparents were E.A. and Emma (Rathburn) Farnham of Edgerton, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Otis and Rebecca (Forrest) Lautzenhiser of Butler, Indiana.

Walt and Megan married in Laramie, Wyoming, 27 July 1942. Walt attended Tri-State University. He was a pilot in the United States Air Force from December, 1941, until September, 1945. He managed the Auburn Airport until July, 1947. At that time, the family moved to East Williston, New York, where Walt began a career of radio and television advertising. He then became a public relations executive for Mutual Radio Network.

Walt and Megan returned to Auburn, Indiana, in 1960. With the children in school in 1961, Megan became a Finance Consultant with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She retired in February, 1986.

Walt is active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled Americans Veterans organizations. Megan is a volunteer worker at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Museum in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates are the parents of four children: Walter S. IV, who is a director of sale and marketing in Hudson, Michigan; Sherry (Bates) Baldwin in Downer's Grove, Illinois; Dana Bates, and account executive with NET in Chicago, Illinois; and Forrest Bates, who has his own heating and air conditioning business in Auburn.

Walt and Megan live in the home built by her great grandparents, Wilson and Margaret (Moore) Forrest, in 1886 in Moore. The home has been home for each generation.

Walt and Megan now spend their time swimming and gardening in the summer, traveling some in the winter and being grandma and grandpa to nine grandchildren and one great grandchild all year.

Robert and Luella Bowers

ROBERT BRUCE BOWERS, born 28 November 1914, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Waterloo, Indiana. The Bowers farm was south of Hamilton, Indiana. He attended Taylor Corners School, a one room school, for seven years and Kelly School for one year. After grade school, he attended Waterloo High School and graduated in the class of 1933. He drove a Model T Ford to high school, a distance of six miles each way. A neighbor, Ruth Miller, now Ruth Yarlot, rode with him. In 1933, the Waterloo High School did not publish their annual, The Rose Bud. This was the only year in the history of Waterloo High school that their annual was not printed. This was due to the Great Depression. In 1935, he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and worked for the Briggs Manufacturing Company.

Robert Bowers and Luella Mae Wilson, of Highland Park, Michigan, were married 17 December 1938, in Trinity Methodist Church, Highland Park, Michigan. Luella was born in Highland Park, Wayne County, Michigan, 24 May 1920, daughter of Eben and Lizzie Mae (Hardy) Wilson, of Highland Park, Michigan. Her father, Eben Wilson, worked for Henry Ford Motor Company.

A son, Bruce Robert Bowers, was born 29 October 1939, Highland Park, Michigan. Robert, Luella, and Bruce moved to Indiana, in April, 1944. They purchased a home in Butler, Indiana, and this is still their home. A son, John Wilson Bowers, was born 23 February 1950 in Auburn, Indiana. Bruce and John both attended the Butler City Grade School, and each graduated from the Butler High School.

Robert Bowers worked for the William Mutzfeld and Sons Hardware for many years. He retired from Rieke Corporation in 1981. Luella was employed by the Indiana and Michigan Electric Company, in Butler, and the Knisely National Bank of Butler. She started to work for the City National Bank of Auburn in 1964, and worked there for twenty years, retiring in 1985.

Bruce and Shirley Bowers

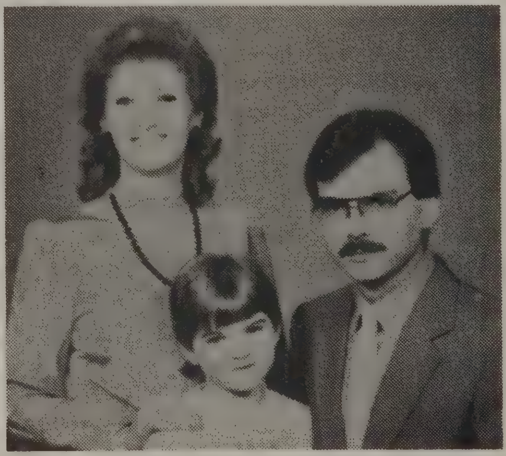
BRUCE ROBERT BOWERS, born 29 October 1939, son of Robert Bruce and Luella Mae (Wilson) Bowers. He graduated from the Butler High School in the class of 1957. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force on 11 September 1957, for a term of four years. He was stationed at McClellan Air Force Base, Sacremento, California, with the 551st Wing, Early Warning Squadron. A month before he was to be released in 1961, President John Kennedy proclaimed the Berlin Crisis. This extended his tour of duty for "up to one year." It was necessary for the Air Force to air lift supplies into Germany. During this year, Bruce was sent to Christmas Island in the South Pacific. It was called Operation Dominic. The purpose of the operation was for testing nuclear weapons. Bruce was honorably discharged 1 June 1962.

Bruce married Shirley Ann Sartain, 1 July 1961, in the First Methodist Church, Sacramento, California. Shirley was born 6 June 1941, to Wesley Eugene and Edith Mae Sartain, in Middletown, California.

Bruce and Shirley have two children: Scott Michael, born 13 March 1963, Hicksville, Ohio, and Lisa Mae, born 4 February 1965, in Sacramento, California.

Bruce attended Tri-State College before moving to Sacramento. He is employed in the Engineering Department for the City of Sacramento. He has been employed in this department since 1966.

Scott Michael Bowers and Lori Ann Dirham married on 21 June 1986, in Roseville, Placer County, California. Lori Ann is the daughter of Robert and Judith Dirham.



John Bowers Family

JOHN WILSON BOWERS, born 23 February 1950, son of Robert Bruce and Luella Mae Bowers, in Auburn, Indiana. He started school in 1955, the first year the new Butler Elementary School opened. He graduated from Butler High School in the class of 1968. He has attended Tri-State College and night classes at Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

John joined the United States Navy Reserve in 1969, and was on active duty in the Pacific from 1971 to 1972. His ship, the USS Decatur, was stationed off the coast of Vietnam and also in the Indian Ocean during the Pakistan/East Pakistan Conflict. He was honorably discharged from active duty 11 December 1972.

John Bowers and Kathleen Sue (Miller) Turner were married 26 November 1976, in Reno, Nevada. Bruce and Shirley Bowers were their attendants. Kathleen Sue Miller was born 20 January 1950, daughter of Leo D., Jr. and Betty Miller in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John and Kathleen have one daughter, Lindsay Michele, born 23 February 1978, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This is also her father's birthday.

John is employed as manufacturing engineer with the Auburn Gear, formerly Warner Gear of Auburn. He has been employed by Warner Gear/ Auburn Gear since graduation in 1968.

Kathy Bowers is employed by the Auburn Packaging Company, Auburn, Indiana. Formerly she worked for Dr. Frank Duncan, D.D.S. in Auburn.

HUBERT PROVINES, oldest son of Kent and Ruth Provines, born 9 October 1915, in DeKalb County. Hubert served four years in the Civilian Conservation camp from 1934 to 1938. He then served in the Army Air Force during World War II from 13 August 1941 to 7 December 1945, his latest rank was as Sergeant.

Hubert married Dorothy Louise Maurer on 12 June 1943. She was born 6 January 1924 and died 13 May 1970, the daughter of Floyd and Laura Maurer.

Dorothy attended International Business College and later worked as a secretary for the DeKalb County Welfare Department. Hubert is retired from the Auburn Street Department where he was a heavy equipment operator and the mechanic. He has been a self-employed mechanic in his garage for many years.

Hubert and Dorothy are the parents of four daughters: Sharon Rose, born 12 October 1946, Garrett, DeKalb County. She is currently a secretary for a law firm in Washington D.C. Sharon resides in Annapolis, Maryland; Linda Louise, born 9 June 1948, Garrett. She is married to Ronald L. Clingan, born 7 May 1947, on 21 July 1972. They have two sons: Bradley Ronald, born 11 January 1975, Auburn, and Jonathan Edward, born 2 May 1977, Auburn. Ronald and Linda reside in Hudson, Indiana, as a farming family; Dianne Sue, born 7 March 1952, Auburn. Dianne married William Krill Lees, born 1 January 1950, on 5 December 1981. They have two children: Justin Andrew, born April, 1983, Auburn, and Brianne Louise, born 21 March 1985. Dianne is currently employed with Universal Tool and Stamping. They reside in Auburn. Jeanne Marie Provines, born 16 October, Garrett. She is currently employed at Sheller Globe of Grabill, Indiana, and resides in Auburn.

Ruby Selby and husband

RUBY RUTH (NICHOLAS) WHELLER, born 10 February, to William and Amanda (Friend) Nicholas. Her maternal grandparents were Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. She was married twice, first 30 August 1928, to Frank Eston Wheeler, widower, with three children: Alex, Ethel, and Gretchen Wheeler. She is now married to Selby. They live on the Nicholas Family Farm which has been in the family for one hundred fifteen years.

Ruby's paternal grandfather was Salvin G. Nicholas, born March, 1850, and lived in DeKalb County most of his life. He owned and operated a saw mill and thrashing machine, traveling from farm to farm at harvest time. His son, William, helped his father with farming, thrashing, and sawing. Salvin and his wife, Marietta (Beard) Nicholas have two sons: William and Clinton.

Marietta (Beard) Nicholas, grandmother of Ruby, was born 24 April 1854, in the same house where she died 6 January 1938. She was the daughter of George and Susan (Snider) Beard. Marietta had a twin sister, Henrietta, also a sister, Elizabeth, and three brothers: Cyrus, Sanford, and Jeramiah.

William, son of Salvin and Marietta Nicholas, was born 13 July 1874, deceased, married 2 May 1899 to Amanda Friend, born 14 December 1874, died 3 December 1959, one day after their fifty-nineth anniversary. Their home is a remodeled school house which William attended as a boy. They are the parents of five children: Iona Ellen, Nellie, Forrest, Faye, and Ruby, subject of this history.

RUTH (GALLAHAN) MILLER, born 10 April

1899, in Logansport, Indiana, daughter of Charles and Hattie (Scott) Gallahan. Her only sister, Georgia (Gallahan) Dale preceded her in death at the age of fifty-four. Ruth attended Logansport Schools until grade ten, when she moved to Butler, Indiana, where she graduated from high school in 1917.

After graduation, she attended Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. In the fall of 1917, she accepted a teaching position at Big Run, a one room brick school house with all eight grades. She received a salary of forty-eight dollars per month. There was no plumbing, just a wash basin and a two lid box-type wood stove for heat.

All teachers were required to take an examination administered by the County Superintendent, Francis Merica. This exam was given in his office in Auburn, Indiana. Ruth accompanied Garnet Grube and Pearl Kanaley, also teachers, to Auburn in Pearl's new Ford touring car to take the exam. Teachers were also required to attend three days of Teachers' Institute in August before the fall session began.

The following summer, she attended Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana. After taking another exam and receiving a success score of ninety-eight, her salary was increased to sixty dollars per month. There were six eighth grade graduates that year, namely: Lavon Hull, Carl Kaiser, Florence (Dohner) Jankee, Mabel Steckley, and Faye Ordway.

This concluded Ruth's teaching career and on 23 April 1919, she was married to Ray W. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller moved to the family farm where they resided fifty-five years. They are the parents of four daughters: Betty Lou Sebert and Dorothy Ellen Willivey, Cedarville, Indiana, Ruth Lucile Hollinger, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and June Rae Chambers, Baltimore, Maryland. They also have four grandsons and three granddaughters, two great grandsons, and four great granddaughters.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller were active in community and church activities. Mrs. Miller taught a Sunday School class at the Butler United Methodist Church, both high school and adult, for a number of years. She was also a charter member of the Stafford Township Home Bureau.

In 1974, the Millers moved from the farm to Cedarville, Indiana. Mr. Miller died 29 July 1979. Mrs. Miller continued to live there for several years. In 1983, she moved to Meadowhaven Nursing Center in Butler, Indiana, where she now resides.

LLOYD LYLE LAUTZENHISER, born 18 December 1918, at the family home, south of Hamilton, son of Arthur H. and Dora (Snyder) Lautzenhiser. His paternal grandparents were Ezra and Elizabeth (Reichman) Lautzenhiser. His maternal grandparents were Jacob Frank and Ida (Harwood) Snyder.

Mary Elizabeth Thompson, born 28 December 1914, in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, daughter of Garry E. and Nora (George) Thompson. Her paternal grandparents were John Daniel and Lucy (Knisely) Thompson, of Steuben County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Sylvester Huet and Eliza Jane (Smith) George, of DeKalb County.

Lloyd and Mary married 13 June 1937. After a short stay in Auburn, they moved to the farm in Franklin Township which they later purchased. Although this farm was not owned by the Lautzenhisers until 1943, Lloyd's mother was born in that house. Approximately forty-five to fifty years later Lloyd's and Mary's children were born in that house.

Their children are: Elizabeth Ann Gilbert, teacher, Angola; John Lyle Lautzenhiser, in product development at Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada; Lloyd Lynn, Telemetry manufacturer, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada; Gary Allan, job shop owner, Hamilton, Indiana; and Mary Ardys, deceased.

Elizabeth, John and Lloyd Lynn attended Franklin Township's one room schools, but the consolidation was started before Gary started to school.

Lloyd held membership in the Anthony Wayne Section of the American Welding Society for many years.

When the American Tractor Company started in Churubusco, Indiana, he secured a job as a welder and was the first Employee selected for the experimental department. When Case closed, Lloyd's job classification was that of experimental engraver.

Lloyd worked for B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn as a Journeyman Machinist in the tool room for eighteen years. He retired to his farming in 1981. He and Mary have been actively involved in farming since 1938.

FREDERICK C. BARTELS, born 18 April 1841, Mecklenburg, Schwerin, Germany, son of John and Caroline Bartels. At age twenty-four, John married Marie Baack, 17 April 1866, at Leipsig, Germany, in a German Lutheran Church. Marie Baack, daughter of John Baack from Germany, had one brother and one sister in Germany. Marie was born 20 April 1843, died 11 April 1912.

About 19 October 1867, Fred and Marie Bartels left Germany and came to America by ocean voyage. They arrived in New York, 2

November 1867, but only stayed there long enough to arrange travel to DeKalb County, Indiana. They settled initially in the Garrett area, where there was a German settlement. After a stay in Keyser Township, they moved to a farm in Jackson Township, south of Auburn. Fred built a log house from timber on the farm and this original building was later moved to a basic room in the house presently located on the farm.

Fred continued in farming until he retired in 1902. They then moved to Auburn at West Fifth Street, where they resided until Marie Bartels died, 11 April 1912, the year the Titanic sank. Frederick Bartels died 16 October 1921. They are both buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Fred and Marie had five children: Minnie, born 4 March 1867; Charles "Little Charles", born 29 April 1868, married 20 October 1892, died 28 March 1953; Henry, born 3 April 1870, died 8 May 1955; Frederick "Ricka", born 2 March 1862; and Emma, born 7 March 1880, married 3 August 1898.

Minnie Bartels married John Harkey and had five children: Mabel, Freddie, Floyd, Luther Harkey, married Edith Grower and gave birth to Margaret (Harkey) Rice and Jeannette (Harkey) McClellan, and Harry Harkey, who married Freda Dull and gave birth to Lucille Walters, Robert Jay, who was killed in the service on a Navy ship torpedoed off Salerno, Italy, and Harold Harkey. Minnie Bartels was born on 4 March 1867 in Germany. Minnie and John Harkey were married and lived at Hicksville, Ohio.

Charles Bartels married Charlotte "Lottie" Houston and had one child: Harriett Marie, who married Jay J. Lochner. They had seven children: Dean, died at birth; Robert, who married Mary Thomas; Charlotte, married Frank Aubrey and gave birth to Judy, who married Robert Douglas Clark II; Phyllis, who married Earl Roop; Donald Jay, who married Georgia Rugman; Jack, who married Lorene Shough; and Richard, who married Karen Ott. Jay and Marie Lochner lived on the Fred Bartels farm at 3245 County Road 68, Auburn, and continued in farming.

Henry Bartels married Effie Stafford and had three children: Kathryn, who married Guy Method; Melvin; and Harold, who married Rosanda and had Alicia and Joan. Alicia married Dick Prueso and Joan married Robert Sands. Henry Bartels lived at Howe and Columbia City, Indiana, and he was a farmer and a meat cutter.

Ricka Bartels, born 2 March 1872, married William Kruse, and had Irene and Fred. Irene Kruse married Myron Witmer, and they gave birth to Oliver, who married Alberta Kryder; Ralph, who married Agnes Graber; and Edith. Fred Kruse married Goldie Gerig, and they had Russell; Harold, who was killed in a farming accident; Helen; and Doris. William Kruse and Ricka lived on a farm about one mile west of the Fred Bartels' farm.

Emma Bartels, born 7 March 1879, married Howard Hilkey, 3 August 1898, and had seven children who survived: Mabel, Ferman, Hilda, Ethel, Dorothy, Bessie, and Eugene. Mabel married Clair Murphy and had Lynetta. Ferman married Vera Buss and had Ferman, Garcile, Richard, and Emogene. Hilda married Frank Robinson and had Maxine, Elizabeth, David, and Mary Ellen. Dorothy married Cliff Allen and had James and Harold. Bessie married Chris Bender and had Chris, Bonnie, and Cindy. Eugene married Evelyn Lodge and had Linda. Emma and Howard Hilkey lived at Auburn until 1923, and then moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Howard was employed at the Ford Motor Company.

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George and Ruth Noirot

GEORGE LEO NOIROT, born 24 September 1900, Kendallville, Indiana, son of George and Emma (Kessler) Noirot, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Nicholas and Magdalene (Hurtig) Noirot, of Findlay, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were Louis and Mary (Webber) Kessler, of Germany.

Ruth Mary Whitson was born 27 November 1905, Westfield, Illinois, daughter of Perry Edward and Estella Emma (Porterfield) Whitson, of Westfield, Illinois. Her paternal grandparents are William Edward and Mary (Lewis) Whitson, of Westfield, Illinois. Her maternal grandparents are Robert Milton and Margaret (Hunter) Porterfield, of Sidney and Westfield, Illinois.

George attended school at Auburn, Indiana. He has worked at plumbing in Chicago, and farming in Waterloo. George is now retired. Ruth attended school at Westfield, Illinois, and college at Eastern Illinois University. Ruth has taught school in Illinois and Indiana.

George and Ruth met in Chicago, Illinois. They were married 24 August 1929, at St. Mary's Church, Chicago, Illinois. To this union were born four children: Jacqueline (Noirot) Pauly, born 8 August 1931; Nannette (Noirot) Hatton, born 9 February 1933; George Victor Noirot, 23 January 1943; and Dona Leo, born 25 April 1945, married 23 September 1967 to Ardeh Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noirot currently live near Waterloo, Indiana. They are members of the Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn, Indiana. Mrs. Noirot is a judge with the National Council of Garden Clubs.

VALENTINE E. HAWK, with his wife, Mary Helen (Gilmore) Hawk, and children John Clifford, Eve Fern, George Clyde, Beulah Helen, and Curtis Floyd, moved from Fort Recovery, Ohio, in 1912, to a farm near Corunna, Indiana. A son, Ernest Gilmore, born in 1903, died in Portland, Indiana, in 1906.

Later, on a postcard, Mrs. Hawk described the move as follows: "We got our goods on Monday. Most everything got here all right, our chickens too. The neighbors, Arthur, Noah, and Henry moved us and no one would take a cent, eight teams in all."'

Mr. Hawk was born in Adams County, Indiana, 26 December 1867, and died 17 May 1934, in DeKalb County. He was the last of seven children born to Adam Hawk, 1829-1881, and Nancy Johnson Hawk, 1833-1905.

Mrs. Mary Helen (Gilmore) Hawk was born 8 May 1869, in Adams County, Indiana. She is the eldest daughter of Alexander Gilmore, 1842-1924, and Eliza Jane (Reddish) Gilmore, 1846-1912, both of whom were from Highland County, Ohio. Mary Helen died 2 January 1938, while visiting her son, Curtis, in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hawk was a machinist as well as a farmer. Prior to moving to DeKalb County, Mr. Hawk worked in Berne and Portland, Indiana, and Fort Recovery, Ohio.

A deeply religious couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hawk took their church membership to the nearest church in each community, joining the Showers Corners Church in 1912, while Reverend Frank Overmeyer was pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Hawk are buried in Sedan, Showers Corners Cemetery.

John Clifford Hawk and his wife, Florence (Strow) Hawk, both deceased, lived out their lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they raised four children. Florence was the daughter of Henry D. Strow, 1864-1911, and Mary Anne (Henney) Strow, 1869-1953, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Eve Fern Hawk died shortly after she graduated from high school at age 18.

George Clyde Hawk and his wife, Bertie Hawk, live in Geneva, Pennsylvania.

Beulah Helen (Hawk) DePew and her husband, Ralph DePew, both deceased, lived on a farm near Garrett, Indiana, and raised four children.

Curtis F. Hawk and his wife, Mina (Thompson) Hawk, live in Geneva, Pennsylvania. They have raised four children.

Gilbert Everetts Children

GILBERT CONRAD EVERETTS, born in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 27 March 1875, son of Gilbert Charles and Mary Celesta (Haynes) Everetts. He was born on the farm his mother's parents had homesteaded in 1837. Gilbert's wife, Maude May (Betts) Everetts, daughter of Isaac Levi and Harriet May (Barnes) Betts, was born in Atwood, Indiana, Kosciusko County, Indiana, 1 May 1880. Isaac, Harriet, and Maude moved to Ashley, Indiana, when there were few homes erected and many people lived in tents. Gilbert and Maude set up housekeeping in the home where Gil was born, sharing it with his mother.

Gil and Maude were married in the home of Maude's parents, 31 March 1898. Gil was a fur trader and trapper and went to many area cities to trade. He also peddled vegetables, raised pheasants, and was known for the dill pickles he made and the watermelons he grew. He loved to go fishing. Maude and he had fourteen children - twelve grew to adulthood, so Maude was busy at home with various duties. Honeycomb, maple syrup, jam, and biscuits were always plentiful there.

Gil was a soft spoken, very respected man who sported a mustache and always wore suspenders. Maude always made friends and strangers alike feel welcome. Their children were: Gertrude Mary, born 4 August 1898, and married Otis Betz; Charles Isaac, born 17 February 1900, and wed Loda Hagerty; Andrew Betts, born 11 June 1901, and wed Erma (Graft)

Wetzel; Flavie Joseph, born 2 February 1903, and married Audrey Bowman; infant daughter Esther born and died 22 September 1904, and buried at Eddy's Cemetery; Harriet Mae, born 21 November 1906, and married Alonzo Fritch; Gladys Maude, born 18 November 1907, and married Clellie Smart; Gilbert Theodore, born 2 September 1909, and wed Vera Sechler; Helen Lois, born 7 August 1911, and married Donald Casebere; Floyd Earl, born 21 May 1913, and wed Ruby Camp; Gilbert Conrad, born 10 January 1915, and married Lucille (Miller) Clark; Florence Evangeline, born 22 September 1916, and married Forest Harrison; infant son stillborn 11 March 1920, and buried in Eddy's Cemetery; Lyle Lamar, born 1 October 1921, and married June Pike. All the children of Gil and Maude were born in their home. Gertie, Andy, Joe, Earl, and Gilbert lived in the Butler area most of their lifetimes. Charlie lived in Willard, Ohio, after being in Garrett, Indiana. Hattie lived in Edgerton, Ohio. Gladys lived at Fremont, Indiana. Helen lived for a while in Butler, then Florida, but after widowed, settled near Hamilton, Indiana. Van lived in the Mendon-Eaton Rapids, Michigan area. Lyle lived in the Edon, Ohio, region. On 13 May 1962, Gilbert Conrad died in his home from pneumonia and complications. After his death, Maude lived with her children for varied periods of time. She then became a resident at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she died 29 December 1968. Both Gil and Maude were buried at the Eddy's Cemetery in Northeast DeKalb County, Indiana.

Gilbert Everetts Family

GILBERT CHARLES EVERETTS, born 25 August 1818, to Cyrus and Christiene (Rhodes) Everetts, in Pennsylvania. He married Adeline Enzor, daughter of Stephen and Mercy (Hess) Enzor, on 12 May 1842, in Pennsylvania. Adeline was born 5 July 1820. Stephen and Mercy Enzor lived in DeKalb County, Indiana, and are buried in the Eddy Cemetery. Cyrus and Christiene Everetts lived in Richland County, Ohio. Richland County death records show that Gilbert Charles had a brother, born in 1823, in Marietta, Ohio. So, Cyrus may have migrated from Pennsylvania on the Ohio River to Marietta then somehow went north to Richland County. Cyrus died 30 June 1849, born 16 February 1783. Christiene died 12 December 1867, being born 17 May 1800. Both are buried in the Evangelical German Reform Cemetery in Bloomingrove Township, Richland County, Ohio, along with two twelve year old sons.

Gilbert and Adeline lived in Ohio, in Chesterville, Butler Township, Richland County, and Henry County. Gilbert was a constable in Butler Township. A son, Peter Hess Everetts, was born in Richland County, Ohio, 10 March 1843. Another son, William Franklin, was born 5 May 1852. Adeline died that same day.

Peter and Frank grew to adulthood with Gilbert and his second wife, Mary, in Troy Township. Peter enlisted in the 38th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry in Bryan, August, 1861. He mustered out October, 1864, in Lexington, Kentucky. He lived in Indianapolis, then Montgomery County, Indiana. He married Mary Ellenor Thompson, in April, 1867, living six miles northeast of Crawfordsville. He died by railroad cars running over him, where he was a night watchman, 9 August 1872. William Franklin married Barbara Ann McClellan in DeKalb County, Indiana, January, 1873, the daughter of Daniel and Jamina (Thompson) McClellan. Frank and Barbara lived in DeKalb County where he labored, dug ditches, butchered, and was night watchman for the city of Butler. They had four children: John W., born October, 1873; Jennie Evaline, born November, 1877; James Cyrus, born September, 1886; Justus Stanley, born August, 1891. Frank died February, 1918, and Barbara in March, 1928, both in DeKalb County, Indiana. They are buried in the Eddy Cemetery.

MARY CELESTA (HAYNES) EVERETTS, daughter of Asa Philander and Mary Polly (Parsons) Haynes. Asa had died 8 September 1852, and Mary Polly had died 28 April 1853, both buried in the Eddy Cemetery. This left Mary Celesta, the oldest child, as the head of the family to care for the younger children. She lived on the acreage her mother and father had homesteaded in 1837. Mary Celesta married Gilbert Everetts, 24 November 1853, in DeKalb County, Indiana. They raised Gilbert's two boys, Peter and Frank, and her two sisters and three brothers. They had ten of their own. The children were: Rosetta, born 18 March 1855,

Mary Everetts Family

Jennie Betz

died 9 December 1855; Harrison, born 30 September 1856, died 7 March 1858, both are buried at Eddy Cemetery; Cyrus Martin, born 20 September 1858, married Adeline McCurdy, lived in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, died April, 1941, buried at Eddy Cemetery. They had three children: Charles Melvin, Mary Gertrude, and Addie Berneice; Abraham Lincoln, born 12 December 1860, married Emma Rosenberry, she died in childbirth. He then married Martha Rebecca Ball, lived north of Butler, Indiana. He died January, 1924, and is buried at Eddy Cemetery. They had five children: Cora Mabel, Florence Enolis, Rosa Lee, Virgil Clyde, and Alma Grace; Andrew Ace, born 14 March 1863, married Lavinnie E. Repp. They moved west 21 January 1889. Andrew died while visiting in DeKalb County in 1941. He is buried in the Gettys Cemetery near Lenora, Kansas. He and Vinnie had six children: a son died shortly after birth, Mary Elsie, Margaret Ethel, Mabel Matilda, Edna Bell, and Vinnie Elizabeth, all born in Norton County, Kansas; Joseph Walker, born 10 December 1865, married Eunice I. Slentz, lived in DeKalb County, buried at Hamilton Cemetery. They had three children: William Monroe, Elva May, and Jacob C.; Reubin C., born 13 July 1868, married Allie Slentz, lived in Steuben County, Indiana, buried at Hamilton. They had, Paul Slentz, Howard B., and Glen C.; Mary Ann, born 20 July 1870, married Rae A. Chappell, lived in DeKalb County, died in Hicksville, Ohio, at her grandson's home and is buried in Hamilton. Children were Robbie A. and Vera Mabel; Gilbert Conrad, born 27 March 1875, married Maude May Betts, lived in the old home place with his mother, where her parents had homesteaded, died there, in May, 1962, and is buried at Eddy's Cemetery. They had fourteen children.

JEFFERSON AND JENNIE (MUSSER) BETZ came to Franklin Township, DeKalb County, in 1869. They married 13 April 1865, in Columbiana County, Ohio. They lived there and also southeast of Paris, in Stark County, Ohio, awhile.

Jefferson was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, 21 December 1838, to Henry and Catherine (Stull) Betz, one of fourteen children. Eleven listed in the 1914 DeKalb County, Indiana History Book are Levi, Maria, William, John, George, Margaret, Henry, Jefferson, Elizabeth, Alvin, and Washington. Jefferson's father, Henry, of German descent, was born 7 November 1799. His mother, Catherine, of French descent, was born 7 November 1804, in Columbiana County, Ohio, lived in that county all their lives. Henry was a native of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and moved to Ohio in 1812. When younger, Henry was a school teacher and gave some attention to pedagogical work. Henry also was a farmer, Democrat, and Lutheran. It is thought that Henry's father was Christian and Christian's father named William. Henry and Catherine are buried near Homeworth, Ohio, in the Moultrie Cemetery. He died 2 October 1887, and she died 19 December 1887.

Jefferson's wife, Jenny Musser, was born 25 November 1844, in possibly Columbiana or Stark County, Ohio. Daughter of Henry and Mary (Knowl) Musser, who lives in Stark Co., Ohio. Henry was born in Pennsylvania, and Mary was born in France. Jenny had some brothers and those who are known were John, Emmanuel, Joseph, and William. John and William lived and died in DeKalb County, Indiana, while Emmanuel and Joseph moved to Nappanee, Indiana.

Jefferson and Jenny Betz had a son named Scheldie, born 9 May 1868, in Stark County, Ohio, and died two days later. He is buried in the Paris Cemetery there. After moving to DeKalb County, Indiana, they had Adella Rosetta, born 16 March 1870; Dora Minerva, born 19 July 1873; Elmer Oliver, born 13 May 1875; and Emma Elva, born 28 July 1877. Adella married George W. Kepler, lived in Franklin Township and died in Steuben County, Indiana. They had a son, Alva. Dora married Oliver K. Fee, lived in Franklin Township, and died in DeKalb County, Indiana. They had a daughter, Cladie, and a son, Charlie. Elmer married Mary Stout in DeKalb County and had a son, Otis, before divorcing. Elmer then married Prudie (Kline) Bartoff in Plymouth, Indiana, raised her daughter, Agnes, and had their own daughter, Elta Olive. Elmer lived in Franklin Township, and he died in DeKalb County. Emma married Clyde Harger, lived in Steuben and DeKalb County, Indiana, then later moved to Alhambra, California, and died there. They had four children: Glen, Hilda, Verna, and Zern.

Jefferson and Jenny lived southwest of Hamilton. Later Jefferson built a house for $500.00 and they moved there, also southwest of Hamilton. This home is still in the family, owned in 1986 by Charlie Fee's widow and son. Jenny Betz was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died 17 February 1910, and after her death, Jefferson lived with his children. He died at his daughter Della's home in Steuben County, Indiana, on 7 July 1925. Jeff and Jenny are buried in the Hamilton, Indiana Cemetery.

Melvin and Phyllis Grussing

MELVIN WILLIAM GRUSSING, born 9 September 1912, in Cissna Park, Illinois, to Carson and Martha Rose Elizabeth (Englebrecht) Grussing. Melvin attended Delaware Township High School, near Sherwood, Ohio, in Defiance County, graduated as valedictorian in 1930.

In 1934, Mel attended International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, taking courses in general business and graduating in 1936. The summer after graduating, he worked in an office at Monticello Beach, Indiana, then went to Swift and Company in Chicago as a secretary to the branch supervisor. He was drafted into the Army in 1942, going to Camp Grant at Rockford, Illinois, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, Scottfield in Bellville, Illinois, Rantoul in Illinois, Buckley Field in Denver, Colorado, then to Kern's at Salt Lake City, Utah. He mustered out in 1943, went to Chicago to work for Wetzel Prism. Phyllis and Claire Watson arrived in Chicago 1 July 1945, and they were married 22 July 1945, in Defiance Ohio, daughter of Daniel Andrew Alva and Bertha Lou (Jenkins) Watson, born in Perrysville, 10 February 1916. Phyllis went to St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Toledo, Ohio. She became a registered nurse in 1937, worked at the Defiance, Ohio, hospital awhile, then went back to work at St. Vincent's. She entered the U.S. Navy, stationed at Bremerton, Washington, then Oceanside, California, then overseas to New Caledonia and New Hebrides by the Phillipine Islands. She helped care for wounded World War II soldiers, specializing in eye, ear, nose, and throat injuries.

After her overseas duty, she became stationed at Great Lakes in Chicago until she mustered out. This is when she met Mel for the first time. After Phyllis and Mel wed, they lived in Waukegan, Illinois. Phyllis worked at St. Therese Hospital there and Mel got a job with Downy Veteran's Hospital in Waukegan, as a payroll clerk in their fiscal office. Philip Melvin was born to them at Waukegan on 13 August 1948. In 1950, Mel transferred to the Veteran's Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana to be closer to his and Phyllis' families. They lived on Abbott Street, then moved on to Stellhorn Road in 1951. Martha Susan was born 22 December 1951; Dan William, born 5 August 1953, and Lucinda Kay, born 28 September 1955, all in Fort Wayne. In 1959, a farm in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, was purchased and the family moved there. Mel remained at Veteran's and Phyllis worked at the Hicksville Community Hospital. They were members of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Ohio. Philip graduated from high school in Butler, Indiana, in 1966.

The family moved to Kendallville, Indiana, in 1967. Sue, Dan, and Cindy graduated from school there. Phyllis worked at the McCray Hospital. Phil wed Janie Betz in September, 1967, in Hicksville, Ohio, and they have two children: William Lee, born April, 1968, and

Kelly Susanne, born May, 1970, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They live in LaOtto, Indiana. Sue wed Walter Paden but divorced. In May, 1980, she married William Stearns in Fort Wayne and they had Stuart William, born June, 1982, and Zane Watson, born June, 1984, both in Fort Wayne. Sue and Bill divorced. Dan married Darcy Shank in Kendallville and divorced, later marrying Marie Desjardins in Santa Monica, California, in December, 1984. They have a son, Colin Michael, born June, 1985. Cindy married Bill Paden, May, 1976, in Daytona Beach, Florida, and they had Christina Marie, born November 1976, prior to their divorce. Cindy and Christina now live in Ormond Beach, Florida. Melvin and Phyllis moved from Kendallville in 1975, to Phyllis' deceased parents home in rural Farmer, Ohio, and lived there one and a fourth years before moving to 2015 Short Street in Fort Wayne. Phyllis had retired from nursing prior to their move to Farmer and Mel had retired from the V.A. Hospital in 1973. Mel now enjoys the many activities offered in Fort Wayne, while Phyllis does some volunteer work. Mel's parents died in Defiance, Ohio, Carson on 14 July 1965, and Martha on 19 June 1974. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery there. Carson had been a farmer. Phyllis' parents died in Defiance, Ohio, Bertha Lou in February, 1973, and Dan in June, 1975. They are buried in the Farmer Cemetery.

Lyston and Mary Betz

LYSTON DALE BETZ, born 19 June 1928, Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Otis Jefferson and Gertrude Mary (Everetts) Betz, Mary Ruth Biddle, born 22 August 1929, Noble County, Indiana, to Elmer John and Elma Nadene (Targgart) Biddle, Lyston and Mary met at the Silvermoon Roller Skating Rink outside of Waterloo. After dating, they wed in Kendallville, Indiana, on 27 September 1947. For a time they lived with Lyston's parents in Butler. Then they rented a home outside town. Lyston had started working at the Auburn Foundry, 8 May 1947. Janie Lee was born to them on 3 April 1948, at Sander's Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. A home was bought at 246 West Main in Butler. On 27 July 1954, in Garrett, Indiana, Terry Dale was born. In 1956, the family rented a farm home in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. In 1957 or 1958, they bought the house at 146 West Willow in Butler. After Terry was in school, Mary went to Beautician College. After graduation, she started a shop in her home. Lyston and Mary divorced in September, 1971. Lyston stayed at that house and Mary moved to 150 West Willow, where she started another beauty shop. Lyston continued to work at the foundry and stayed unmarried. In his 40's and 50's, he enjoyed dancing greatly and visited many nightclubs in Fort Wayne. Mary was remarried to Otis Gilbert Betz, in Auburn, 1972, in Butler and they lived in Mary's house. He died in May of 1982, in the DeKalb Hospital, and is buried in the Eddy Cemetery in northeast DeKalb County, Indiana. In June, 1983, Mary wed Dale Christlieb in Butler, and they lived in Mary's home. Mary still has a shop but also works at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler. Mary Ruth enjoys the outdoors and gardening. She also crochets afghans and makes quilts. She is a hard worker who looks forward to traveling in the future. Lyston, who started as a moulder then a core room worker, attended work very faithfully. In September, 1985, he had surgery and was afflicted with pain after that, disabling his working ability. Lyston died at his home on 20 November 1985, and is buried in the Eddy Cemetery. Janie married Phil Grussing in September of 1967, in Hicksville, Ohio. There were two children: Bill, born 1968, and Kelly, born 1970, both in Fort Wayne. Terry married Sharon Ward, December, 1972, then divorced. Cheryl Rhodes married him March, 1975, and they had a son, Christopher, born December, 1975. They divorced. Terry wed Sharon Collins, August, 1978, and had Angela Mary, born February, 1979. They divorced. All Terry's marriages were in DeKalb County, and the children were both born in Bryan, Ohio.

PHILIP MELVIN GRUSSING, son of Melvin and Phyllis (Watson) Grussing, born in Waukegon, Illinois, on 13 August 1948, and Janie Lee Betz, daughter of Lyston and Mary (Biddle) Betz, born in Auburn, Indiana, on 3 April 1948, met at the Eastside School in Butler in September, 1963, when the schools were consolidated. Through-

Phillip Grussing Family

out the next three years in school, they dated much of the time. After graduation in 1966, Phil went to work at the Broadway General Electric in Fort Wayne and attended their apprentice program. Janie attended college at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, and also had a job at Parkview Hospital in the intensive care unit. On 16 September 1967, Phil and Janie were wed in the St. John's Lutheran Church at Hicksville, Ohio.

They lived at the Three Fountains Apartments near McMillen Park in Fort Wayne. Phil and Janie continued with their school until January, 1968. At that time, Phil started working as a full time employee for General Electric. On 1 April 1968, a son, William Lee, was born at Parkview Hospital. In July, 1968, Phil, Janie, and Bill moved to 150 West Willow Street in Butler. Janie started back to school that summer to pursue her nursing degree. In June, 1969, she graduated and became a registered nurse. She started her career at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. On 2 May 197~~0,~~ Kelly Susanne was born to Phil and Janie at Parkview Hospital. The family continued to live at the Butler address until August, 1971, when they moved to LaOtto in Noble County, Indiana.

Phil worked at G.E. until 1982, then started working at a small shop in Garrett, Fil's Machine. Janie has worked as a nurse at the Garrett Hospital, Kendallville Hospital, and East Noble School Corporation. Phil enjoys the outside with fishing, canoeing, and hiking. Janie enjoys hiking and working with plants. Gardening is a family project with the effort to do things organically.

Bill graduated from East Noble High School in May, 1986, and plans to go to ITT College in Fort Wayne. He works at Richard's Restaurant in Kendallville. Kelly, a sophomore in the 1985-86 school year at East Noble, works at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. Melvin and Phyllis Grussing live in Fort Wayne.

Asa Haynes Children

ASA PHILANDER HAYNES, born in Guilford, Vermont, on 17 October 1812, to Reverend Asa and Sally (Briggs) Haynes. Reverend Asa was born 7 September 1784, in Guilford, to Vine and Polly (Brown) Haynes. Reverend Asa preached the Methodist Episcopalian faith, in Alges and Green River churches near Guilford. Sally (Briggs) Haynes was born in Winchester, New Hampshire, 21 June 1786. They are buried in the Maplehurst Cemetery near Guilford, outside Brattleboro.

Asa Philander Haynes married Mary Polly Parsons on 25 January 1835, in Guilford, Vermont. She was born 4 October 1816, to Andrew and Rebekah Parsons and was from Vernon, Vermont. They started west, and it is said they used part of the Erie Canal to get here. They stopped a short time near Cleveland, Ohio, to work on a dairy farm and there they had their first child, Mary Celesta, was born 19 November 1835. They came in covered wagons on the old wagon trail running from Defiance, Ohio, to Orland, Indiana, and first settled on a farm on the Bellefountaine Road, across from the area now known as Eddy Cemetery, in 1837. In 1839, they bought eighty acres near Fish Creek in Troy Township. Their first house didn't have a floor and they used a heavy blanket for the door. The second house, built of logs, had an attic, a floor, and a door. Mary Polly Haynes taught school in her kitchen, since there was no schoolhouse, for various families' children.

Asa Philander Haynes died 8 September 1852, and Mary Polly Haynes died 28 April 1853, here in DeKalb County, Indiana, and are buried at Eddy Cemetery. They left six children, the oldest being Mary Celesta, who married Gilbert Charles Everetts. The other children were: Matilda Amelis, born 26 February 1838, married William Nelson Rima, 14 January 1855, and lived in Steuben County, Indiana, some years prior to their move to Kansas in March, 1882. She died in Cedar, Kansas, November, 1911, and is buried there. They had nine children. Seymour Philander, born 5 October 1840, unmarried, killed in the Civil War; Andrew Asa, born 9 April 1844, married Martha Leason, 31 August 1867, in DeKalb County, where they lived their lives. Andrew died August, 1908, and is buried at Eddy's. They had two children. Francis Volney, born 7 May 1846, married Sarah Adellsess Ritter, 26 May 1867, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Frank homesteaded one hundred twenty acres in Smith County, Kansas, Cedarville City. He also homesteaded at Concordia, Kansas, Marshall County. They had seven children. Francis Volney died in Englewood, California, 21 June 1920, and is buried there. Esther Sarah was born 29 October 1850, married Gottlieb Rickley, 22 March 1873, in DeKalb County, and they have one son. She divorced and remarried John Zull, Henry Leonard, and then Samuel Porter. She died in Muskegan, Michigan, April, 1910, and is buried at the Eddy Cemetery.

Elmer and Prudie Betz

ELMER OLIVER BETZ, born to Jefferson and Jenny (Musser) Betz, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 13 May 1875. He married Mary Relano Stout, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jones or Johns) Stout, on 14 May 1898, in Hamilton, Indiana. Mary Relano was born in Edon, Ohio, on 7 October 1882. Mary Relano and Elmer made their home in rural Hamilton. There was a son born to this marriage, Otis Jefferson, 1 May 1899, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County. A divorce was granted in DeKalb County 22 December 1903. Mary Relano (Stout) Betz moved to Michigan after her divorce, and wed Walter Stickney.

Elmer Oliver Betz and son lived with his folks until he was remarried. Being lonely, he put an ad in the paper and Prudie Melvina Bartoff answered the ad, since she was lonely too. Elmer and Prudie fell instantly in love and were married in Plymouth, Indiana, on 10 March 1904. Prudie's maiden name was Kline, the daughter of William and Ellen (Gibson) Kline, born on 12 May 1876, in Plymouth, Indiana. Prudie had a daughter, Agnes Muriel, from a previous marriage to Jim Bartoff, born 6 October 1899, in Plymouth, Indiana. Elmer and Prudie Betz conceived a daughter, Elta Olive, born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 5 December 1905. They all five formed a family that lived in Franklin Township and farmed. After Prudie's father, William Kline, became a widower, he came to live with Elmer and Prudie, around 1910. After Elmer's mother died, his father, Jefferson, came to live with the family occasionally also. William Kline died in their home in 1924, and was buried in the cemetery at the south edge of Plymouth.

Elmer and Prudie raised the three combined children to adulthood. Agnes Muriel Bartoff wed Jim Whitbey in DeKalb County, Indiana, and lived in Fort Wayne. They had three children: Hazel, Virginia, and Adelene. Agnes and Jim divorced and she remarried Cecil Allomong in Columbia City, Indiana, and they lived in Franklin Township, DeKalb County. They divorced. Agnes died in Fort Wayne and is buried in Hamilton Cemetery. Otis Jefferson Betz married Gertrude Mary Everetts on 1 October 1919, in DeKalb County, Indiana. They lived there also and had a daughter, Kate, and three sons: Everett, Gilbert, and Lyston.

Elta Olive Betz wed Harry Fagley Mortorff, 5 December 1923, in Auburn, Indiana, and they lived in the Hamilton, Indiana, area, having three children: Lyle, Leora, and Lynn.

Prudie Melvina Betz fell and broke her hip, she died with complications on 13 February 1967, in the Angola, Indiana, Hospital. Elmer lived for a short time by himself in Hamilton, then lived with his children for various time periods. He then went to the Butler Rest Home, where he died 23 February 1968. Both are buried in the Hamilton, Indiana, Cemetery.

GERTRUDE MARY EVERETTS AND OTIS JEFFERSON BETZ married 1 October 1919, in Auburn, Indiana. Gertrude was born 4 August 1898, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Gilbert Conrad and Maude May (Betts) Everetts. Gertrude walked or skated down the Fish Creek to attend the Cole School. Later she worked at Circle Park on Hamilton Lake in the restaurant and skating rink. Otis was born to Elmer Oliver and Mary Relano (Stout) Betz in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 1

Otis and Gertrude Betz

May 1899. He attended the Franklin Number 2 school.

When Otis and Gertie were married, they lived on a farm. Otis was a meat cutter and farmer. Lois Katherine was born 12 September 1917, in Troy Township. Three sons were born to Otis and Gertie in DeKalb County: Everett Elmer, 15 October 1920; Otis Gilbert, 13 February 1925; and Lyston Dale, born 29 June 1928.

Later Otis obtained a job on the Wabash Railroad, and they moved into Butler at 142 West Willow. Gertrude secured a job at the Marshall Clothing Manufacturing Company. Otis worked many years laying ties and rails between Montpelier, Ohio, through Butler, and into New Haven, Indiana. Gertie worked at an area in Marshall's for many years where she put letters on sports clothing in certain fashions. There were sewers who worked under her instructions. She then became cook at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Otis contracted cancer of the lungs in 1978, and, despite therapy, died 12 August 1979, in DeKalb County, Indiana. He was buried in Eddy's Cemetery. Gertie continued to live at home, being very able to care for herself. She and Otis had enjoyed going on short trips with family members and she continued to do this. She was able to do a fine job of driving herself, too. She was sick for a week, kept getting weaker, and died 18 February 1986, in DeKalb Hospital. She was buried next to Otis in the Eddy Cemetery.

Their children all married and had families. Kate married Ray Talmage in Jackson, Michigan, and they had four children. Otis Gilbert wed Betty Strouse in Angola, Indiana, and Lyston married Mary Ruth Biddle in Kendallville, Indiana. Lyston and Gilbert each had two children. Everett, Lyston, and Gilbert lived in DeKalb County, Indiana, while Kate remained in Jackson, Michigan.

Issac Betts Family

ISAAC LEVI BETTS, born 22 August 1856, in perhaps Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. To Isaac Levi and Sophia (Leeininger) Betts. His parents came to Indiana in 1851. Isaac Levi and Sophia spoke only German.

Isaac married Harriet May Barnes on 18 February 1870, in the home of Reverend James House in Atwood, Indiana, Kosciusko County. Harriet's father was Flavius Josephius Barnes and her mother was Elizabeth (Stope) Barnes. Flavius and Elizabeth resided in Atwood and were the parents of three children: Harriet and Eliza, born 1861 and married John Shepter, buried in Allen County, Indiana; Elijah, who lived in Douglas and Elk Creek, Nebraska, and died 22 December 1941. He is buried in Rock Creek, Iowa. Elizabeth died and then Flavius remarried a lady named Dolly. Sometime Flavius and Dolly moved west. Some of their children, it is believed, were born in Indiana and maybe some in Nebraska or Iowa. They had fourteen children: Bertha, Dolly, Flavie, Clara, Gladys, Mettie, Doil, Gibbard, Mabel, Nellie, Blanch, Ada, Lula, and Florence. Flavius is buried in the Rock Creek, Iowa Cemetery, and died 11 January 1917, aged eighty years, four months, and three days.

After Isaac and Harriet were wed, they lived in Atwood for awhile, where their child, Maude May was born on 1 May 1880. They moved to Ashley, Indiana, when there were very few homes erected and people lived in tents. He was an employee of the Wabash Railroad. Another daughter was born to them, Florence May, in Steubenville, Steuben County, Indiana, on 8 May 1889.

Isaac Levi and Harriet May Betts lived in their Ashley home for fifty years. He was a member of the St. John's Reformed Church. He enjoyed growing flowers. He was a tall, thin man who sported a mustache. Harriet was short and always looked happy, but she could make you know she meant business if you were naughty. Isaac passed away from a stroke suffered a few days before on 18 February 1943, in his daughter Flo's home in Butler, Indiana. Harriet died in DeKalb County also, on 30 November 1943. Both lie at rest in Eddy Cemetery in northeast DeKalb County.

Their daughter Maude married Gilbert Conrad Everetts, and lived in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. They had fourteen children, twelve growing to adulthood, named: Gertrude, Charles, Andrew, Flavie, Joseph, infant daughter Esther, Harriet, Gladys, Gilbert, Theodore, Helen, Floyd Earl, Gilbert Conrad, Florence Evangeline, infant son, and Lyle.

The other daughter of Levi and Harriet, Flo, married Fred Bondoe, and they lived in Fort Wayne, had no children, and divorced. She then wed Ernest C. Myers in Ashley on 27 April 1911. They lived in various cities but finally settled in Butler, Indiana. Flo and Ernie had no children. She died 11 July 1962, and Ernie died just a few months later. They are buried in the Eddy Cemetery.

ISAAC LEVI BETTS, born in Pennsylvania on 27 July 1829. His father's name was William, born in Pennsylvania, and his mother's name is not known, but she was born in Pennsylvania also, according to the DeKalb County courthouse death records. Isaac wed Sophia Leeininger on 18 February 1849. She was born in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, on 3 March 1824. In early girlhood, she united with the Lutheran Church.

Sophia and Levi moved to Indiana in 1851. They lived west of Summitt, Indiana, in Northeast DeKalb County. In 1870, she joined the Lutheran Church in Hudson, Indiana.

There were five boys and two girls born to Isaac and Sophia. They were: Isaac Levi, born 22 August 1856, married to Harriet May Barnes; John, wed to Lavina Roop, it is believed, and died 6 July 1925, buried in the Hamilton, Indiana, Cemetery; Solomon, possibly married to Sarah Roop on 24 August 1879 in DeKalb County, Indiana, and lived in the Montpelier, Ohio, area; George, unmarried, buried at the Ashley Circle Cemetery west of Ashley, Indiana; William married Flora May Wells, and they had at least one child, Milo S. Betts, born at Rolls Lake, Indiana and died in DeKalb County when 17 years, 2 months, and 20 days, on 9 August 1903. Flora died, a widow, 12 December 1942, in DeKalb County, and William, Flora, and Milo are buried in the Circle Cemetery outside of Ashley; Becky, wed to Emmanuel Musser and also Bill Shaffer, is buried at the Hamilton Cemetery. According to a great granddaughter, Gertrude Betz, Levi and Sophia spoke only German. Sophia died west of Summit, Indiana, DeKalb County, on 27 January 1904, aged 79 years, 10 months, and 24 days. The funeral was at Barker's chapel with interment at the Hamilton Cemetery. Levi died in DeKalb County, Indiana, just down the road from his home, but his death is recorded in Steuben County, Indiana. He died 22 May 1904, and is buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

JOHN GEORGE LEINS, born in Germany in 1822. Rosena Magdalena Mueller was born 20 July 1828, at Badenback, Goeppingen Wertemberg, Germany.

On 16 January 1852, John Leins married Rosena Mueller in Germany and in 1854, they, with their baby girl Roseta, came to America, settling in Noble County, Indiana.

John and Rosena were farmers and purchased a farm in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1878, for $5100.00. This farm is located southwest of Corunna, Indiana.

Twelve children were born to John and Rosena Leins: Roseta, who married Andrew Schurr, Mary, Katheran, George F., Henry, William, John F., Manda, David, Adam, and two children who died in infancy.

John George Leins died on 21 November 1901. Rosena Leins died on 26 December 1903. Both were affiliated with the German Lutheran Church and both are buried in the Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Andrew and Rosetta Schurr

ANDREW SCHURR, born in Wertemburg, Germany, on 3 June 1847. At the age of 24, he and his sister, Sophia, left Breman, Germany, and came to America, arriving at the port of New York around the sixth of July, 1871 aboard the vessel Rhine. Andrew worked at Cleveland, Ohio, when he first arrived in this country and by 1876, was found to be in the Noble County area.

Rosetta Magdalena (Leins) Schurr was born 7 December 1853, to John George and Rosena (Mueller) Leins in Wertemburg, Germany. Rosetta came to America with her parents when she was six weeks old and story has it was carried aboard the vessel in a Wooden bread box.

Andrew Schurr and Rosetta M. Leins were married in Noble County on 14 December 1876, and remained there until 1903 when they purchased sixty acres of farmland in Fairfield Township for $3100.00 where they resided the rest of their lives.

The Schurr's had eleven children: Rosine "Rosa", married Milo Friend; William F.; Solomon S.; Herman H., married Velma Wallace; and three children who died in infancy — Alfred, Charles, and Catherine.

Andrew Schurr is best described as a gentle, quiet, hard working man with a great sense of humor. One of the traditions he kept with his family was portraying Santa for his children and, later, grandchildren. Memories are recalled of Andrew appearing from across a field with a pack over his back, delighting the children with his arrival.

Rosetta was a warm friendly person, with a friendly welcome to anyone who visited her home. She is remembered for her lavish meals and her hospitality. Although her last years were spent blind and bedfast, her smile never faded.

In 1921, at seventy-four years of age, Andrew Schurr became a naturalized citizen of the United States. He and Rosetta were regular members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Sixteen Church, located in Richland Township.

Andrew and Rosetta both passed away in their home. Andrew died 24 May 1930, at the age of eighty-two, and Rosetta expired 15 January 1945, at the age of ninety-one. Both are buried in Sixteen Cemetery.

CHESTER FRICK, born to Daniel and Lizzie (Getts) Frick, 27 December 1907, in Smithfield Township, north of the Waterloo Cemetery. Chester had two sisters: Mary, married Earl Pierson, and Bessie, died while quite young.

Henry and Mary (Smith) Frick were Chester's paternal grandparents, and John Getts his maternal grandfather.

Feagler School, located a half mile north of Chester's home, is where he obtained his education. His teacher was Danny Walker.

Chester has worked at various occupations: farming, for the highway department, a Short Way bus driver, and in the Short Way garage. The Fricks had a store in Waterloo, called the Bargain Inn. He enjoys fishing.

Helen Schlosser, daughter of Frank and Louise Schlosser, became Chester's bride, 24 December 1929. They were married at the parsonage of St. Michael's Church, north of Waterloo.

Three children were born to them. Eugene married Mary Lou Myrick. Betty Lou married Curtis Roose, and Patricia became Mrs. James Strayer.

JOHN MATHIAS SHOUDEL, born in Bavaria, Germany, near a village called Bundenthal, 17 April, 1814. His father's name was also John, and nothing is known of his mother.

Magdalena Miller, born 24 May 1816, to John Miller and his wife, whose maiden name was Trapp. The Millers lived in the same area as the Shoudels.

John M. Shoudel and Magdalena Miller were married in their native land and their first four children were born there.

John had learned the trade of a weaver and farmer and in 1854, left his family to come to America. After spending a few months in New York, he went to Chicago to work on the docks. While living there in 1855, he sent for his family.

In 1857, John joined with four other men: Frank A. Miller, John Miller, Xavier Schmidt, and Frederick Schmidt, and they brought their families to Smithfield Township, where they pooled their money, bought forty acres of land in Section 15 for $300.00, and divided it five ways. Frank and John Miller were brothers-in-law of John Shoudel and the Schmidts were brothers-in-law of Frank Miller. The land in question was very primitive and had to be cleared for farming. Thus were the humble beginnings of the German Catholic community around what is now St. Michael's.

John and Magdalena were the parents of five children: Baltzer R., married Martha Karr; Michael L, wed Joanna Reinig; Johannes, never married and passed away at the age of twenty-one; Mathias E., married Elizabeth May, and after her death, married Mary Anna May; and Agnes, wed George May.

John Shoudel used his middle name of Mathias, perhaps because his father's name was also John, and spelled Shoudel as "Schaudel," which is the way it is on his tombstone, but not on his wife, Magdalena's.

John M. Shoudel was one of the original group of men who petitioned Bishop Dwenger in 1880 to form the parish of St. Michael's and after such permission was granted, he donated the ground for construction of the church. Unfortunately, he died on 17 April 1881, four months before the completion of the church and became the first person to be buried in St. Michael's cemetery. Magdalena (Miller) Shoudel died 15 February 1888, and is buried beside her husband.

George May Family

GEORGE MAY, born 5 January 1854, in Erie County, New York, the oldest child of Valentine and Magdalene (Kuhn) May.

Valentine May was born and raised in Alsace, France, the son of Rinehart May. Upon reaching maturity, Valentine spent seven years in the French army and, in about 1850, came to America with his parents.

Magdalene Kuhn was also born in Alsace, the daughter of Anthony and Christina Kuhn. She married Valentine May in Erie County, New York, where they settled and became the parents of ten children: George, Mary (May) Barth, Valentine, Catherine (May) Linde, Elizabeth (May) Dauscher, Magdalena (May) Simmit, John G., Rosa (May) Klein, Anna (May) Foit, and Joseph.

Valentine passed away 1 May 1903, and Magdalene was reported to be eighty-two years old in the 1914 History and still living in the Erie County home. Magdalene's mother, Christina Kuhn, was reported to be one hundred three when she died and her grandmother, Christina Steinmetz, was said to have been one hundred ten when she passed away three days after the battle of Wurth, where her home was blown away over her head due to its location between the two armies of France and Prussia.

George May remained in Erie County, New York, until 1878 when, after receiving his education and learning the trade of blacksmith, he decided to come to Smithfield Township.

On 30 April 1878, George May married Agnes Shoudel, daughter of John M. and Magdalena (Miller) Shoudel. Agnes was born 20 October 1856, in Chicago, Illinois, and came to Smithfield Township with her parents when she was an infant.

In the early 1880's, George and Agnes May obtained a farm in Smithfield Township, where they remained for the rest of their lives. The farm had been in the Shoudel family, Agnes' family, for several years prior to their moving there, and has stayed in the family since then, being presently owned by Otto May, a grandson of the George May's.

George May served as Township Assessor and on County Council in the early 1900's. He was also a salesman for the Mutual Fire Insurance Company for Smithfield Township for a number of years.

George and Agnes became the parents of nine children, three of whom died as infants. The others were: Mike, wed Carrie Housworth; Magdalena married Andrew Zircher; John M. wed Mary A. Dapp; Katherine and Mary both remained single and lived on the home place; and Anna married George DeLucenay.

George May died 9 November 1949, two months shy of his ninety-sixth birthday. Agnes (Shoudel) May passed away 10 June 1917. Both are buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

John and Mary May

JOHN MATTHEAS MAY, born on 27 January 1882, on a farm north of Waterloo, and a short distance east of St. Michael's. He was the son of George and Agnes (Shoudel) May and spent all of his youth to maturity at the same location.

Mary Agnes Dapp was born on 9 August 1885, on a farm close to the May farm. She was the daughter of Henry and Magdalene (Schiffli) Dapp.

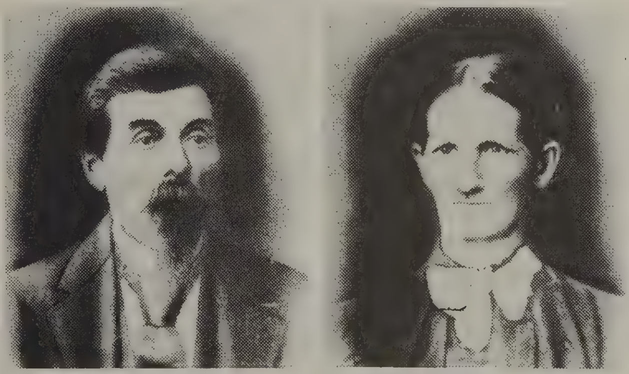
On 26 June 1906, John May married Mary Dapp at St. Michael's Catholic Church where both had attended since birth and were to remain members the balance of their lives.

Soon after their marriage, they purchased a farm about four miles west of St. Michael's, where they raised their family of seven children. Agnes married Leo Hollis and resides in Garrett; Ester married and divorced Robert Nessel and was married to and widowed by G.F. Koehlinger and presently resides in Fort Wayne; Veronica married Edward Schlosser and lives in Waterloo; Norbert married Cordella Diederch and lives east of Waterloo; Otto married Joan Schmidt and lives north of Waterloo on the farm his grandfather owned and where his father was raised.

John often related stories of going to the town of Summit as a youth and young farmer selling his harvest. That seemed to be the local gathering place in those days.

Mary was a typical hard working farm wife who could not resist listening in on the party lives of the old hand crank phones. She use to hush her grandchildren as she carefully picked up the receiver to get the latest neighborhood gossip and if this had been written when she was alive, the writer would have been scolded for sure.

Mary (Dapp) May died on 27 October 1970, and is buried at St. Michael's Cemetery. John May passed away on 29 November 1972, just shy of his ninety-first birthday and was buried beside his wife.



John and Caroline Pfefferkorn

JOHN PFEFFERKORN, born 28 may 1843, in the Alsace, France area close to the Rhine River on the French-German border. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Mufillheiser) Pfefferkorn.

Caroline Thalmann was born 23 December 1842, in the same area as John Pfefferkorn.

John and Caroline were married in the area of their childhood and left with their children in 1880 to come to America. They departed from Harve, France aboard the ship, Amerique, and arrived in New York City on 22 April 1880. Also on board the above ship was the Anthony Schiffli family.

The Pfefferkorns eventually settled on a farm west and north of St. Michael's near Summit, where they raised a family of ten children: Mary, wife of George Ellert; Louise wed Frank Schlosser; Jennie married Mike Schlosser; Jim married Mary Richter; John; Carrie, wife of Lawrence Richter; Rose wed Henry Schmidt; Anthony; Andrew married Louise Vanderbosh; Denna became the wife of Elude Blotkamp.

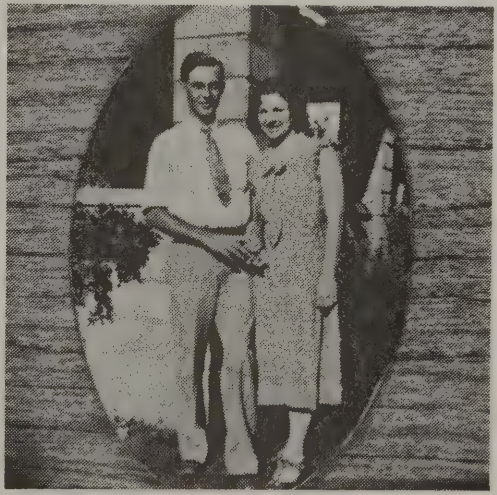
John Pfefferkorn died 5 November 1899, and is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. Caroline (Thalmann) Pfefferkorn passed away 7 November 1923, and is also buried in the St. Michael's Cemetery.

FRANCIS ANTONE MILLER/MUELLER, born 2 March 1818, in Bavaria, Germany, near a village called Bundenthal, to John Miller and his wife, whose maiden name was Trapp. Frank, as he was known, had three brothers and two sisters: Magdalene, who married John M. Shoudel; Joseph; Mary Anna married Sebastian Hohl; Baltasaar married Magdalene Burkhart; John married Sophie Koehler.

Magdalene Schmidt was born in the Bundenthal area and upon reaching maturity, married Frank A. Miller. They are the parents of two daughters: Catherine was born in Germany and married Frederick Schlosser, and Frances was born in Chicago and married John Hoffelder.

Magdalene (Schmidt) Miller died sometime between 1870 and 1880. Her burial place is unknown, probably in the Buch's farm or the Rope Street Cemetery, northeast of Waterloo.

Upon the death of his first wife, Frank married Rebecca Furney. He passed away 9 May 1903, and was buried at St. Michael's Cemetery, where he was one of the original founders.



Elden and Ruth Hohman

ELDEN HOHMAN, son of Edward and Maudine (Deetz) Hohman. He was born on a farm in Kosciusko County, Indiana, on 28 December 1911. Elden's maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Mary (Snellenbarger) Deetz. Most of his childhood was spent in Noble County, where he attended Riley Grade School in Kendallville, until the eighth grade. At this time, out of necessity, he was required to leave school and obtain work to help financially at home. Elden had two half-brothers: Frank "Jack" Oliver, deceased, and Don L. Oliver, now residing in Kendallville, and a sister, Mary Alice (Hohman) Jewert, now living in Pennsylvania.

Ruth Magdalena Friend was born on 12 March 1907, in DeKalb County, to Milo and Rosine "Rose" (Schurr) Friend at the home of her paternal grandparents, Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. She has a sister, Ethel (Friend) Hills, and a brother, Carl Friend. Ruth's education began at Corunna School and later, after her family moved to a farm, she attended the two room West Richland School. Ruth's first three years of high school were obtained at the Corunna School, where they offered three years of secondary school. She completed her fourth and final year at the Kendallville High School, graduating in 1926. While attending school there, Ruth and her sister, Ethel, stayed with a classmate's grandfather during the week, doing housework for their room and board, and coming home on weekends to visit their family.

Ruth M. Friend and Elden E. Hohman were married at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Waterloo on 12 May 1935. They are the parents of two children: Norma Jean, who married DeWayne Schlosser, and Allen LeRoy, who married Cheryl Gaff. Allen and Cheryl reside outside of Butler, and are the parents of two daughters: Amanda and Amy. Allen is employed at Dana Corporation, Auburn, as a tool grinder and often creates oil paintings in his spare time.

Elden Hohman worked in several factories in the area as a young man, one of them being the Auburn Automotive Company. He completed courses and became a drafting designer working for many years in design for McCray Refrigeration, Kendallville. In the early years of his marriage, he was involved in doing body work and painting automobiles to earn extra income and during the last few years of his working career, he owned and operated his own machine shop.

Elden was involved in many hobbies and as a young man was associated with the George Bellford Acrobatic Troop. He was also a member of the Bar-None Saddle Club in its early existence, and enjoyed photography and fishing.

Ruth Hohman was employed at Messenger Corporation, Waterloo Canning Factory, T and H Products, and Albright's One Stop. She attended the Methodist Church regularly and at one time taught Sunday School. As a young lady, she often played piano duets and sang with her sister, Ethel.

Elden and Ruth moved from Auburn to Corunna in 1948, where they remained for the balance of their lives.

Elden died on 4 June 1970, at the age of fifty-eight. Ruth died on 21 February 1978, just shy of her seventy-second birthday. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Anthony and Catherine Schiffli

ANTHONY SCHIFFLI, born on 7 December 1825, in Alsace, France, the son of Christian and Gertrude Schiffli, both of whom were born, raised, and lived in Alsace.

Catherine Fetters was born on 23 October 1833, in the same area as the Schifflis. She was the daughter of Ferdinard and Gertrude Fetters.

In 1880 Anthony and his family came to America, departing from Harve, France, on the ship, America, and landing in New York City on 22 April 1880. They happened to be ship's passengers with John Pfefferkorn and his family.

The Schifflis came directly to Summit where their eldest daughter, Gertrude, and Mrs. Schiffli's brother, Ferdinard Fetters, had preceded them in coming to America.

Shortly thereafter, they purchased forty acres of land west of Summit, where they lived for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Schiffli had seven children: Gertrude, married Louis Bobst, of Garrett; Caroline, married Michael Frelinger, and lived in Albion, Michigan; Magdalena was the wife of Henry Dapp; Anthony lived in Garrett; Theresa married a Mr. Faust; Ignatius lived in Garrett; Anna married Frank Feller, and resided just north of St. Michael's.

Catherine (Fetters) Schiffli passed away on 26 March 1894, at her home and was buried at St. Michael's Cemetery. Anthony Schiffli died on 22 August 1898, at the home of his daughter in Garrett, and was also buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Frederick and Catherine Schlosser

FREDERICK SCHLOSSER, born 22 November 1841, in Bundenthal, Bavaria Falls, Germany, the son of George and Lena (Swibraker) Schlosser. In about 1865 or 1866, he came to America and, after spending a few months in New York, traveled to and settled in Chicago.

Catherine Miller was born 12 October 1849, also in Bundenthal, Germany, the daughter of Frank A. and Magdalene (Schmidt) Miller.

On 20 November 1866, Frederick Schlosser and Catherine Miller were married in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Waterloo, the first Catholic Church in DeKalb County. The ceremony was one of the earliest known marriages performed in the church.

After the wedding, Fred and Catherine returned to Chicago, where Fred was a molder in a foundry. A few years later, due to health, Fred left the foundry and started a broom making business. In October, 1871, Fred, Catherine, and their three young daughters were among 300,000 people living in Chicago when the great fire broke out. They buried their furniture, as did many people, in an attempt to save it. Fortunately, the fire stopped two blocks from their residence.

With half the people of Chicago homeless, things were in complete turmoil. Fred and Catherine decided to move back to DeKalb County, where her father lived. Late in 1872, they purchased a residence in Uniontown (Waterloo) and Fred continued to make and sell brooms until September, 1899, when he traded the property to Alda Kelly for a farm of forty acres in Franklin Township. The farm was located about three miles north of Butler. Fred and Catherine remained here until September, 1904, when they purchased an eighty acre farm in Smithfield Township, where they remained until Fred's death.

Fred and Catherine were the parents of twelve children -four sons and eight daughters: Fred, settled in Wisconsin; Frank; John; and Mike, all settled and farmed in the St. Michael's area; Francis married Lewis Friend; Catherine married Peter Hoffelder; Mary wed Joseph Demske; Anna married a Mr. Jane; Rose wed Charles Pillorid; Magdalena married Joseph Miller; Dorothy wed Emery Martin; and Theresa wed Louis Martin.

Catherine settled in Oklahoma, Mary in Avilla, Rose in Toledo, while Magdalena, Dorothy, Theresa, and Anna all lived in Chicago.

Fred Schlosser passed away on 1 August 1912, at his home in Smithfield Township, and was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. Catherine (Miller) Schlosser passed away on 24 January 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Martin, in Chicago, and was also buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Frank and Louise Schlosser

FRANK JOSEPH SCHLOSSER, born 8 March 1872, in DeKalb County, Indiana. He was the son of Frederick and Catherine (Miller) Schlosser, and was raised in Uniontown (Waterloo).

Louise Pfefferkorn was born 4 July 1875, in the Alsace-Lorraine region between France and Germany, in the vicinity of a village called Schirrhein. She was the daughter of John and Caroline (Thalmann) Pfefferkorn. Louise emigrated with her parents and family when she was about five years old, disembarking from Harve, France, on the ship, Amerique, and arriving in New York City 22 April 1880. She was raised on a farm northwest of St. Michael's Church.

On 11 May 1898, Frank Schlosser married

Louise Pfefferkorn at St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo, where they remained lifelong members.

Frank and Louise purchased an eighty acre farm from A.S. Farrington on 18 February 1902 for $2950.00. The land is located northwest of Waterloo in Smithfield Township, and was sold by the Schlosser family in 1979, at a price of $96,000.00.

Frank was very proud of the barn he had built in 1915, using lumber from his woods. He borrowed $500.00 against the farm for this purpose, and hid the cash in a shed to pay off the barn builders weekly. On one occasion, as he went to the hiding place to retrieve some of the cash, a near-catastrophe occurred as mice had nested in his cash and chewed on many of the bills. Fortunately, the bank was able to read the serial numbers on most of the bills and, therefore, exchanged them.

Frank and Louise (Pfefferkorn) Schlosser were the parents of eight children: Charles died as an infant; Emma married Walter Friend and settled in Mishewaka, Indiana; Minnie married Aloysius (Toots) Hollis and lives in Garrett, Indiana; Cecilia married Germaine Hollis, Toot's brother, and lives one block from Minnie; Helen married Chester Frick and resides in Waterloo, Indiana; Leo never married and farmed the home place until his death in 1978; Edward married Veronica May and lives in Waterloo; and Katheryn married Albert Dunn and settled on a farm south of Waterloo, Indiana.

Louise (Pfefferkorn) Schlosser died 11 June 1930, and is buried at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. Frank Schlosser passed away 12 October 1960, and is buried beside his wife.

Ed and Veronica Schlosser

EDWARD FREDERICK SCHLOSSER, born 6 December 1912, on a farm five miles northwest of Waterloo, to Frank and Louise (Pfefferkorn) Schlosser. His childhood years were all spent at the above farm while he attended Smithfield Township Grade Schools and Waterloo High School, having graduated in 1930.

Veronica May was born 15 May 1914, on a farm three miles west of St. Michael's Church to John and Mary (Dapp) May. She attended Smithfield Township Grade Schools and Ashley High School, graduating in 1932.

Edward F. Schlosser and Veronica K. May were married 2 January 1937, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo.

Ed worked at the State Highway Garage, Short Way Bus Line, factories in Auburn and Garrett, and as a maintenance worker prior to his retirement in 1978. Veronica worked at the Auburn Rubber Company, weaved rugs for many years and was employed in domestic housework prior to her retirement. She is an excellent seamstress and specializes in quilting and dollmaking as hobbies.

Four children were born to the above union: DeWayne married Norma Hohman, and lives in Auburn, where he is an engineer at Dana Corporation. They are the parents of Karen, married Brian Flesch, Kevin, married Pat Bowers, Kraig, and Kyle; Charlotte married and divorced William Miller, lives in Fort Wayne where she is a partner in ownership of Woodview Healthcare Nursing Home and is the mother of Maria and Ed; William married Sandra Mills and resides north of Auburn. He was a teacher at DeKalb High School for many years and is presently a supervisor at Cooper Tire. Sandy is an L.P.N. and worked several years at the Waterloo Clinic prior to obtaining employment at Rieke Corporation. They are the parents of Rodney, Chris, Kimberly, Tracie, and Stefanie; Mary Jo married Michael Schmidt and they reside in Auburn. Mike is employed as a semi-truck driver and she is a secretary-receptionist for Doctor Hippensteel. They are the parents of Michael, Tricia, Jennifer, and Carrie.

Ed and Veronica Schlosser have been lifelong residents of Waterloo, having lived at their present address for about forty-four years and members, since their marriage fifty years ago, of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

DEWAYNE F. SCHLOSSER, born 23 July 1937, in Waterloo, Indiana, to Edward F. and Veronica K. (May) Schlosser. He attended grade and high school at Waterloo High School, having graduated in 1955. Further education was obtained at the General Electric Apprentice School where he graduated as a Tool and Die

Maker in 1959, and at Tri-State University, having been awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1966.

Norma J. Hohman, born 25 September 1936, in Auburn, Indiana, to Elden and Ruth M. (Friend) Hohman. She attended school at Harrison Grade School in Auburn, Corunna Grade School, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1954.

DeWayne F. Schlosser and Norma J. Hohman were married at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn on 27 July 1957.

After briefly living at Waterloo, Corunna, Angola, Columbus, Indiana, and Bloomington, Illinois, they finally moved to Auburn in 1968. The moves were necessitated by DeWayne's work with such companies as General Electric, Aro Corporation, Cummins Engine, Magnavox, and presently Dana Corporation.

The Schlosser family has lived in Auburn the past nineteen years. DeWayne has been employed as a manufacturing engineer at Dana in Auburn for fourteen years.

Norma is a member of the DAR and DeWayne belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Both are interested in genealogy and enjoy spending as much time as possible at their cottage on Golden Lake in Steuben County.

Four children were born to the above marriage.

Mrs. Brian Flesch was born 15 December 1958, in Auburn, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1977, St. Francis College, Fort Wayne. For many years Karen was employed as a floral designer at the Sprinkling Can. After completing her education, she taught at St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, and is presently teaching at St. Louis School, east of New Haven. She married Brian Flesch on 11 June 1983, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. Brian graduated from Garrett High School in 1977, St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, and Indiana University, Indianapolis. The Fleschs presently reside in Decatur, Indiana, where Brian is a Clinical Social Worker with Park Center, Incorporated.

Kevin Schlosser, born 23 March 1961, in Normal, Illinois, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1979, Purdue University, Lafayette and is presently on the MBA program at Indiana University, Fort Wayne. He is employed as a product engineer at Dana Corporation, Auburn. Kevin married Patricia Bowers, 18 May 1985, at the Immaculate Conception Church. She is employed by Lincoln National Bank of Fort Wayne and resides in Auburn with her husband.

Kraig J. Schlosser, born 25 September 1962, in Angola, Indiana, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1980, and Purdue University, Lafayette. He resides in Auburn and works as a product engineer for Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne.

Kyle D. Schlosser, born 8 March 1972, one hundred years to the day of his great grandfather, Frank Schlosser, in Auburn, and attends DeKalb High School.

DeWayne, Norma, and family are members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

Henry Dapp Family

HENRY DAPP, born 19 January 1860 in Alsace, France, in a village called Schirrhein. He was the son of Alois and Elizabeth (Martin) Dapp, both of whom were born, reared, and married in the Alsace area.

The Alsace-Lorraine area is located between France and Germany and had been in almost constant turmoil from wars for 150 years, up to and including World War II. As a result, in 1880, Henry Dapp, being twenty years of age, faced required military service. Henry's parents, therefore, decided to come to America and bribed the Burgermeister (mayor) to allow them to leave. They proceeded with Henry, his five younger sisters, and Alois' brother, Martin, to steal away into England.

They departed from London on the ship S.S. Utopia, and landed in New York City, 6 April 1880. Soon after arrival in Summit, Alois purchased 160 acres of farm ground directly east of St. Michael's.

Magdalena Schiffli was born 9 April 1864, in Alsace, France, the daughter of Anthony and Catherine (Fetters) Schiffli. In 1880 at the age of sixteen Magdalena came to America with her family and located near Summit.

On 4 November 1884, Henry Dapp married Magdalena Schiffli at St. Michael's Catholic Church, where both remained members the rest of their days.

Henry was the only son of Alois and Elizabeth (Martin) Dapp, and he had five sisters: Stacy, wife of John Trapp who settled in Garrett; Caroline married Joseph Deitch and settled in Avilla; Clementine was the wife of Anthony Grist of Garrett; Louise married Frank Hoffelder and resided on a farm close to her parents; Elizabeth married William Long and resided in Fort Wayne.

Henry farmed with his father until the latter, Alois, died 1 January 1899. Alois was preceded in death by his wife on 1 December 1897. Upon his father's death, Henry bought out his sisters and proceeded to farm the home place.

Eight children were born to Henry and Magdalena Dapp: Mary became the wife of John May; Elizabeth married Matthias Hohl; Theresa wed John Schlosser; Anthony married Esther Gabe; John became a priest and was a Monsignor over the Fort Wayne Cathedral for many years; Louise; Albert married Margaret Diblin; Catherine married Frank Hohl and after being widowed married Raymond Miller.

Albert farmed with his father and took over the home place after his father died. Albert died in May, 1986, at the age of ninety, still owning the farm his grandfather had settled.

Magdalena (Schiffli) Dapp died 6 June 1924, and was buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. Her husband, Henry Dapp, died 10 January 1932, and was buried beside her.

Norris Friend Family

NORRIS WILSON FRIEND, born in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, in July, 1855, to Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend. He had two brothers and two sisters: Mary Ellen (Friend) Osborn, James M. Friend, Nancy Jane (Friend) Wilson, and Amos Friend. His paternal grandparents were George and Barbara (Grubaugh) Friend.

Susanna (Deter) Friend was born 10 March 1853, in DeKalb County, to George and Elizabeth (Sanders) Deter. Her paternal grandparents were Johann George and Maria Catherine (Croft) Deter.

Norris was married three times: first to Susanna Deter on 16 August 1874, in DeKalb County. To them were born: Amanda Estella, who married William Nicholas; Milo James, who married Rosa Schurr; Emery Milton married Mattie Knox; John Henry married Lottie Boren; Pear Jay and Alda Mae, who married John (George) Schurr. Norris' second marriage took place nine months after the death of Susanna. This marriage was to Florinda Swander and the third marriage was to a widow, Katherine Becker. No children were born to these last two marriages.

On 16 February 1878, Norris and Susanna purchased sixty acres of farm land located southwest of Corunna for $2000.00.

Susanna Friend was a Dunkard and attended church regularly. Her husband did not accompany her to church, but always made sure that she had a way to get there.

Susanna died at her home at the age of fifty-four on 29 January 1906. She is buried at the Sixteen Cemetery. Norris died at the age of seventy-nine on 8 February 1935, and is buried beside his first wife, Susanna, in the Sixteen Cemetery.

Milo Friend Family

MILO JAMES FRIEND, born 12 September 1878, on a farm a mile and a half southeast of Corunna. He was the son of Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. He attended elementary school near the family home in Richland Township, School No. 9.

Rosa Magdalena Schurr was born in Noble County, 4 September 1879. Her parents were Andrew and Rosette (Leins) Schurr. Rosa attended a German School located on County Road 28.

Milo James and Rosa M. Schurr were married in Garrett on March 6, 1906. They were the parents of three children: Ruth Magdalena, who married Elden Hohman and had two children, Norma and Allen; Ethel Marie, who married Dale Hills and had a daughter, Rosalie Ruth; and a son, Carl Ervin, who married Doris Hoffmeyer and they have a son, Steven Allen.

On 25 February 1918, Rosa and Milo purchased their eighty acre farm for $6800.00.

This farm is located two miles southeast of Corunna, Indiana, and presently owned by their son, Carl Friend, and his wife, Doris.

County Road 28 was once known as the Toledo and Chicago Pike Road and was a main thoroughfare. Travelers were often welcomed to the Friend home as they paused for a drink of water and to rest before continuing their journey.

Rosa and Milo added many improvements to their property, including enlarging the home to accommodate their family and digging out more basement to include a fruit cellar. Most of the lumber to accomplish the addition and a barn for livestock was obtained from the woods on their property.

Milo Friend was a delightful, friendly, mischievous man with a love for the land. He had great "wit" and on many occasions swapped "tall" tales with his brothers and friends, regarding their crops or the enormous fish they caught. On many occasions, this writer recalls him driving his car into the garage slowly and always hitting the opposite wall, yelling "whoa!" He always commented, "the car didn't know when to stop until it banged into the wall." Milo took great pride in his farm and had a lot of difficulty accepting the "tractor," which in his opinion could not do as good a job as his team of work horses. Eventually, however, he owned a tractor which was his pride and joy.

Rosa Friend can be best described as a jovial, gentle lady who welcomed guests with generous amount of wonderful food. She was very strong in her religious convictions and could quote verses from the Bible endlessly. Many times she entertained her grandchildren by sketching animals or cartoon characters she had originated.

Milo and Rosa were members of and regularly attended the Corunna Methodist Church. Milo passed away at his home 24 April 1962. Six weeks later, on 8 June 1962, Rosa died in the Garrett Hospital at the age of eighty-three. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

CARL E. FRIEND, born 20 June 1915, in DeKalb County, son of Milo James and Rosina "Rosa" (Schurr) Friend. He is the youngest of three children, having two sisters: Ruth (Friend) Hohman, deceased, and Ethel Marie (Friend) Hills. His maternal grandparents were Andrew and Rosette (Leins) Schurr and his paternal grandparents were Norris W. and Susanna (Deter) Friend.

Carl attended grade school at West Richland School and graduated from Kendallville High School. He was employed by General Electric Company in Fort Wayne for thirty-five years as a sheet metal worker under the skilled trades area of maintenance. In 1977, Carl retired from the General Electric Company.

Doris Adell Hoffmeyer, born 14 September 1922, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Edith (Bonney) and Theadore Joseph Hoffmeyer. She was one of two children, having a brother, Herbert Keith, who married Barbara Dietrick. Herb and Barb reside north of Auburn. Doris' maternal grandparents were Herbert and Edith (WyCuff) Bonney, and her paternal grandparents were Henry and Elise (Metzing) Hoffmeyer.

Doris attended several elementary schools, including Custer School, located south of Helmer; Zion Lutheran School, located in Helmer; and the Corunna School; finishing her education at Waterloo High School.

Doris Adell Hoffmeyer and Carl E. Friend married at a parsonage in Waterloo, 27 August 1941. Three children were born to this marriage: an infant stillborn daughter; Steven Allen, born 1 November 1947; and Susana Lee, born 22 October 1951, died 10 July 1953. She is buried beside her paternal grandparents in the Corunna Cemetery.

Steve Friend attended Corunna Grade School and graduated from Waterloo High School. He was a Vietnam veteran and later completed college, receiving a B.A. degree in Geology from Indiana University at Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne. Steve married Kristine Louise Smock, 28 May 1983, and they reside in the Fort Wayne area. He is presently employed at Morrill Motors as a sales engineer. Kristine is a registered nurse who just completed her associate degree from Purdue University and is employed at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. They are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Kathleen.

Carl and Doris presently reside on the eighty acre farm once owned by Carl's parents, Milo and Rosa Friend. The farm is located southeast of Corunna. The basic structure of the house remains, with improvements, including remodeling the original barn and adding a lake to the grounds, with landscaping, to enhance the appearance.

THEADORE "TED" HOFFMEYER, born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, 3 February 1889, to Henry and Elise (Metzing) Hoffmeyer and was one of seven children.

Ted completed his education through the eighth grade at a grade school located in Fairfield Township, after which he engaged in farming for his parents until he married.

Georgia Edith Bonney, born 3 April 1903, in Allegan County, Michigan, daughter of Herbert

Ted and Georgia Hoffmeyer

and Edith (WyCuff) Bonney. She was the youngest of six children: Hazel, married Ruben Shannon and settled in the Grand Rapids area; Viola, married Sy Matthews, became a teacher and relocated in Oregon; Lucy married Floyd Garland, became a teacher and settled in the state of Washington; Sadie; Harvey married Dorothy Sexton and settled in Grand Rapids.

Georgia spent her youth in the KalKasha South Boardman area of Michigan, where she obtained her schooling through the eighth grade. As a young lady, she earned a living keeping house for others, working in factories, employed as a practical nurse, and made extra money as a seamstress.

Theadore Hoffmeyer and Georgia Bonney married in KalKasha, Michigan, sometime in 1922. They are the parents of two children: Doris Adell married Carl Friend, and Herbert Keith married Barbara Dietrick. Georgia and Ted spent most of their married lives in the Corunna area.

Theadore Hoffmeyer, prior to World War I, was employed as a civilian convoyer of army vehicles and later served in the war as a private in the TNG Corps. After the war, Ted was employed in factories located in the Kendallville area. He died at a Veteran's Hospital in Hines, Illinois, 29 July 1956, and is buried beside his parents in the Fairfield Center Cemetery. Georgia Hoffmeyer died 21 November 1964.

Henrich Hoffmeyer Family

HENRICH WILHELM "HENRY" HOFFMEYER, born 17 August 1855, Allen County, Indiana, son of August Ludwig, born 15 September 1808, Windheim, Germany, and Catherine (Spicker) Meyer, later Hoffmeyer.

Ludwig and Catherine married 23 January 1884, in Madison Township, Allen County, Indiana. They were the parents of seven children: Friedrick W., Henrich L., Johann F., Maria W., Henrich C., Caroline A., and Henrich W. Ludwig and Catherine were founding fathers of Flat Rock St. Johns Lutheran Church, in the Monroeyille, Indiana, area. Paternal grandparents were Cord Hianth Meyer, later Hoffmeyer, and Anna Lorie Dorothy Marie Ships.

Henrich was nearly ten years old when his parents moved to Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. He grew to manhood there and resided on the farm where his parents located, actively engaged in farming.

Marie "Eliese" Johanne Metzing was the daughter of Sophia (Burgtorf) and Fritz Metzing. She was born 1 April 1864, in Gadenstedt, Germany. Her maternal grandparents were Ilse Katherine (Rump) and Conrad Burgdorf. Her tombstone shows 1863. She went to work at age eleven, illegal at the time, so the family must have needed money badly as her father, Fritz Metzing, died 21 October 1866. The work permit book was issued at Vechelde, Germany, and it states that her mother was the widow Metzing of Gadenstedt, Germany. Issue date was 4 September 1875. Eliese's first job from 4 October 1875 to 11 September 1878 was from the Brunswicken Joint Stock Company for Jute and Flax. She was then employed [illegible]eine at a bakery. While employed there, she delivered hot bread and baked goods before going to school.

Eliese, her mother, Sophia, and her brother, Friedrich, came to America in 1881, per the Exit Visa issued 14 July 1881, and settled in Fairfield Township. The widowed mother, Sophia Metzing, eventually married Samuel Rauh. Sophia (Metzing) Rauh, the mother of our subject was born 9 August 1831, in Gadenstedt, Germany. Her death date is 9 May 1905, and she is buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Fairfield Township.

The marriage of Henry Hoffmeyer and Eliese Metzing took place at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairfield Township on 28 December 1882. The children of this marriage were: William F., who wed Nellie Batty; Elizabeth J. married Alfred Wolff; Albert H. wed Agnes Schwall; Theadore J. married Georgia Bonney; Augusta W. wed Pearl Perysian; Alma M. married Atlee Wright; and Edward, who died at four years. Henry and Eliese settled on a farm in Fairfield Township and remained there until their deaths.

Henry Hoffmeyer died 6 October 1934 in Noble County, his wife, Eliese, passed away in February, 1935. Both are buried in the Fairfield Center Cemetery.

MICHAEL WAGNER, born in Melgershausen, Kassel, Germany, 5 February 1841, son of Hartman Wagner and Marie Ochs. There were three other children born into this family: Anna Elizabeth, born 8 October 1838, married in May of 1861 to Adam Stiegel; Elizabeth, born 1 January 1844; and Justus, born 1 March 1847. Michael married in June of 1866, to Katherine Alstalter. Katherine was born 25 April 1841, daughter of Michael Alstalter and Anna Elizabeth Franks. There were three other children born into this family: Johannes, born 13 October 1848, Elizabeth born 14 October 1849, and William, born 26 June 1854.

Michael and Katherine emigrated to America from their native Germany in 1882, and settled on the eastside of Garrett, which was then known as Dutchtown because of the number of German emigrants that had settled there. Within a few years, they moved to Jackson Township on a farm which later became part of the Wagner farm. In January of 1888, Michael purchased the land where the buildings now stand from Jefferson and Alice Boyle. Here the family grew up, and Martin took over the family farm and lived there until his death, adding acreage to the farm until they owned 220 acres. By today's farming methods, this is not very much land, but when you farm with horses and maybe one tractor, it was more than a full time job.

Children born to Michael and Katherine were: Anna Ella, born in Hessen Castle, Germany, married June 21, 1885, in DeKalb County, to Henry (Henrich) Mies. Henry, born about 1863 in Alpenrod, Germany, and died 23 November 1894 in DeKalb County. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett, in an unmarked grave. Henry, son of Bernard Mies and Elizabeth Schnieder. They had four children: Pauline, born in 1886, in Indiana, married Mathew Smith. She died in March of 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio. They were the parents of three children: Leondia, Robert, and Edward. Mabel, born 16 February 1888, in Indiana, and 17 may 1910 was united in marriage to Howard Marvin in DeKalb County. To this union was born one son, Gerald. Edward August, born 19 January 1890. He was united in marriage 31 July 1913, in Garrett, to Mildred Heatley, daughter of James Heatley and Elizabeth Eberle. They were the parents of two children: Catherine and James. Edward died 12 July 1936, and is buried at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Carl was born 8 March 1895, and was united in marriage, 17 October 1927, to Martha Dawson. Carl died 18 June 1965, in Decatur. To this union were born six children: Richland, Robert, Patricia, Nancy, Leonida, and Candace.

After the death of Henry, Anna married Louis Klein, born 18 July 1868, in Zweiruken, Germany, son of Lewis and Catherine (Beresville) Klein. They were married 25 August 1897, in DeKalb County. Louis was a railroad car inspector. To this union were born two children: Joseph, born 25 February 1899, in Garrett, married Opal Denman (Wolf) in May of 1952. Joseph died 12 August, 1980, in Angola, and is buried at Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville, Indiana. Francis was born 31 May 1902, in DeKalb County. He never married and died 29 March 1979.

Anna died 28 November 1938, and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett. Louis died 10 May 1952 in Noble County, and is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

A second child of Michael and Katherine was a daughter, Christine, born 19 April 1872 in Germany. Christine married to Newton Squires, 9 October 1890. Newton was born around 1859, son of Nathan Squires and Ann Marshall. They were the parents of six children: Harry, born 14 June 1891 and died 14 June 1954; Gary, born 17 March 1893, and died 6 March 1937.

Mahlon, born 23 October 1895, and died 16 March 1963; Mabel, born 30 June 1898. Mabel married a Mr. Packer and they had one son, Ralph. Olive, born 25 June 1901, married a Mr. Bunton. Lucille, born 25 July 1902, married a Mr. Wishman, and she died 9 August 1929.

Martin, born 1 January 1878, in Hessen Kassel, Germany.

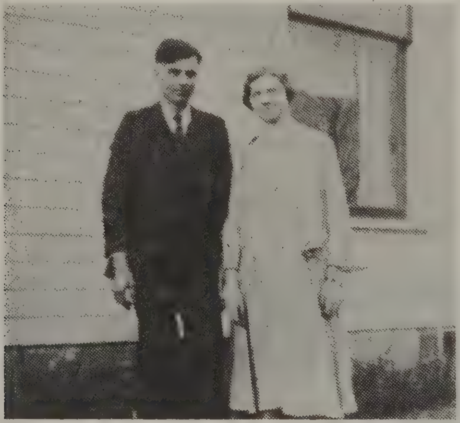
Emma, born 3 April 1883, in Auburn, DeKalb County. She was united in marriage, 5 August 1900, to Orange E. Moss, who was born in Leo, Allen County, about 1879, the son of George Moss and Elizabeth McCrory. They were the parents of two children: Walter, born 22 March 1902, and died in August, 1973; and Phyllis, born 15 November 1918.

Michael Wagner was a laborer/farmer. His beloved wife, Katherine, died 24 March 1901, and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn. He remarried Martha Elizabeth Seitz, 3 August 1901, however, this marriage ended in divorce. Michael died 13 May 1922, in Garrett, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

MARTIN WAGNER, born in Kassel, Germany, 1 January 1878. Martin always considered Jackson Township, DeKalb County, his home. His family emigrated to America when Martin was four years old. The family settled on the east side of Garrett, however, soon moved to Jackson

Martin and Inez Wagner

Township and lived on a farm which later became part of the family farm. In 1888, they purchased land in Jackson Township where four generations of Wagners have lived. One of Martin's earlier memories of this time was of carrying eggs in a bushel basket down the B and O Railroad tracks to Garrett, which was a distance of twelve or more miles, to sell them. Martin became a naturalized citizen of the United States, 19 May 1921. Martin was united in marriage, 29 December 1899, to Inez May Davis, daughter of William H. Davis and Elizabeth Jane Schutt of Spencerville. To this union were born three sons: Lewis, Lawrence William, and Clarence. Both Lewis and Clarence died in infancy, and are buried at White City Cemetery, Spencerville, Indiana.



Lawrence and Helen Wagner

LAWRENCE WAGNER married Helen Matilda Humbert, 21 March 1926. Helen was born 14 July 1906, in Noble County, Indiana, daughter of George W. Humbert and Julia A. Homsher. Martin and Lawrence farmed together all of their lives. They also raised pure bred livestock, which they sold in sales all over the country. Their Polled Shorthorn Cattle, Oxford and Shropshire Sheep and Poland China Hogs were known for high quality. Lawrence also raised English Shephard Dogs, which were sold all over the country as well. In years past, when farmers exhibited their livestock at county fairs, the Cherrygarth Stock Farm livestock would be on the road for six to eight weeks each late summer and early fall in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.

For over eighty years, the Wagners were active members in the Concord Methodist Church. They held many offices in the church over the years, and were always interested in doing what they could in their service for the Lord. Martin and Inez, Lawrence and Helen were charter members of Friendship Grange No. 2404. They were also members of the Jackson Township Demonstration Club for many years. The Wagners were not only members of the organizations, but actively took part in any task which they were asked to do.

Amy Evelyn married Maurice Dee Houser, son of Albert Houser and Haidee Krontz. Maurice is retired from Dana Corporation, Auburn, Indiana. They are the parents of four children: Danny and his wife reside in Divide, Colorado; Doyle, a graduate of Tri-State University and Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho is living at Pleasant Lake; Phil, a graduate of Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana, is living with his wife in Anderson; and Karolyn and her husband are living in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Joseph married Carolyn Cloer of West Palm Beach, Florida. Both are graduated of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, and Joe went to seminary at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Joe has pastored churches in Georgia, and Uniondale, Elkhart, and Lapel, Indiana. They have two children: Sandra, a graduate of Taylor University, is married and lives in Bloomington, and Richard, a student at Taylor University, Upland, Indiana.

Merle is married to the former Betty Etzler, daughter of Oscar and Laura Etzler of Convoy, Ohio. They are both graduates of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, and received their Masters from St. Francis, Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have taught in the Crestview School System, Convoy, Ohio, and the Hicksville School System, Hicksville, Ohio, and are now teaching in the DeKalb Eastern School System, Merle in the junior and senior high area and Betty, after many years of teaching fourth grade at Riverdale, is now elementary librarian for both Butler and Riverdale. They are the parents of Jennifer Beth and reside in Auburn.

This successful family farm operation was broken on 28 April 1955, with the death of Inez.

Nearly a year later, on 18 April 1956, Martin followed his beloved wife into eternity. Lawrence died suddenly on 21 March 1964, and Helen died on 28 August 1984. All are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

William Davis Family

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON DAVIS left his native Pennsylvania and came west to Indiana, following the Civil War. He lived for a while at Flint in Steuben County, and later moved to DeKalb County, in the Spencerville area. He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania area, 28 July 1840, son of David Corner Davis, born 7 September 1805, and Rhoda Craycraft, born 8 April 1811. They were united in marriage 12 November 1829, and were the parents of twelve children. Rhoda died 29 September 1867, and David died 10 November 1880.

William was united in marriage on 24 October 1875, to Elizabeth Jane Shutt, of Spencerville, daughter of John Shutt and Elizabeth Rhodes. John, born 1 January 1817, in Starke County, Ohio, son of Jacob Shutt and Nancy Dickerhoff, born 27 July 1795, in Fredericksburg, Maryland. They were united in marriage 27 June 1815. John and Elizabeth Shutt came to DeKalb County in 1844, and settled east of Spencerville.

William Davis was a farmer and laborer. The family were affiliated with the Lutheran Church. To the union of William and Elizabeth were born five children: Lewis, born 19 February 1877, at Spencerville. Lewis married Blanche Strayer on 6 June 1900. They had two sons: Paul and Olin. Lewis was a United Brethren minister, serving churches in northeastern Indiana, including Hopewell United Brethren Church, and also churches in Ohio and Michigan. Lewis died 9 November 1949, and is buried at Hillsdale, Michigan. Inez May, born 20 January 1879, married Martin Wagner. William, born 2 July 1881, died 1 February 1886, is buried in a small country cemetery southeast of Hicksville, Ohio. Clarence, born 14 June 1888, married Flossie Dancer, born 18 April 1909. He was a farmer and also worked on the railroad. They lived near Elkhart, Indiana. Clarence died 13 April 1960. They were the parents of two daughters: Ruth and Gladys. Vernus, born 8 June 1890, married Arthur Doub. They were the parents of two children: Clarence and Elizabeth. Vernus died 2 April 1932.

William served as a member of the First Regiment, Light Artillery, Pennsylvania Volunteers from 8 June 1861, to 8 June 1864. William died 31 July 1929, and Elizabeth Jane died 16 August 1928. They are buried at the White City Cemetery, Spencerville, Indiana.

George Humbert Family

GEORGE AND JULIA HOMSHER HUMBERT spent most of their lives here. They moved to DeKalb County in December of 1921. George Wilson Humbert, born 19 November 1873, in Allen County, Indiana, son of George Waters Humbert, born in 1826, and Nancy Evelyn (Freeman) Houder, born 24 January 1835, in Miami County, Ohio. Nancy's first husband, Martin Houder, died in a southern prison during the Civil War. George Wilson's paternal grandfather was Joshua Humbert, born in 1793, and died in 1877. His maternal grandparents were Frame Freeman and Martha Reed. George had a sister, Jennie.

George was united in marriage to Julia Aretta Homsher, 3 May 1899. Julia, born 2 October 1868, daughter of Albert Homsher, born 8 January 1834, and Matilda Geiger, born 6 October 1842. Following Mr. Homsher's discharge from the Civil War, where he was a private in the 5th Light Artillery Battery, Indiana Volunteers, from 16 October 1861 until 24 November 1864, Albert and Matilda married on 1 January 1865. The paternal grandparents of Julia were Samuel Homsher, born 3 January 1802, in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Hawk, born 17 March 1805. they were married in Worchester, Pennsylvania, 10 October 1822. Her maternal grandparents were Anthony Geiger, born 11 February 1813, in Licking County, Ohio, and Mary Miller, born 1818, in Pennsylvania.

Brothers and sisters of Julia were: Elizabeth, Frederick, Addison, Cora, Albert, Opha, and Anna. Three sons died in infancy.

George and Julia had five children: Ralph married Martha DePew and they had seven children: Mabel, Wilma, Wanita, Irene, Fern, and two who died in infancy; Lawrence died in infancy; Helen married Lawrence Wagner; Amy married Robert Jones; and Lena married Harold Jones. They are the parents of seven children: Everett, Eunice, Marjoie, Sharon, Linda, John, and Roger.

George and Julia bought a farm in Jackson Township on what is now County Road 60, where they lived for two years, and then moved to Auburn, where they spent the rest of their lives. Until they moved to Auburn, they had been farmers all of their lives. George then worked as a laborer and served as a janitor during the winter of the Masonic Hall. He was a member of the Masons. The family was active in the church wherever they lived.

Julia died after a short illness in March of 1937. George died in November, 1956. They are buried at Fairfield Cemetery, near Huntertown on the Humbert family plot.

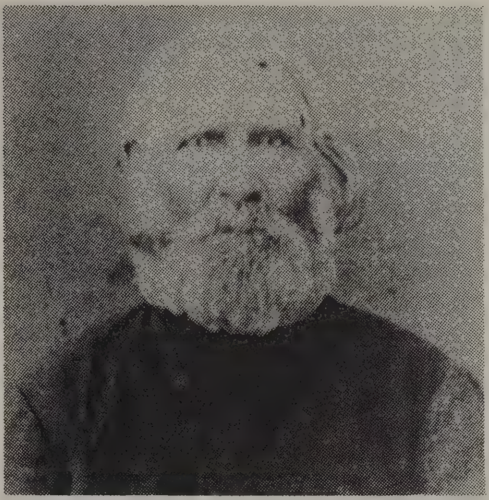
ALBERT A. HOUSER, born 3 October 1894, near Ari, Indiana, and lived at Pleasant Lake in Steuben County when he died, Albert Abraham Houser spent most of his life as a farmer in DeKalb County. His parents moved to a farm near Butler when he was a child. Albert was the son of Henry Houser, born 6 April 1856, and Anna Charolotte Hathaway, born 28 December 1867, in Garrett. Henry and Charolotte were united in marriage on 18 November 1886. To this union were born eleven children: Ethel, Erma, Raymond, who died in infancy, Russell, Albert, Argyl, George Harold, Glen, Nathan, Fern, and Frank. Only George Harold survives. The paternal grandparents of Albert were Abraham Houser, born 12 September 1822, in Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Ann Merica, born 30 October 1833, in Champagne County, Ohio. They were married 27 January 1852, in Champaigne County, Ohio. The maternal grandparents were Albert H. Hathaway, born 9 May 1828, in Lake County, Ohio, and Phoebe Haulk, born 8 August 1838, in Adams County, Indiana. They were united in marriage on 25 December 1854.

Albert served in the First World War. When he received his discharge, he returned to the Butler area and was united in marriage to Haidee Krontz. Haidee was the daughter of Henry Krontz, born 1 August 1869, and Eliza Wyatt, born 26 August 1876. They were the parents of ten children: Ethel, Glenn, Ralph, William Andrew, Hazel, Haidee, Inez, Virgil, Carl and Harold, who died in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 5 March 1843, and Amanda Wineland, born 10 April 1847, in Knox County, Ohio. William served in the Civil War as a private in Company A, 88th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, from 2 August 1862 until 7 June 1865. He was wounded in the battle of Stone River in December of 1862. After his discharge, he returned home and on 30 July 1865, was united in marriage to Amanda. Her father was John Wineland, born 3 December 1799, in Blair County, Pennsylvania. He was married several times, and it is not known what Amanda's mother's name was.

Albert and Haidee lived near Butler, on a Nimmons farm, for several years after their marriage, and then moved to Union Township, east of Auburn, where they lived for twenty-seven years on a farm owned by the Rieke family. In 1952, they bought a farm in Steuben County, east of Pleasant Lake, where they lived until Albert's death in December of 1964. In 1965, Haidee moved back to Auburn, where she resides. Albert is buried at Christian Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett.

Albert and Haidee were the parents of seven children: Harold Albert married Beatrice Hull. They reside in Fort Wayne. Harold is retired from Zollners. They are the parents of two children: Gordon and Joyce. Lorna married Kenneth DeLong. She has a daughter, Pamela, and they live in Auburn. Janet married Harland Smith and they are the parents of two daughters: Chris and Nancy. They live in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Linford married Debra Smith. He has four sons from a previous marriage: Michael, who was killed in 1983, Gregory, Neil, and Dennis. Linford and Debra live in Kendallville. Maurice is retired from Dana Corporation. Larry married Shirley Fifer and they reside in Springfield, Ohio. Larry is employed with International Harvester. They have four children: Debra, Steven, Timothy, and Bradley. Mary married Roger Morrison. They are both employed at the DeKalb Central School System. They reside in Waterloo, and are the parents of three daughters: Korrine, Karen, and Julia.

ADAM CARPER/KARPER lived in Pike Township, Wayne County, Ohio, as a single man in 1820. About 1821, Adam married Lettice Sushour/Hoshour Leaden. She and Adam were the parents of four daughters: Catherine, born 24 September 1822; Isabelle, born 7 March 1824; Mariah, born 5 July 1826; and Agnes, born 4 July



Adam Carper

1828, died 11 October 1872, wife of Henry Brown. Lettice passed away, leaving Adam to care for four daughters.

On 13 September 1832, in Holmes County, Ohio, Adam Carper married for a second time, to Elizabeth Cobler, born 11 March 1812, in Donegal Township, Lanchester County, Pennsylvania, to Philip and Charlotte (Wolf) Cobler of Lanchester, and later, Ohio.

Elizabeth's father, Philip Cobler, was born 24 May 1788, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Michael and Roseanna Cobler. Michael Cobler was born 24 May 1754, and served in the Revoluntionary War from 1775 to 1783. The Cobler family moved to Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio, in 1821. They later moved to Wayne County, Ohio, where Michael passed away 24 March 1842. It is not known when Roseanna passed away. Michael and Roseanna were the parents of: Mariah; Elizabeth; Charlotte, born 10 September 1839, wife of John Adam Morr.

In the fall of 1841, Adam Carper and his family moved to Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He was known to be a farmer and purchased eighty acres of land on the west half of the northeast quarter of section 11, Township 33, north of range 13, east of Auburn from Michael and Rhoda Knight, on 19 October 1841, for the amount of $380.00. The farm was located about a mile east of County Road 35 on County Road 46A, had a Right of Way which Adam sold to the Baltimore, Pittsburg, and Chicago Railroad (later known as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad) on 19 September 1872, for the sum of $475.00. This strip of land was one hundred feet wide and went between the house and the barn.

With the help of family and friends, a two story log cabin was built for Adam and his large family, now totaling fourteen children: Adam, Jr., born 9 December 1842; Dr. Andrew Jackson, born 12 November 1844; Aaron, born 1 July 1846; Jane, born 14 November 1850, wife of Thomas Lung; and Jacob, born 15 June 1853, after moving to DeKalb County.

The house, as told in the Pioneer Sketches, was leveled to the ground by a tornado in 1841, shortly after it was built and not yet lived in. The house had to be rebuilt. Some years later, the barn burned down from the sparks of a passing train.

Adam lived on this land until he passed away, 27 October 1877, leaving his personal and real estate property to his wife, Elizabeth, and her children to divide evenly. John and Aaron Carper were appointed to be executors of their father's will. Adam was buried in the Coburn (Morr) Cemetery, west of St. Joe, Indiana. Elizabeth passed away 11 June 1886, and was buried with her husband in the Coburn Cemetery.

FREDERICK CARPER, son of Nicholas and Margaret (Marstaller) Carper, born in Pennsylvania, 8 July 1736. His brothers and sisters were: John Andreas; John Jacob; Maria Margaretha; and Eliesabetha. Frederick married Margaret Wolfersberger, born 26 December 1739, in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Adam and Margreda Wolfsberger. Eight children were born to Frederick and Margaret Carper: Catherine, John, Philip, Nicholas, Jacob, Adam, Samuel, and Magdalena.

Frederick served as a Revolutionary War soldier and is listed as a member of Joseph Gehr's Company with the rank of Seventh Class in 1778, and Lieutenant in 1781 and 1782 in the Fourth Company, Third Battalion, Lanchester County Pennsylvania Militia.

On 2 September 1789, Frederick's will was made out, on which his name was spelled Kerper, and recorded on 25 March 1790, in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. His will was very long and very specific, describing in detail the real estate he owned in Campbelltown, Pennsylvania, and willing his blacksmith tools to his son, John. Frederick passed away 7 November 1789, and was buried at the Salem U.C.C., Campbelltown, Pennsylvania. On his tombstone his name was spelled Kerper. Margaret, his wife, passed away 8 September 1805, and was buried with her husband. They were of the Lutheran religion.

Nicholas Carper, son of Frederick and Margaret (Wolfersberger) Carper, was born in Lebanon/Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in 1766. He married Catherine Foltz/Voltz in 1789, in Rehrersburg, Berks County, Pennsylvania. In

1880, he lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and on 14 February 1815, Nicholas purchased land from Adam Ramsey in Canton, Ohio, Stark County, and settled there. Five years after moving to Stark County, Ohio, Nicholas passed away 4 July 1820. The farm was sold by the Sheriff, as was the custom of that time, to his son, Philip.

Nicholas and Catherine were the parents of eleven children: Mary "Polly"; Catherine; John; Adam; Samuel; Philip; Elizabeth; Louis; Sarah; Jacob; and Andrew.

JOHN CARPER, born in Holmes County, Ohio, 19 June 1833, son of Adam and his second wife, Elizabeth (Cobler) Carper. He moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, with his parents in 1841, and became a life long resident of this county. In 1867, John joined the Union Detectives that were organized on 11 May 1867, by the men of Union Township, to protect their homes and property from the criminals who stayed in the northeastern counties of Indiana.

John married Sarah Freidt, 9 April 1857, in Allen County. Sarah was born in Ashland County, Ohio, 9 May 1835, the daughter of John and his first wife, Lydia (Zimmerman) Freidt. John and Sarah are the parents of ten children: Eugene B., born 24 January 1858, died 12 August 1941; George Washington, born 10 March 1859, died 13 February 1939; Lillie Ann, born 27 October 1860, died 1928, wife of Dr. F.M. Hines; John Adam, born 21 May 1862, died 31 March 1931; Mary Elizabeth, born 9 May 1864, died 27 February 1945, wife of Delbert Myers; Philip Sheridan, born 7 December 1865, died 13 February 1951; Laura Jane, born 1 May 1868, died 1953, wife of Malvin H. Springer; Alda Viola, born 24 February 1872, died 14 October 1886, died from a fall of a tree during a high wind storm at the age of fourteen years; and two died in infancy.

After the marriage of John and Sarah, they set up house keeping in Jackson Township, where Sarah spent the rest of her life. The Carpers lived in a log cabin until a house was built in 1891, on land purchased from his aunt, located three and a half miles east of Auburn. The house was built from the trees on the land.

John and Sarah Carper taught school in the early 1850's, perhaps in Jackson Township. John, who must have had a wonderful voice, taught singing school and people came from miles around to attend. John died 26 October 1895, and was buried near his home in the Union Chapel, Cosper, Cemetery, on State Road 8, east of Auburn. Sarah lived on the home place until the last year, during which time she resided with her children. She died 22 April 1924, at the home of a son. She is buried next to her husband in Union Chapel Cemetery.

George Carper Family

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARPER was born in Jackson Township, 10 March 1859, the second son of John and Sarah (Freidt) Carper. He grew up in Jackson Township and attended school in that area.

George resided east of Auburn on County Road 45, in Union Township, and was known to be a farmer all his life. On 21 May 1883, he married Mary Ellen (Kosht), the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lash) Kosht, and six children were born to George and Mary. Only two lived to adulthood: Flossy Cleora, 4 December 1887, died 1 August 1966, wife of Brodie E. Barton, and Francis Earl, 23 April 1890, died 4 November 1953.

Mary Ellen (Kosht) Carper was born 26 September 1863, in Ashland County, Ohio, and was a twin sister of Barbara Jane Kosht. She came to DeKalb County, Indiana, with her parents between 1864 and 1866, and settled in Union Township. After her marriage to George W. Carper, Mary became a member of the United Brethren Church, 12 February 1889, and was faithful to her religion until her death on 28 February 1892. She was buried in the Union Chapel (Cosper) Cemetery near her home with her four infants: Frankie D., 28 June 1885 to 29 March 1886, another son, and twin daughters.

On 24 February 1896, George W. Carper married Stella Blanche (Hay), born 10 July 1872, the daughter of Valentine and Martha Hay. George and Stella Carper were the parents of: Ford; Harley; Emmet "Emp"; Laurel "Mike"; Grace; Helen; Chalmer "Jock"; and Doris Pauline, who died at the age of eighteen years from complications of appendicitis.

After a long life, George passed away on the morning of 13 February 1939, of heart disease, and was buried in the Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Stella passed away on 20 April 1955, at the age of eighty-two, and was buried with her husband in the Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

FRANCIS EARL CARPER, better known as Earl, was born in DeKalb County, 23 April 1890, to George Washington and Mary Ellen (Kosht) Carper. He was a life long resident of DeKalb County and, like his ancestors, was a farmer all his life. Earl was married 10 December 1913, in Auburn, to Mary Hilda Weeks, born 31 January 1896, in DeKalb County, the daughter of James C. and Nettie I. (Bunge) Weeks.

Mary's father, James C. Weeks, was born 24 May 1866, son of John and Lydia A. (Miller) Weeks. James was united in marriage, 8 August 1889, in DeKalb County, to Nettie I. Bunge, born 6 January 1870, in DeKalb County, the daughter of Frederick H.T. Bunge and Caroline (Shoup) Bunge of rural Butler, Indiana. Frederick Bunge, who was born in Germany, is listed in the 1914 History of DeKalb County.

The Weeks family resided east of Auburn. James and Nettie were the parents of four daughters: Alice Nettie, born 8 March 1891, died 3 September 1961, wife of William Buttermore; Dessie Martha, born 26 December 1893, died 3 November 1966, wife of Harry Wyatt; Mary Hilda, born 31 January 1896, died 22 May 1966, wife of F. Earl Carper; and Orpha Berniece, born 7 September 1900, wife of the late Sherman Baber.

On 17 May 1909, Nettie Weeks passed away and was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery. James was remarried on 3 April 1913, to Alice S. Reeb, born in 1867, and passed away 1946. James C. Weeks passed away 21 April 1942, and both were buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Earl and Mary Carper, the subjects of this sketch, set up housekeeping after their marriage on County Road 43, east of Auburn, and, while residing in this home, their first child, Martelle Nettie, was born on 4 February 1915. She is the wife of Howard Rhoads. Within two years the Carpers moved north of Auburn, to the St. Clair place. Earl and Mary became the parents of Howard Francis, born 9 September 1917; Mary Leone, born 5 January 1920, wife of the late Guy Christlieb; Harriet Irene, born 23 March 1923, wife of Garold G. Myers; Arthur Willard, born 14 July 1926; and John Frederick, born 26 March 1929. In 1930, the Carper family moved to County Road 44, first to the Hamilton place, and after a year they moved next door to the Wingard place. While living in this area the children attended the Mudsock School near their home for one summer. In the middle 1930's, the family moved again to County Road 39, northeast of Auburn, to reside in the John Bunge place. After several years, about 1939, the Carpers moved for the last time to County Road 36A, west of Auburn, to the Yarian place. Earl resided in this home until he took sick and was moved to the St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he passed away 4 November 1953, and was buried in the Roselawn Cemetery.

Mary resided at their home until she could no longer care for herself. She was moved to the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, and later was moved to the Southview Nursing Home in Butler, Indiana, where Mary passed away on the afternoon of 22 May 1966. She was buried with her husband in the Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

John and Veda Carper

JOHN FREDERICK CARPER, born 26 March 1929, north of Auburn, the son of Francis Earl and Mary Hilda (Weeks) Carper. While an infant, the Carper family moved to County Road 44, to the Hamilton place and a year later to the Wingard place. In the 1930's, the family moved to the old Bunge farm on County Road 39, northeast of Auburn. About 1939, when John was a boy, the Carpers moved west of Auburn to County Road 36A, where John grew to adulthood. John attended grade school at the East Richland School and Auburn High School.

John helped with farming and in 1946, he went to work in a cement block factory. In 1948, he hauled limestone before going to work at Warner Gear in Auburn, and after a short time, he got a job at the Oil Company in 1950. John then changed jobs to work at the Gambles Store in Auburn, and later went to work for Don Goodwin's Appliances Store, putting up television antennas. In 1953, he started his own television repair business in his home residence on South Center Street, Waterloo. When colored television became popular, John faded out the television repair business and went to work at the Western Auto Store in Auburn in 1964. He stayed there until 1974, when he started work at his present job at Frazer Farm Equipment Company, repairing rototillers. While working the latter two jobs, John had a side line job repairing small engines, chainsaws, and lawnmowers.

John was married at the home of Reverend Joseph Ferguson on County Road 35, to Vada Leora Strong, 27 November 1948. They resided at the home of her parents, south of Auburn on the Allen-DeKalb County Line Road. In July, 1954, John, Vada, and their two children moved to their present home on South Center Street, Waterloo. Soon after moving to Waterloo, John joined the Waterloo-Grant Township Fire Department in August, 1954, and served as a volunteer fireman for thirty-two years, retiring from the Department August, 1986.

Vada Leora (Strong) Carper was born 21 February 1930, in DeKalb County, to Willard Marion and Irene Deloris (Carnahan) Strong. She attended the Leo Schools, graduating from Leo High School in 1948. Soon after graduation, Vada went to work at an appliance store in Leo, Indiana, and worked until her marriage. After her marriage, Vada stayed home to raise her children: Kay Waneta, born 20 August 1950, wife of the late Kevin C. Miser, born 11 April 1949, died 6 July 1981; Lynn Willard, born 31 May 1953; Earl F., born 25 December 1954; and Rex Alan, born 29 April 1962.

In 1964, Vada went to work at the Brown House in Auburn, but after a short time she quit to have her last child, Beth Ann, born 13 June 1965, wife of Russell Paul Vogelpohl, 1 December 1954. During the Christmas season in 1965, Vada worked part time at the Western Auto Store in Auburn, and one year at Western Auto as a full time employee.

In September, 1970, Vada worked in the cafeteria at DeKalb Central High School, and in 1977, she changed jobs to work at the Auburn Sears Catalog Store. Later Vada worked at the Sears Store in Kendallville, Indiana. Between the fall of 1981 and the present, Vada has worked at the Rediger's Cheese Store, Auburn; Filling Station Ice Cream Shop at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum; Betz Nursing Home; Auburn Marine Bait and Tackle Store; and her present job as a cashier at the Sutton's Grocery Store, Waterloo, which she started August, 1985.

Vada enjoys crocheting, gardening, and, along with her husband, square dancing and camping. John and Vada have eight grandchildren.

Lynn Carper Family

LYNN WILLARD CARPER was born in Auburn, 31 May 1953, the oldest son of John F. and Vada L. (Strong) Carper of Waterloo. He grew up in Waterloo and attended Waterloo Elementary School and DeKalb Central High School, graduating in 1972.

While in elementary school, Lynn delivered the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette and, after a few years, he got a job repairing bicycles at the Western Auto in Auburn. At the age of sixteen, Lynn started work at the Enco gas station on South Jackson Street, Auburn, until 1971, when he started work for Warner Gear, division of Borg Warner. In 1982, Warner Gear was sold and changed its name to Auburn Gear. Due to a low economy in 1984, Lynn was laid off from his job and in January, 1985, he started his present job with the Town of Waterloo as the Superintendent over the Street and Sewer Departments.

On a very hot sunny day on 1 July 1972, at Norris Chapel Church, east of Auburn, Lynn was united in marriage to Constance Sue Woodcock, the youngest daughter of Alfred and Alma L. (Stoll) Woodcock of Auburn. Lynn and Sue resided on Douglas Street on the north side of Auburn, and became the parents of Robin Renee, born on 27 February 1973; Rhonda Nicole, born 20 April 1976; and Ryan Lynn, born 27 May 1978. In February, 1974, the Carpers moved to their present home on West Union Street, Waterloo, Indiana. After moving to Waterloo, Lynn joined the Waterloo-Grant Township Fire Department as a volunteer fireman in July, 1976. On 1 July 1981, he became a Certified Emergency Medical Technician for the DeKalb EMS. Lynn enjoys baseball, fishing, and woodworking.

Constance Sue (Woodcock) Carper, better known as Sue, was born 8 September 1952, in Garrett, the seventh child of eight children. She grew up on a farm south of Auburn, and in November, 1963, moved with her family to the north side of Auburn. Sue attended the Auburn schools until 1967, when Auburn High School was closed and in the fall of 1967, she attended the new DeKalb High School. She was a member of the first tenth grade class, graduating three years later in 1970.

At the age of fourteen, Sue served as a volunteer candy striper at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and on 8 September 1968, she started work at the Brown House, Auburn, as a waitress. A year later, in August, 1969, Sue went to work at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital as a dietary aid until her marriage. At this time, she stayed home to care for her family and when her children became school age, she started work as a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. In November, 1984, Sue went to work at Ashley Products in Ashley, Indiana, and in October, 1985, she changed jobs to work part time at McDonald's Restaurant in Auburn. Sue enjoys bowling, reading, and genealogy.

RUFUS ELLSWORTH STRONG was born in Ohio, 25 November 1867, the son of John F.M. and Lovenia Strong. Rufus grew up in the Seneca County, Ohio, area and at the age of eighteen years, he traveled to DeKalb County, Indiana, taking him five days to reach this county, traveling by daylight and staying at farmhouses along the way by night. Rufus, who was known to be a kind person, was a farmer by trade and for many years was the caretaker of the Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Rufus' father, John Francis Marion Strong, was born in Ohio, 13 April 1836, the son of John M. and Mary Ann Catharine (Boogher) Strong. John F.M. Strong grew up in Seneca County, Ohio, and was married 30 December 1860 to Lovenia (Slaymaker), born in Ohio, 13 April 1842. To them were born: Ida, Lettie, Lillie, Rufus, Charles, Rosa May, and Guy. In 1877, Lovenia passed away, leaving her husband to care for the children. Within two years following her death, John F.M. Strong was married to Mary Jane (Loe), born 2 April 1853, and to them was born Grace, on 29 July 1880. After a long life of eighty-six years, John F.M. Strong passed away on 11 September 1922. His wife, Mary Jane, was also blessed with a long life of eighty-two years, and passed away on 10 May 1935.

Rufus Strong was united in marriage on 21 February 1891, to Evelina J. Hamilton, born 18 February 1869, the daughter of George W. and Sally Elizabeth Hamilton. Rufus and Evelina became the parents of Willard Marion, born 6 January 1892, and when Willard was about a month old, his mother died from pneumonia on 2 February 1892. She was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Evelina's father, George W. Hamilton, was born in Medina County, Ohio, 28 January 1838, the son of Dr. Nathan and Julia (Chidsey) Hamilton. George W. Hamilton came to DeKalb County, Indiana, in September, 1861, and enlisted in Company H, 13th Indiana Infantry, in which he participated in several battles, mustering out 25 November 1865. George returned to Medina County, Ohio, to marry on 25 January 1866, to Sally Elizabeth Phelps, born 12 November 1839, the daughter of George A. and Sally (Barber) Phelps. George W. and Elizabeth Hamilton were the parents of Evelina J. and John R., who died in infancy. Elizabeth Hamilton passed away 1 January 1901, and her husband passed away 8 January 1905, and was buried with his wife and daughter in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Rufus married again within the two years following his first wife's death to Laura Belle Means, born March, 1871, and to them a daughter was born, Hazel Lavenia, born 5 February 1895, wife of Lewis Freeman of Auburn. The Strongs resided southwest of Waterloo, Indiana, and about 1902, the family moved to County Road 60, southeast of Auburn to reside the rest of their days. Laura passed away 30 December 1913, and Rufus passed away 5 May 1957, at the age of ninety years. He was buried next to his wife, Laura, in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

WILLARD MARION STRONG, the only son of Rufus and Evelina (Hamilton) Strong, was born 6 January 1892, in DeKalb County, Indiana. He lived on a farm in Grant Township, southwest of Waterloo, and attended the Tamarack School. In the early 1900's, as a boy, Willard moved with his parents to County Road 60, southeast of Auburn in Jackson Township, where he grew to adulthood and attended the McGinnis School on County Road 35.

In a ceremony performed 15 March 1913, at Hillsdale, Michigan, Willard married Mary Irene Deloris Carnahan, better known as Irene D., born 12 August 1896, in DeKalb County, Indiana, the daughter of John F. and Lucy M. (Bowen) Carnahan. The Strongs resided in DeKalb County on the Allen-DeKalb County Line Road, southeast of Auburn, and were members of the Hopewell United Brethren Church on County Road 35. They were the parents of Ruth

Eldora, born 2 April 1914, died 10 June 1986, wife of Russell C. Tracy; Ivan Deloss, born 18 January 1916; Carl Ellsworth, born 4 November 1917; and Vada Leora, born 21 February 1930, wife of John F. Carper.

Willard was a farmer for many years, then later worked at the Garman Sawmill in Allen County, just south of the Allen-DeKalb County Line Road, and west of State Road 427. For six years, he was employed by the county as a fireman at the DeKalb County Powerhouse in Auburn. The powerhouse heated the County Jail and the courthouse. As a hobby, Willard was a member of the Old Thrasher and Steam Engine Convention and at the reunions each year, he would work with the sawmill and steam engines. He also enjoyed woodworking.

Due to his health, Willard was forced to retire from his job at the powerhouse. On 27 April 1962, from complications of diseases, Willard passed away at his home and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Irene resided in their home after the death of her husband until her health began to fail, at which time she resided with her daughter, Vada Carper, in Waterloo. Irene passed away in Auburn on 25 August 1972, and was buried with her husband.

Sarah Woodcock

ARTHUR HENRY WOODCOCK was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, 20 November 1882, the son of Charles and Annie E. Woodcock.

Charles Woodcock was born in Glouchester, England, 4 May 1847, and married in Glouchester to Annie Elizabeth Hampton, born in London, England, 6 January 1848, the daughter of Charles and Charlotte Hampton. Charles Woodcock came to America a few months before Annie.

In the days when most immigrants were poor and could only take a few belongings with them to their new homeland, Annie Woodcock and her two children, Albert and Alice, came to America in the fall of 1882 with some of their furniture and personal belongings. After arriving in America, Annie and her children resided with her relatives in Fall River, Massachusetts, and while there, Annie had a third child, Arthur Henry.

Between 1882 and 1885, Charles and Annie, with their children, moved to Chicago, Illinois, and 8 Qctober 1890, Charles became a citizen of the United States in the Circuit Court of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. After moving to Chicago, Charles and Annie became the parents of Edith, Charles, and Amy.

Charles passed away in Chicago 7 January 1901. Annie lived to the age of 77 years and passed away at the home of her daughter, Alice Woodcock Walters, in Wendall, Idaho, 24 March 1925.

Arthur Henry grew up in the Chicago area and attended schools there. He worked as a mailman in Chicago, delivering mail in a go-cart pulled by a goat in a Polish settlement and when he could not read the Polish writing, he would place the mail where he thought it should go.

On 3 August 1906, Arthur was married in Paw Paw, Michigan, to Sarah Anne Morgan-Foster, born in Pullman, Illinois, 15 July 1884, the daughter of Edwin and Mararita V. Morgan.

Edwin Morgan was born in Wales, 28 August 1856, to James and Hannah Morgan of Cemcarvan New Monmouth, Wales. Edwin was the eighth child of nine children. He came to America and changed his name to Frank Foster.

Edwin/Frank resided in Pullman, Illinois, and got a job building Pullman cars for the railroad. He was a foreman. He enjoyed boat racing, so he formed a rowboat racing club and was also in charge of renting boats in the Chicago area.

Edwin was married in Chicago, Illinois, in January, 1883, to Margarita Viola Ruschen/Ruchen, who was born in Berlin, Germany, 15 October 1858. Edwin and Margarita were the parents of Sarah Anne, George Thomas, and Minnie May. Edwin passed away in Pullman, 4 December 1921, and Margarita passed away 22 July 1900. With the death of her mother, Sarah helped her aunts in her father's family with the housework and would do ironing for long hours each day.

After Sarah's marriage to Arthur, they resided in the Chicago area, where Arthur went to work for the Chicago Alton Railroad. He changed jobs and went to work for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which transferred him to Garrett. They are the parents of Margaret Elizabeth, born 7 October 1908; Charlotte Alice, born 10 June

1911; Alfred Edwin, born 12 October 1913; Arthur Charles, born 10 January, 1916; Roger George, born 4 November 1918; and Ralph Albert, born 6 April 1921. In 1922, the Woodcock family moved. Three more children were born, Florence Luella, born 9 August 1922; Patricia Louise, born 20 February 1925, and Edith Mae, born 9 April 1927. In 1928, the family moved to a farm south of Garrett.

While Sarah and her children lived on the farm, Arthur moved to Florida in 1926, to work on the Florida East Coast Railroad. In 1929, Arthur moved back to Garrett and got a job selling Life and Fire Insurance. In 1933, the Woodcock family moved to Noble County, Indiana. Arthur and Sarah separated and in 1947, were divorced. Arthur quit the insurance job and hired out on the Sante Fe Railroad in Chicago and was transferred to California to work in the yards until he retired and passed away 22 April 1971. His funeral was held in Garrett, Indiana, and he was buried in the Woodcock plot in the Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

After Sarah's divorce, she worked hard to raise her children. In the winter of 1936, Sarah and her family moved back to Garrett. When World War II broke out, Sarah, who had sons in the war, wanted to do her share to help, so she went to work at the General Electric Plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which made products for the War Department. When her health began to fail, Sarah moved in with her daughter, Patricia, and later to the Butler Nursing Home, Butler, Indiana. She passed away on 4 February 1965 and was buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

ALFRED EDWIN WOODCOCK, born Sunday, 12 October 1913, Garrett, Indiana, son of Arthur H. and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock. Alfred grew up in the Garrett area and was raised by a very domineering father. He attended the Garrett Schools until 1931, and as a child was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Garrett. In 1922, the family moved to 208 Britton, Garrett, and at the age of twelve, Alfred started his first job delivering newspapers in the town of Garrett. The family then moved to a farm south of Garrett, in 1928, and this put an end to his newspaper route.

After leaving school in March, 1931, Alfred worked on the Custer farm in Garrett, until 1933 when he went to visit relatives in Chicago, Illinois. While there, Alfred attended the Chicago World's Fair, which was a big attraction during those hard times of the Depression. Alfred returned to Indiana to work on farms in the Kendallville and Angola areas, then went back to work on the Custer farm.

On 25 April 1936, Alfred was married at the home of Reverend Joe Jordan in Garrett to Alma L. Stoll, daughter of Frederick W. and Mabel Emma (Rough/Rowe) Stoll of Garrett. Alma Louise Stoll was born in Garrett, 24 November 1916, and grew up in a German settlement there. She was raised in a strict Lutheran home. Most of her outside activities were centered around the Church. Alma was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Garrett as a child, and was confirmed on 13 April 1930 by Reverend William Hartman at the age of thirteen and a half years of age.

Being of German descent, Alma could not speak a word of English until the age of five when she attended the Lutheran School in Garrett. In 1927, when Alma was in the fifth grade, the Lutheran School was closed and at this time she attended the Garrett Public Schools until 1932. In that year, Alma went to work in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the Knitting Mill, making silk stockings. While working in Fort Wayne, Alma resided with her uncle and aunt, Arthur and Minnie (Witte) Stoll.

After her marriage to Alfred, the couple resided on a farm southwest of Auburn until March, 1938, when Alfred, Alma, and their son, Marvin Eugene, born 5 February 1937, moved to Payne, Ohio, where Alfred worked on the Ray Bainbridge farm. While living in Payne, Alfred and Alma became the parents of Carolyn Marie, born 12 September 1938, and Gloria Eileen, born 3 March 1940. In March, 1941, the Woodcock family moved back to Indiana, where Alfred purchased a house at 908 South Lee Street, Garrett, from Alma's grandmother, Marie Stoll. Alfred and Alma became parents of two more children: Glen Allen, born 21 June 1943, and Linda Lorene, born 28 January 1947.

When the Woodcock family returned to Garrett, Alfred got a job in 1941 with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad starting in the Bridge and Building Department. On 12 September 1942, he became a brakeman in train service.

In 1948, the Woodcock family moved to a farm two miles south of Auburn. Alfred worked on the railroad and also farmed the land. On the farm they grew many things, including the family. Three children were born to them: Marjorie Ann, 22 September 1949, Constance Sue, 8 September 1952, and Thomas Lee, 9 December 1953. In November, 1963, Alfred sold the farm and moved the family to 814 Midway Drive, the north side of Auburn.

After serving thirty-three and a half years on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Alfred retired, 20 September 1974, and now enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, repairing bicycles, and many other fix-it jobs. Alfred resides in his home on Midway Drive.

In the fall of 1978, after an incompatible marriage, Alfred and Alma separated and divorced on 24 August 1979. Alma now resides at Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn and is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, where she is active in the church activities.

WILLIAM "BILL" ELMER HOWE, born 7 May 1939, in Butler, Indiana, the son of Louis James, born in Missouri, and Roberta Pearl (Coats) Howe, born in North Baltimore, Ohio. His paternal grandparents are Charles Louis and Mary Rebecca (Williams) Howe. His maternal grandparents are Adam L., born in Edon, Ohio, and Irene (Ney) Coats, born in Toledo, Ohio.

Bill was married 31 May 1959 at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn to Gloria Eileen Woodcock. They are the parents of two sons: David William, born 14 July 1960, married Cindy Kay Howell, born 2 February 1961, in Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one daughter, Corina Lynn, born 2 June 1982. David is employed in the machine shop at Rieke Corporation in Auburn; Kerry Dale, born 18 March 1962, is employed at Halex Manufacturing Corporation in Hamilton. He is the father of two children: Crystal Joy, born 25 December 1981, and Joshua Craig, born 28 April 1984.

Gloria was born 3 March 1940, in Payne, Ohio, the daughter of Alfred Edwin, born in Garrett, and Alma Louise (Stoll) Woodcock, born in Garrett. Her paternal grandparents are Arthur Henry, born in Fall River, Massachusetts, and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock, born in Pullman, Illinois. Her maternal grandparents are Frederick Bernhard Wilhelm, born in Gielow, Germany, and Mabel Emma (Rough/Rowe) Stoll, born in Bertrand, Michigan.

Gloria attended school in Garrett and Auburn, graduating in 1958, from Auburn High School and has been a housewife all her married life. In 1967, she worked for three months at Game Masters which was located in the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg building, sewing pockets on insulated overalls. In 1970, Gloria poured ceramics for Marilyn Foster, east of Auburn, until Marilyn sold her ceramic shop in 1978.

Bill attended the Butler schools, completing the eighth grade and went to work to support himself after the divorce of his parents. He worked at the bowling alleys in Auburn and Butler as a pin boy and a tree trimmer with Bartlet Tree Service. In 1954, at the age of fifteen, Bill went to work at the Federal Fertilizer Plant in Butler, receiving $1.50 per hour. In May, 1962, Bill went to work at Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation in Butler, starting at $2.08 an hour. He started as a maintenance man and worked his way up to mold repair, tool and die and a leader in tool and die. On 7 February 1986, he became Supervisor over the Die Shop.

Both Bill and Gloria are active in the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. For ten years, Gloria was Superintendent of the Creative Arts and Crafts and Hobby Departments. In 1985, she became Chairman of the Fair Membership.

Bill served on the Fair Board as Director for Union Township for one year, second Vice-President for one year and is currently serving his second term as first Vice-President. He is also overseer of tent rental for local organizations for the fair, which he helps set up and tear down before and after the fair.

Bill enjoys fishing and Gloria enjoys reading and crocheting. They both enjoy bowling and gardening.

MARJORIE "MARGE" ANN (WOODCOCK) HECHT, born 22 September 1949, in Garrett, daughter of Alfred Edwin and Alma Louise (Stoll) Woodcock, of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents were Arthur Henry and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock. Her maternal grandparents were Frederick Bernhard Wilhelm and Mabel Emma (Rough/Rowe) Stoll.

Marge grew up in the Auburn area and attended elementary and high school in Auburn, graduating in the last class of Auburn High School in May 1967. She also attended Indiana Institute of Technology, Fort Wayne.

Marge worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital from April, 1965 to 1967, as a dietary aide, and in September, 1969, went to work at Game Master Sewing Factory in the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg building. In September, 1970, Marge worked at Essex Wire until February, 1971.

Marge was married in 1967 at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, to James Archie Finny Kruse, born 24 July 1943, in Auburn, son of William, deceased, and Betty (Glass) Kruse, now of Florida. His maternal grandparents were Earl and Birdie (Ruhl) Glass. Earl W. Glass was born 2 March 1899, died 19 March 1985, in Florida, son of William and Nettie (North) Glass. Nettie died 6 November 1976. They were married 14 February 1920.

To this marriage were born four daughters: Phyllis Anita, born 27 March 1968 and now resides in New Haven, Indiana; Staci Annette, and Traci Arleen, twins, born 28 March 1971; and Victoria "Vicki" Aileen, born 30 April 1973. In the summer of 1973, James and Marge were separated and divorced in January, 1974. James now resides in Elkhart, Indiana.

In the fall of 1973, Marge moved to New Haven, Indiana, and on 9 March 1974, Marge married David William Hecht, at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, Fort Wayne. David, born 25 May 1953, in Fort Wayne, is the son of Raymond, deceased, and Lorraine Hecht, of Fort Wayne. In March, 1975, David adopted Marge's four daughters. David and Marge are the parents of one son, Scott David, born 7 May 1976. David and Marge were divorced 18 October 1985, and David now resides in New Haven, Indiana.

Marge presently resides in Fort Wayne. While Marge resided in New Haven, she worked at Bennett's Sewing Factory in September, 1983 to 1985, and is presently employed at the Fort Wayne Community Regional Vocational School, in the Auto Department, as a parts manager and teacher's aide.

Marge and her children are members of the St. James Lutheran Church, of New Haven, Indiana. She is also a member of the Parents Without Partners and Beginning Experience Divorce Support Group of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She enjoys bowling, dancing, volleyball, and the company of her children.

PAUL "MARVIN" VOGELPOHL, born 20 January 1927, in Continental, Ohio, son of Enos Ignatius and Bessie Lenore (Geren) Vogelpohl. Enos was electrocuted as he worked as a repairman for an utility company when Marvin was a small child. Bessie was born and raised in Continental, Ohio. His paternal grandfather was Bernard Ignatius Vogelpohl, born in Germany. His maternal grandparents were Phillip Sheridan and Vinnie Viola Olie (Van Vlerah) Geren. Marvin's brother and sister are: Garry Geren Vogelpohl and Jacquelyn Rose (Vogelpohl) Hornbrock.

Bessie remarried a couple years after the death of her first husband, to Leonard R. Schieber and to this marriage was born Ruth Elaine (Schieber) Witte. The family moved to Steuben County, Indiana, where Marvin attended school at Metz, Indiana, and graduated from Metz High School in 1945.

Glema Arlene Batterson was born 10 December 1927, in Angola, Indiana, daughter of Kirby Lee, born 27 October 1894, died July, 1962, and Sarah Violet (Walters) Batterson, born 23 October 1896, died July, 1972. They were married 26 October 1915. Her paternal grandparents were Stephen Clinton Aaron and Christina (Rockey) Batterson. Her maternal grandparents were Charles William and Mina Lovina (Wolff) Walters. Glema's sisters are: Mina Christina Batterson and Wanda Ethel (Batterson) Tritch. Kirby and Sarah were divorced and she married Frederick William Meiser, 25 December 1940. Fred had one daughter by a previous marriage, Elizabeth M. (Meiser), wife of Walter Pickard.

Glema grew up in the Steuben County area and attended schools at Angola, Auburn, and Metz, graduating from Metz High School in 1946.

Marvin and Glema were married 10 December 1946, at the Christian Church, of Auburn, Indiana. They are the parents of four children: Sue Ann, born 6 December 1947, married Wayne Burdick. They are the parents of two children: Patti Sue (Burdick) Swigert and she has three children: Brian, Misti Kay, and Dustin; Christopher Wayne Burdick; Rex Alan Vogelpohl, born 16 October 1949. He enlisted in the Army in 1969, and was sent to Vietnam in 1970, where he was killed in action 11 January 1971; Carol Jean, born 20 June 1951, married Terry Loucks and they were divorced. They are the parents of two children: Kenneth Eugene, born 6 June 1970, and Carrie Ann, born 25 March 1972; Russell Paul, born 1 December 1954, married Beth Ann Carper, and they are the parents of one son, Timothy Rex, born 10 October 1986.

Marvin and Glema lived in Steuben County and moved to Butler, in 1954. They resided in Butler until 1975 and moved to their present address in Waterloo, 1 January 1976.

Marvin and Glema both worked one year at the Steuben County Home and later they farmed the land at Marvin's parents' farm for three years. In rugust, 1950, Marvin went to work at Dana Corporation, in Auburn, Indiana. Marvin's pasttime is woodworking and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Butler.

Glema is a homemaker and enjoys crocheting and playing the organ. The Vogelpohls attend the Calvary Chapel Church of Waterloo.

ELIZABETH M. (MEISER) PICKARD, born 3 August 1918, in Steuben County, Indiana, daughter of Frederick William Meiser, born 1 October 1879, in DeKalb County, died in 1957, and Ellen Viola Knisley, born 2 June 1892, in DeKalb County, died 1932. They were married in 1917. Frederick worked at the Auburn Automobile Factory until it closed then worked as a carpenter in the Auburn area. Frederick was married in 1940, to Sarah Violet (Walter) Batterson. Elizabeth has one half brother: Floyd Knisely Meiser, and three step sisters: Mina Christina Batterson, Wanda Eithel (Batterson) Tritch, and Glema Arlene (Batterson) Vogelpohl. Her paternal grandparents were John Meiser, who came to America in 1865 from Hesselcathel, Germany, and Fredericke Hondel, who came to America in 1869, from Whittenberg, Germany. Fredericke's father was a musician. Elizabeth's maternal grandparents were Joseph Knisley, who worked at the depot west of St. Joe on the railroad, and Sarah Elizabeth Cooley. Joseph and Sarah resided in St. Joe, Indiana.

The Meisers lived on a farm in Jackson Township and later built a house on Urban Avenue, in Auburn, around 1875. Elizabeth was born in Steuben County but moved to Auburn at the age of four. She lived on Urban Avenue until after her marriage. She lived several places after being married until 1947, when they moved to their present address in rural Auburn, in Jackson Township.

Elizabeth attended school in Auburn at the old Harrison building, the old Junior High School and graduated from McIntosh High School, in 1936.

She married Walter Pickard on 3 August 1936, at his parents home in Butler Township.

Elizabeth is a homemaker and a member of the Jackson Township Extension Homemakers in which she has held several offices. She was DeKalb County Club Historian for two years and a member of Jackson Township Firemen's Auxiliary. Her hobbies are crafts and camping.

WALTER LOUIS PICKARD, born 7 May 1912, New Haven, Indiana, son of Washington Pickard, born 1 August 1865, Ipswich, Massachusetts, died in 1956, and Icy Demma Croy, born 1879, Indiana, died 1942. Washington and Icy were married in 1892. They were the parents of ten children: Columbus Franklin, Oscar, Frederick Ray, Clemet R., Fannie Elizabeth (Pickard) Carpenter, Howard, died 1909, Alice, died 1911, Walter Louis, Florence Marie (Pickard) DeWitt, and a stillborn daughter, born and died 1922. His paternal grandparents were Washington and Sarah Elizabeth (Howard) Pickard, from the House of Howards, of England. Washington served in the Civil War and they resided in Ipswich, Massachusetts. His maternal grandparents were Jack and Elizabeth (Swathwood) Croy, who were farmers in Allen County, Indiana.

Walter grew up in Allen County, Indiana, where his parents were farmers. He attended several country schools, graduating from Lafayette Central High School, in Allen County, in 1932.

Walter came to DeKalb County, in 1932, when his parents moved south of Garrett. He farmed with his father until 1936, then worked at the Rubber Company until 1942. He later worked for Russell Dailey as a mechanic and farmed during World War II. Walter also worked as a maintenance mechanic in several Auburn and Fort Wayne factories retiring from Essex Company, in 1977.

Mr. Pickard worked with the Boy Scout Troop 174 and served as Scout Master for six years, 1958 to 1964. Then he worked on the Anthony Wayne Council and as a committeeman for four years. Walter was founder of the Jackson Township Fire Department in 1972. He was Chairman of the Board for four years and an active fireman until 1984. He is a professional horseshoe pitcher and won second place in the seventy and over age group at the World's Horseshoe Tournament in 1985, which was held at Lafayette, Indiana.

Walter married Elizabeth Meiser at the home of Walter's parents, Butler Township, DeKalb County, on 3 August 1936. They are the parents of two children: Judith Annette (Pickard), born 6 November 1940, married LaVern Harold Jackemeyer; and Stephen Allen, born 6 October 1946, married Judith Ann Hoover.

The Pickards have lived at their present address for thirty-nine years, in rural Auburn. They are members of the First Christian Church.

DALE EUGENE HEALY, born 10 October 1937, in Auburn, son of Byron Everett and Mildred Latisha (DePew) Healy. Mildred resides in Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Frederick Leroy and Lydia (Reas) Healy. His maternal grandparents were William Wilson Charles Isaiah "Ike" and Alverda May (Funk) DePew.

Dale grew up in the Butler area and attended Butler schools, graduating from Butler High School in 1956. He worked at Scottie's Truck Stop and Federal Fertilizer of Butler, construction and the Auburn Foundry.

In 1954, Dale met Carolyn Marie Woodcock at the Silvermoon Skating Rink in Waterloo, Indiana, then on 22 September 1956. They were married at the Auburn Missionary Church by Reverend Harlan Wright. For most of their married life, they have resided in Jackson Township, south of Auburn. Carolyn was born 12 September 1938, in Payne, Ohio, daughter of Alfred Edwin and Alma Louise (Stoll) Woodcock, of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents were Arthur Henry and Sarah Anne (Morgan-Foster) Woodcock. Her maternal grandparents were Frederick Bernhard Wilhelm and Mabel Emma (Rough/Rowe) Stoll.

Carolyn grew up in the Garrett area and attended schools in Garrett, Auburn, and one year at Butler, graduating from Butler High School in 1956. She worked at the Waterloo

Dairy Queen, which was started by her aunt and uncle, Kohl's Grocery in Mooresville near Butler, cleaning houses in the Auburn area, a waitress at Miller's Cafe on South Jackson Street, Auburn, and is now employed at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in the Snack Bar.

On 5 October 1960, Dale was drafted into the Army and on 11 March 1961, he was sent overseas, landing in Bremerhaven, Germany, then on 12 March 1961, he reported to the Army base in Nancy, France. In July, 1961, Carolyn joined Dale in Nancy, France and stayed in France until September, 1962. Dale ended his tour of duty as a Spec 4 on 29 September 1962, and spent two years in the Army reserves. Dale returned to his job at the Auburn Foundry and in January, 1963, Dale got a job with Warner Gear which changed to Auburn Gear, where he is presently employed.

Dale and Carolyn adopted two children: Wayne Eric, born 14 May 1967. Wayne resides in Butler and is employed at Foley Pattern in Auburn; and Valerie Dawn, born 21 February 1972. She is active in the Jackson Township 4-H, Girl Scouts and is a candy striper at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Dale and Carolyn attend the Missionary Church of Auburn. Dale is active in the Warner Gear Credit Union, on the Board of Directors of the Jackson Township Fire Department and they are both active with the 4-H. Carolyn is a member of the Jackson Township Fire Department Auxiliary and the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild. Dale enjoys hunting and fishing and Carolyn enjoys stamp collecting and bowling and they both enjoy camping.

BYRON EVERETT HEALY, born 21 February 1913, in Defiance County, Ohio, son of Frederick Leroy and Lydia (Reas) Healy. His paternal grandparents were William ~~and~~ Lavina (Slentz) Healy. His paternal great grandparents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Becknell) Healy of Irish descent. His maternal grandparents were Fayette and Matilda (Lori) Reas.

On 28 June 1935, Byron married Mildred Latisha DePew, born 1 February 1914, daughter of William Wilson Charles Isaiah Ike, born 12 February 1891, and Alverda May (Funk) DePew, born 10 October 1890. Her paternal grandparents were Charles, 1863-1939, and Maggie (Carnahan) DePew, 1871-1939, both are buried in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett. Her maternal grandparents were Oliver L., 1862-1912, and Hanna (Crager) Funk, 1886-1939, both are buried in the Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Byron and Mildred are the parents of three sons: Donald Lavon, born 24 April 1936, Dale Eugene, born 10 October 1937, and Duaine Edward, born 4 March 1942.

Byron worked as a farm hand most of his life until he went to work at the Rieke Corporation in Auburn. After he left the farm, Byron was drafted into the Army during World War II on 17 January 1944, and was sent overseas in July, 1944. Byron was wounded near Nancy, France and Germany on 21 September 1944, and was taken to the Cambridge Hospital in England where he died 21 October 1944, at the age of thirty-one years. He was temporarily buried in the Cambridge Cemetery in England, until the spring of 1948, when his body was brought back to Indiana, and is now buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, southwest of Garrett, Indiana.

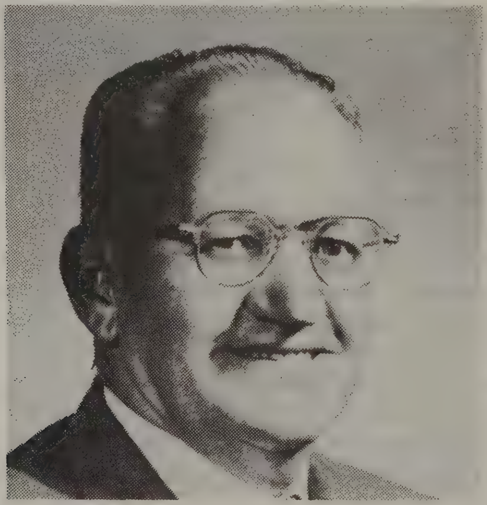
After the death of her husband, Mildred and her sons resided with her parents. In 1950, Mildred married Howard Oberlin and to them one son was born, Gary Lavon, born 10 January 1952. Mildred now resides in Butler, Indiana.

Herman and Marie Stoll

HERMAN J. STOLL, born in Germany on 4 October 1859, and was married in Germany about 1888 to Marie Schroeder, born in Germany, 9 March 1870. They resided in Malihin Melklinburg Schwerin, Germany and moved to the United States to start a new way of life in 1891. The Stolls with their son, Frederick Bernard Wilhelm, born 4 October 1889, landed at Briman in Baltimore, Maryland, 27 April. After their arrival in their new home land, the Stolls moved to Chicago, Illinois, where their second son, Arthur Theodore Gustov, was born 18 February 1893. In 1894, the Stoll family moved to Dutchtown, east of Garrett, Indiana, and then became members of the Zion Lutheran Church of Garrett. They later moved to 908 South Lee Street, Garrett, to reside.

While living in Germany, Herman was a tailor and worked in a fix-it shop helping his brothers, Henry, Otto, and Louis Stoll, until Henry and Otto came to the United States to reside in Chicago, Illinois. After moving to Garrett, Herman worked as an employee of the Garrett shops of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a blacksmith's helper until his health failed. Herman had several strokes the last years of his life and the remaining two years he was bedfast. Due to the condition of his health, Herman and Marie resided at 607 South Lee Street, Garrett. Herman passed away 28 January 1924, in Garrett, and was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Marie was from a family of seven children, having three brothers and three sister, which most of her family remained in Germany but one sister, Frieda Schroeder, who came to the United States the same year as the Stolls. In 1914, Marie went home to visit relatives residing in Gielow, Germany, and while there World War I broke out and Marie had to find a safe way back to the United States. She returned safely to her home on South Lee Street and carried on with her life as wife and mother. Marie remained in her home several years after the death of her husband and later sold her home to her granddaughter and husband, Alma and Alfred Woodcock. Marie then moved to the home of her son, Frederick, and later to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to reside with her second son, Arthur, and his wife Minnie (Witte) Stoll. On 19 November 1942, Marie passed away at the home of her son, Arthur, and was buried next to her husband in the Woodlawn Cemetery.



Frederick Stoll

FREDERICK BERNARD WILHELM STOLL, born in Gielow, Germany, 4 October 1889, the son of Herman and Marie (Schroeder) Stoll. Gielow, Germany later became part of the Soviet Union after World War I. At the age of eighteen months, Frederick came to America with his parents, landing at Briman in Baltimore, Maryland, 27 April 1891. Soon after their arrival in their new homeland, the Stolls moved to Chicago, Illinois, to live and in 1894, the family moved to Dutchtown, east of Garrett, Indiana. Frederick grew up in the Garrett area and attended the Garrett schools. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Garrett, and was confirmed on 5 April 1903, by Reverend H.B. Kohlmier.

Fred, as he was better known, worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad starting in the Motive Power Department, 11 February 1905, and in 1922, worked in the Maintenance Department. After serving forty-nine years on the Baltimore and Ohio, he retired, 15 October 1954. In November, 1958, Fred was among the Justices of Peace elected to a four-year term beginning 1 January 1959, as a Republican in Keyser Township. Fred handled approximately 128 civil cases but he also handled cases after his 1962 term ended.

On 5 March 1916, Fred was united in marriage to Mabel Emma Rowe/Rough in the Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett by Reverend G. Blordel. Their witnesses to their wedding were Fred's cousin, Hedwig Schroeder and Fred's brother, Arthur Stoll. Fred and Mabel Stoll resided at 705 South Franklin Street, Garrett, and became the parents of Alma Louise, born 24 November 1916, and Walter (Bud) Arthur, born 30 December 1917.

Mabel Emma Stoll, born 8 August 1890, in Bertrand, Michigan, daughter of James F. and Elizabeth Rough of Niles, Michigan. James F. Rough, born 20 July 1865, in Michigan, the son of Henry S. and Susan H. (Sellers/Zellers) Rough of Pennsylvania, and on 23 December 1882, James married Elizabeth Hoffine, born 10 May 1864, in Bertrand, Michigan. James passed away 9 March 1916, in Logansport, Indiana, and several years after his death, Elizabeth remarried to David Gogley. On 9 December 1944, Elizabeth passed away in Niles, Michigan.

Mabel Stoll, who was expecting her third child when she contracted the flu of 1918, and passed away 14 April 1919. She was buried in her wedding dress and layed to rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

In 1921, Fred was married in Garrett to Christine Wilhelmina Marie Gallmeyer, born 8 September 1894, in Urbana, Illinois, the daughter of Friedrich and Wilhelmina Gallmeyer. Friedrich W. Gallmeyer, born 15 March 1860, in Adams County, Indiana, the son of Ernst Gallmeyer. On 4 November 1883, Friedrich was married in St.

Peter, Illinois, to Wilhelmina Bahde, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Fred and Christine Stoll were the parents of Leroy Otto, born 14 April 1922, and Irma Maxine, born 15 August 1930, wife of Elden Knapp. Christine passed away 30 November 1942, of double pneumonia and was buried beside Fred's first wife.

In October, 1943, Fred was married in Garrett to Marie Carolina Anna Sprandel, born in Kendallville, Indiana, in 1880. Fred and Marie resided on South Lee Street, Garrett, and in the later 1960's, Marie was moved to the Kendallville Lutheran Nursing Home. Fred passed away, 10 March 1972, and was buried with his first and second wives in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Marie passed away, 19 January 1978, at the Lutheran Nursing Home and was buried in Kendallville, Indiana.

Daniel and Elizabeth Kosht

DANIEL KOSHT, born 30 March 1797, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and was married 15 July 1820, to Margaret Bobb, born 14 October 1799, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of: John Phillip, Daniel, Samuel, Jacob, William Henry, and David. John P. Kosht and his family moved to Montgomery Township, Ashland County, Ohio, in May, 1832, and were members of the Lutheran Church. After almost fifty years of marriage, Margaret Kosht passed away, 14 January 1869, in Montgomery Township and was buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland County, Ohio.

John P. Kosht remarried in 1871, to Lydia Martin, born 2 January 1811, and after thirteen years of marriage, John passed away 27 May 1884, in Ashland County, Ohio. He was buried near his first wife. Lydia passed away 31 January 1888, and was buried in the Ashland Cemetery, Ashland County, Ohio.

Daniel Kosht, the subject of this sketch, married Elizabeth Lash, born 24 July 1833, in Ashland County, Ohio, the daughter of William Lash, born in Sussex, New Jersey, 6 May 1804, and Barbara Lesh, born 11 July 1808, in Gente County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Zachariah and Elizabeth Lesh. William and Barbara were married 5 November 1826, and were the parents of twelve children. Barbara passed away 12 February 1885, and was buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland County, Ohio. William, who was a farmer all his life, passed away 16 August 1887, and was buried with his wife.

Daniel and Elizabeth Kosht were the parents of: Eli, Simon Peter, Francis Marion, David, Barbara Jane and Mary Ellen (twins), William Edgar, Emmet and Emma (twins), and Cora. Daniel and his large family moved to Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana about 1866, where the latter four children were born. When Cora was ten years of age, her mother passed away 24 November 1881, and was buried in the Union Chapel, Cosper, Cemetery, east of Auburn. Daniel passed away 10 January 1890, and was buried near his wife in the Union Chapel Cemetery.

Ezra Sliger Family

EZRA SLIGER, son of Nicholas Pumphrey and Malissa Jane (Egolf) Sliger, of Whitley County, and grandson of John and Edith (Pumphrey) Sliger of Ohio, was born near Columbia City, 16 September 1874. He married Lillie Caroline Waugh, daughter of David Miner and Mary (Kinsey) Waugh of Whitley County, on 15 October 1895.

In 1904, Ezra and Lille moved to DeKalb County in the Garrett area, where he worked as a B & O engineer. In 1920, they purchased a farm northwest of Garrett adjacent to the West Richland School. The children of this union are:

Harrie Eraun Sliger, born 22 July 1896, and died 1 September 1898.

Karl W. Sliger.

Rabie Dare Sliger, born 5 May 1901 and married Dora Mahala Eldridge, 26 August 1924. Rabie was a B & O passenger conductor. They have two sons, John R., who died 24 May 1954, in a farm tractor accident, and Joe D., who lives northwest of Garrett. Rabie Sliger died in 1967 and Dora is deceased.

Mrs. Arthur (Velma) Ferguson, who lived near Auburn, was born 15 February 1903, and was married in 1927. Three sons, James of Auburn, Byron of Ohio, and David of Garrett, were of this union. Both Arthur and Velma are deceased.

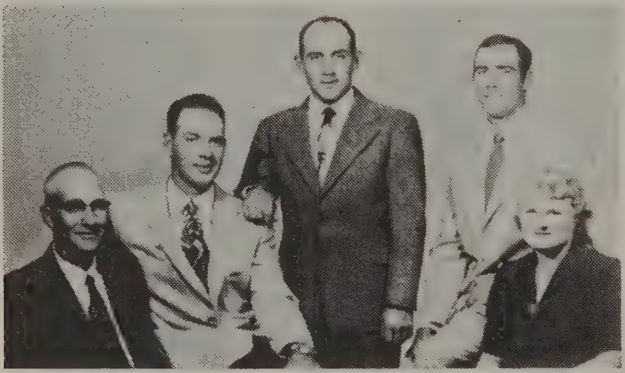
Mrs. Dan (Eloise) Schurr, born 7 June 1905, and was married 26 January 1928. Daniel Schurr, Jr. of Auburn, and Carolyn Thrush of Avilla are the children of this union. Both Dan and Eloise are deceased.

Mrs. Don (Lillie) Gillespie of Canadaiqua, New York, was born 13 May 1908, and married 10 August 1935. A daughter of the Gillespies, Sharon Henry, also lived in Canadaiqua.

David Ezra Sliger, born 31 January 1913, still lives in Connersville, where he went to work with the Cord-Duesenberg factory in that city. His daughter, Kathy Jones, resides in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Jay (Margaret) Penland of Kendallville was born 25 November 1914, and married 1942. A son, Harry, resides in Nebraska, and a daughter, Ramona Jordan, lives near Avilla.

In 1947, Ezra sold his farm to his son, Karl W., and his grandsons. Ezra died in 1955, and his wife in 1957.



Karl Sliger Family

KARL W. SLIGER, born 5 December 1898 in Whitley County. He graduated from Garrett High School and in 1917, enlisted in the U.S. Army just prior to his graduation ceremonies making him one of the youngest to enlist from Garrett. Following his basic training on the east coast, he was shipped to France. In the late 1920's, Karl W. began to work for the B & O and when things were slow during the depression, he helped his father farm. On 10 April 1928, Karl W. was united in marriage with Clara Miller, born 10 February 1903, daughter of Joseph and Gertrude (Zircher) Miller, immigrants from Germany.

In the 1930's, the Sligers began raising broilers and this became a family tradition until the 1950's, at times raising as many as 50,000 a year. Later Karl W. and his sons raised chickens for eggs, had dairy cattle, and diversified farm crops.

Karl and Clara had three sons: Robert, Karl B., Kenneth, and seven grandchildren. Karl W. died in 1966, shortly after his retirement from the B & O and his wife died in 1983.

Robert Sliger, born 26 May 1929, began farming in 1947 after his graduation from Garrett High School and his service with the U.S. forces overseas. In 1955, he married Jean Mavis, daughter of Bruce and Elizabeth (Zook) Mavis of near Auburn. They moved into an apartment on the Sliger homestead. They have three children, Robert G., Keith, and Cindy Prater. All live in DeKalb County. They have one granddaughter. Robert continues to farm and in 1963, became a B & O employee until a railroad accident in 1965 caused the loss of a leg. He manages the family farm and spends summers at his cottage on Manitoulin Island, Canada.

Karl B. Sliger, born 18 July 1930, followed his father's footsteps and started railroading with the B & O in 1955, after graduating from Garrett and serving with Second Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1959, he married Ilene Balliet, daughter of Randall and Mabel Balliet of near Auburn. They reside in Auburn.

Kenneth Sliger, born 29 October 1931, also a Garrett graduate and veteran with the 198th Engineers, was married in 1961 to Reba Knapp, daughter of Harold and Frances (Thompson) Knapp of near Garrett. He is presently a B & O employee and his wife is a teacher at Garrett. They have four sons: Kerry, Randy, Ryan, and Kris, and two grandchildren.

Joseph Miller Family

JOSEPH K. MILLER, born in Bavaria,

Germany, 29 July 1865, left for America when he was nearly twenty to look for his brother, Frank, who was located on a farm near Summit. After farming briefly with his brother, Joseph went to Garrett to be employed by the B & O Railroad for two years. In 1891, he went to work in the shops of the Pullman Company and was there for two years. He returned to DeKalb County and worked for awhile at a tile mill near Summit before returning to work for the B & O until 1926, where he belonged to the machinist's union.

On 9 June 1894, Joseph Miller and Gertrude Zircher, who was born 28 August 1868, in Germany, were married at Summit. Of this union, eight children were born:

John Joseph Miller, born 28 December 1895, died 22 July 1922.

Theodore Ignatius, a machinist in Seattle, Washington, was born 4 July 1897. His son, Theodore R., resided in Montana, and had two children.

Oswalt Francis Miller was born 16 February 1899, and married 31 July 1923, to Leona Paluszak. There were five children: Mrs. Collin (Mary Helen) Redmond of rural Garrett, Mrs. Arthur (Rose) Johnson, formerly of Fort Wayne and now of Washington State, Mrs. James (Margaret) Bonkoski of Garrett, John Miller, deceased, and William Miller of rural Waterloo. Fifteen grandchildren belong to the Joseph Miller family.

Mary M. Miller, born in 1900, resided in her parents' home on South Guilford, until she moved to Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A daughter, Mrs. Karl W. (Clara) Sliger, born 10 February 1903, was married 10 April 1928. They have three sons, Robert and Kenneth of Corunna, and Karl B. of Auburn, and seven grandchildren.

Augustine Miller was born 19 March 1905, and died 8 June 1905.

Hilda Miller, born 10 July 1906, became Mrs. Cleo Beeber, in 1934. Their children were Joseph of Fort Wayne, Mary Ruth of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Thomas (Janice) Kappel of rural Garrett, Thomas of Avilla, and Naomi of Fort Wayne. The Beebers have eleven grandchildren.

Helen Miller was born in 1909, and died in 1927, after a car accident.

KENNETH P. SLIGER, son of Karl W. and Clara (Miller) Sliger and grandson of Ezra and Caroline (Waugh) Sliger was born 29 October 1931, in his grandfather Miller's (Joseph) house in Garrett. In April, 1932, he moved with his family to Richland Township, where even at an early age he helped raise chickens. He walked across the road to attend West Richland School when he was only five. He and his brothers drove to Garrett to attend high school and he graduated in 1949. He was engaged in farming when he was drafted in July, 1952. He received basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and served as a cook with the 398th Engineers from the same base. He was discharged in June, 1954, and resumed farming with his brothers. In 1964, he hired out as a B & O employee and continues working there.

Kenneth Sliger Family

On 26 August 1961, Kenneth and Reba Knapp were married in the St. Joseph Rectory at Garrett. She is the daughter of Harold and Frances (Thompson) Knapp of Garrett. She attended Altona School and remembers walking a mile while in the primary grades before a neighbor's station wagon made two trips, morning and evenings, to haul the children. She remembers how exceedingly high the piled snowdrifts seemed to her at that age and how each neighbor watched to see if she had passed their house on her way home.

Reba graduated from Garrett High School in 1955, and worked for three years at the J.E. Ober School as a secretary, when the building was new. She then attended Ashland College in Ohio, and graduated in 1962, with a B.S. in education and continued at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne to receive her Masters. She is presently teaching in Garrett.

The Sligers have four sons who all reside in the area.

Kerry John Sliger was born 22 July 1963, graduated from DeKalb in 1981, and from Ball State in 1985. He is a teacher at Angola, and on 4 October, 1986, married Deborah Donnelly, daughter of Richard and Barbara (Zabrowski) Donnelly of Hobart.

Randy Bret Sliger was born 9 September 1964 and graduated from DeKalb in 1983. He married Karen Faulkner, daughter of Ed Faulkner and Frances Laws, 4 June 1983. He graduated as a mechanic from Northwestern Business College of Lima, Ohio. They have two children, Kenneth

Edward, born 8 June 1982, and Brooke Mae, born 12 April 1986.

Ryan Kenneth Sliger was born 14 November 1966, graduated from DeKalb in 1985, and is attending Indiana-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, and majoring in electrical engineering.

Kristopher Thomas Sliger was born 29 January 1968, graduated from DeKalb in 1986, and is presently employed at Bauman-Harnish.

Harold Knapp Family

HAROLD KNAPP, a DeKalb resident since 1943, was born near Harlan, Indiana, 22 February 1901, to Fred and Laura (Rupert) Knapp. He remembers working at an early age in a tomato cannery where lids had to be soldered on. He left home when he was eighteen to live with relatives in Fort Wayne, while he worked in a dairy and made cement blocks. He signed up for the draft just days before the end of World War I. In Van Wert, 3 October 1922, he married Frances Thompson, daughter of John and Margaret (Buddemeir) Thompson of Illinois and later of Ligonier. Harold continued making cement blocks and remembers delivering them with a Republic truck, a Model T, and later a four-cylinder Dodge.

In the spring of 1931, the trucks and property were traded for farm machinery and the family moved to the Thompson farm west of Ligonier, just over the Elkhart County line. The farm was sandy and the yields small and was lost following the Depression. The Knapps then lived briefly at Avilla and Waterloo before purchasing the farm one mile west of Garrett. Harold worked at the Garrett roundhouse, the feed mill, for Woody Turner's Body Shop, Yarde's ditching and retired from Electric Motors after ten years.

Frances Thompson Knapp died in January, 1961.

Mrs. D. Paul (Imogene Rose) LaRowe was born in Fort Wayne, 24 March 1924. In 1945, she was married and her new husband was shipped to Okinawa where he was wounded. The LaRowe's reside at rural Waterloo, where Paul is a bus driver and a farmer. They have a daughter, Mrs. Richard (Diane) Smith, of rural Waterloo, and two sons: Keith, of Texas, and Jeff, at home. They have five grandchildren.

Dale I. Knapp, of rural Auburn, was born 25 September 1925, in Fort Wayne. In 1945, he was married to Ruth Irene Smith, of Auburn, while he was serving with 159th Battalion, 73rd Infantry Regiment. They have a son, Dennis, of Angola, and a daughter, Mrs. Warren (Cheryl) Carnahan, and four grandchildren.

Elden Ray Knapp, of rural Garrett, was born 27 September 1927, and served with the U.S. Forces in Panama. He married Irma Stoll in 1948. They have two children, Kristina, of Fort Wayne, and Kevin, of California.

Norman A. Knapp, of Garrett, was born 10 December 1928. He married Fannie Mae Rowe in 1950. They have two sons: Terry, of Colorado, and Larry, of Garrett, and several grandchildren.

Ivan L. Knapp, of rural Auburn, was born 3 April 1931, and served with the military police, 10th Division in Japan. In 1962, he married Isobel Kessler. She died in 1986. They have three children: David, Michael, and Vicky, and one grandchild.

Mrs. Kenneth (Reba) Sliger, born 1 December 1936, attended Ashland College in Ohio, and was married in 1961. She is a teacher at Garrett and her husband is a B & O employee. They have four sons: Kerry, Randy, Ryan, and Kris, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Ludwig (Janet) Groen was born 30 July 1939, resides near Fowler, where she and her husband farm. They have two children: Arleen and Neil.

Mrs. Paul (Myrna) Demske was born 7 November 1940, and was married in 1963. She is a secretary at the Garrett Schools and her husband is a truck driver. They reside near Avilla.

ELDEN RAY KNAPP, born 27 September 1927, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Harold B. and Francis M. (Thompson) Knapp, of Garrett, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Frederick A. and Laura (Ruppert) Knapp, of Harlan, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John and Margaret (Buddemeier) Thompson, of Ligonier, Indiana.

Irma Maxine Stoll, born 15 August 1930, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Frederick B.W. and Christine (Gallmeyer) Stoll, of Garrett, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Herman and Marie (Schroeder) Stoll, of Garrett, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Frederick and Wilhelmina (Bahde) Gallmeyer.

Elden and Irma met at the Garrett swimming pool. They were married 2 May 1948, at the parsonage of the Zion Evangelic Lutheran Church, of Garrett, Indiana.

Elden attended school at Judy School, Ligonier, Indiana, and received a G.E.D. at Garrett High School. Irma attended school at Will Frank and Garrett High School. Elden was employed with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and International Harvester. He was now retired. Irma was employed with Electric Motors and Specialty, of Garrett, Indiana.

To this union were born two children: Kristina Kay, born 6 August 1951, and Kevin Karl, born 10 September 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Knapp now reside near Garrett, Indiana, and they are members of the Zion Evangelic Lutheran Church, of Garrett, Indiana.

KRISTINA KAY (KNAPP) SCHROEDER, born 6 August 1951, Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Elden Ray and Irma Maxine (Stoll) Knapp, of Garrett, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Harold B. and Francis M. (Thompson) Knapp, of Garrett, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Frederick B.W. and Christine M. (Gallmeyer) Stoll, of Garrett, Indiana.

Kristina attended the J.E. Ober school and Garrett High School. She is now employed at the Patton Electric Company, New Haven, Indiana.

Kristina married Walter F. Schroeder, Jr., 17 March 1973. They were divorced 2 June 1979.

KEVIN KARL KNAPP, born 10 September 1955, Garrett, Indiana, son of Elden Ray and Irma Maxine (Stoll) Knapp, of Garrett, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Harold and Francis (Thompson) Knapp, of Garrett, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Frederick B. and Christine (Gallmeyer) Stoll.

Kevin married Susan Carolyn Reimer, 20 July 1983, Monterey, California. Susan is the daughter of Carl John and Elizabeth Ann (Chapman) Reimer. Kevin attended school at J.E. Ober and Garrett High School. He also attended college at Indiana-Purdue and Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Susan attended schools in Monterey, California, and graduated from Carmer High School.

Kevin was employed at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and Susan are both enjoyed at the Monterey Community in California.

Bernard and Catherine Miller

BERNARD I. MILLER, born on his family's farm, 3 January 1911, five miles north of Waterloo near St. Michael's Catholic Church. This farm is the same on which he made his living by farming and the same on which he still resides. Part of this land was forest, purchased in the year of 1862, another section in 1866. Bernard bought the property in 1955.

He is the youngest of seven children of Frank A. Miller and Theresa Zircher. His grandfather, John Miller, had come to DeKalb County from Bundenthal, Bavaria. Great grandfather was also named John, married to a Miss Trapp. Bernard's maternal grandparents were Michael Zircher and Anna Marie Fetter, who bore six children.

On 1 October 1949, Bernard married Catherine Adelaide Schiffli, born 16 October 1914, one of five daughters of August Schiffli and Anna Reinig. August came to this country in 1880 with his parents John Schiffli and Victoria Hahn from Strasburg, Germany, Village of Schirrein. Mathias Schiffli and Marie Anne Steinmetz were John's parents. Victoria's parents were George and Anatasia Dorffer.

Anna Reinig was one of six children born to Frederick Reinig and Catherine Hoffelder. Frederick's parents were Frank and Johanna (LaFroise) Reinig. Francis Charles Hoffelder was Catherine's father.

At the time of the arrival of this country, the newly founded St. Michael's Church and the little railroad town of Summit were the centers of this German settlement of Smithfield Township.

Bernard and Catherine both received their early school education, all eight grades in the district No. 10 school house, which was across the road from St. Michael's Church. This building was moved in 1932 to its present location on the Miller farm.

They both have been active in St. Michael's Church, Catherine served as organist for forty-five years, following her mother's footsteps.

Bernard sang in the choir forty years. She also is a member of the Smithfield Township Never Idle Homemakers Club for thirty years.

Their family includes two daughters: Theresa (Miller) Graves, born 26 September 1950, and Claudia (Miller) Bryant, born 13 August 1952. They are the grandparents of three granddaughters.

FRANCIS WILLIAM GOODWIN was a native of DeKalb County, where he lived his entire life in or near Waterloo, except four months during which time he worked on the docks in San Pedro, California.

He was the son of William Daniel and Emma Rumina (Shaffer) Goodwin. Francis was born 17 October 1901, and had one brother, Orrin, born 1894, died at the age of seven days, and four sisters.

Orpha Angilla, born 14 October 1881, died 27 April 1964, married Jonathon Sherman Opdycke "Daunt", 19 June 1900. They had two sons and one daughter, Alfred G., born 12 July 1901, died 28 September 1903; Carolyn Hope, born 14 November 1902, married W. Clark Ayres; Oliver Daunt, born 30 March 1907, died 6 August 1983, married first Myrtle Dickson, second Mildred (Sheets) Payton.

Vesta Iona, born 22 December 1885, died 27 March 1977, married Charles O. White, 10 June 1907. They had two sons and two daughters: Francis Evan, born 19 October 1907, died 23 September 1973, married Zelma Ball; Roberta Olive, born 7 May 1911, married Earnest Meese, 30 January 1930; Doretta Opal, born 18 October 1913, married Charles Leroy Hodges, 8 April 1933; Estelle L, born 31 March 1918, married Jean Livingston.

Lulu Edna, born 19 July 1888, died 14 June 1947, married Ward Jackman. They had one son, Keith Goodwin Jackman, born 15 August 1924, died 7 March 1978.

Helen Belle Blanche, born 25 August 1896, died 4 January 1973, married Fern Alexander Morr, 20 April 1924. They had one daughter, Marilyn Jean, born 19 September 1930.

On 22 September 1923, Francis married Clara Alberta Miller, of Archbold, Ohio, daughter of Adam Wendell and Mary Lucinda (Stuckey) Miller. They have one son, Richard, and two daughters: Dorothy Marjadine, born 29 April 1924, married William Albert Powelson, 16 July 1949. He was the son of Marcus Arlow and Jesse Eva (Garn) Powelson. Emogene Winifred, born 24 June 1926, married Edward James Greer, 16 March 1946. He was the son of James William and Ellis (Lee) Greer. They have two sons, James, at home, and Michael, of Auburn.

Francis was employed at Warner Gear, Division of Borg-Warner in Auburn, Indiana. He retired in 1965. Clara preceded him in death, 11 May 1973. Francis passed away 24 March 1975.

WILLIAM ALBERT POWELSON, born 7 December 1911, in Branch County, Michigan, son of Marc Arlo and Jessie Eva (Garn) Powelson. He had one sister, Marjory Helen (Powelson) Norton, and a half brother, Donald Ward Powelson.

On 16 July 1949, in Crown Point, Indiana, he married Dorothy Marjadene Goodwin, born 29 April 1924, daughter of Francis William and Clara Alberta (Miller) Goodwin. They had no children.

Mr. Powelson was employed at Short Way Bus Lines for fifteen years, at which time he went to work for the Indiana Toll Road Commission, working a short time as a Toll Attendant, collecting the first toll taken on this new Interstate. Then he became a teller, traveling from East Point to West Point every day. He retired in December of 1976, after 21 years with the Commission.

Mrs. Powelson was a graduate of Waterloo High School and Tri-State University. She was employed at Pet Milk, in Angola, Indiana, for seven years, then with REMC for twenty years. Mrs. Powelson retired in January of 1976. She now resides in Auburn, Indiana.

William Powelson passed away 27 May 1984. He is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

EDWARD JAMES GREER, born in New Castle, Indiana, 16 October 1923. He is the son of James William Greer, born 16 July 1894, in Bruce, Kentucky, died 4 October 1942, and Ellis Lee (Greer) Greer, born 31 January 1894, in Peter Creek, Kentucky, died 1 March 1971. They moved to New Castle before the children were born. Edward had two sisters: Dorothy Dora, born 7 August 1921, stillborn; Betty Lee (Greer) Myers, born 23 February 1928, married Dallas G. Myers, 26 October 1947, and they have two children: Phillip G. and Janean Lee (Myers) Netsky.

After the death of his father, 1942, Edward took over management of the Waterloo Hotel, located on Lincoln Street in Waterloo, Indiana, across from the depot. In 1943, Edward was drafted into the U.S. Army. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in Company H, 133rd Infantry Regiment of the Fifth Army. He was awarded a bronze star 3 November 1944. He was discharged in December of 1945.

On 16 March 1946, he married Emogene

Winifred Goodwin. She was born 24 June 1926, daughter of Francis William and Clara Alberta (Miller) Goodwin. They are the parents of two sons: James Duane, born 23 January 1951, of Waterloo, Indiana. Michael married Ginger Kay DeLong on 14 July 1973. She is the daughter of Kenneth DeLong of Auburn, Indiana, and Alice Grear of Ashley, Indiana. They have two children: Scott Michael, born 1 November 1975, and Robyn Renae, born 7 March 1978.

Mr. Greer was employed at Warner Gear in Auburn, Indiana, for thirty years. He retired 1 March 1978. Mr. and Mrs. Greer have spent their married life in DeKalb County, Indiana, living in Waterloo most of the time.

Edward Greer passed away 6 June 1984, and is buried in the Waterloo Memorial Cemetery. Mrs. Greer resides in their home near Waterloo.

RICHARD WILLIAM GOODWIN, son of Francis William and Clara Alberta (Miller) Goodwin, born 1 March 1929, at the home of his maternal grandparents, Archbold, Ohio. He has lived his entire life in Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Richard has two sisters: Dorothy M. Powelson, of Auburn, Indiana, and Emogene W. Greer, of Waterloo, Indiana.

On 16 December 1955, he married Alice Arlene Lasko, born 5 September 1937, daughter of Michael Marion and Alice Catherine (Hynne) Lasko. They have four sons and one daughter.

John W. Goodwin, born 11 September 1956, married Mary Ann Schwartz, 21 March 1981, daughter of Joe H. and Frances (Colbentz) Schwartz, of Berne, Indiana. John and Mary Ann owned and operated the Raintree Inn Restaurant in Geneva, Indiana. They were divorced in 1987.

Alan W. Goodwin, born 21 September 1957, married Julia Ann Clark, 24 September 1977, daughter of Glen and Luella (Overholt) Clark, of Hamilton, Indiana. Alan is a lathe operator and a part time farmer. They have two children: Andrew W., born 8 July 1978, and Kasandra Marie, born 24 October 1979.

Tracy W. Goodwin, born 26 October 1962, is employed at the Bluffton Cable TV, as chief technician. He will be married 2 May 1987, to Jennifer Brown.

Lucinda A. "Cindy", born 8 November 1966, married David Hunter, 21 March 1986, son of Larry and Ruth Ann (Ulerick) Hunter, of Rochester, Indiana. Cindy graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She plans to work in the accounting field. They are the parents of a son, Logan Drew, born 10 October 1986.

Daniel W. "Dan", born 20 June 1969, is a student at DeKalb High School. He will graduate 31 May 1987. He is employed at Sanderson Auto Sales, in Auburn, Indiana.

Richard served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was in the 167th Infantry, Division Hq & Hq Company. He was sent to Japan, where he stayed during the war. He was in the 47th Const. Battalion Maintenance Division when he was discharged. He was discharged from Fort Carson, Colorado. Before he went into the Army he started working at Warner Gear, division of Borg-Warner, now Auburn Gear. He started his forty-first year with the company on St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 1986.

George Cramer and Tommy

GEORGE ANDREW CRAMER was born in Delphos, Ohio, on 9 September 1871, and came with his parents, Andrew and Lavina Mochamer Cramer, to settle in Altona, DeKalb County, when he was a youngster.

When he was about twenty-five years of age, he moved to Fort Wayne, where he established a house painting and decorating business. This was located on South Hanna Street, where George lived in the rear of the store.

George Cramer stood very tall and straight, quite a dapper young man who was always easy-going and had a easy laugh and a good sense of humor.

In his spare time he fashioned wooden dummies and loved to entertain anyone anytime.

He made wooden stick figures for his nieces and nephews which provided hours of fun for all the children and adults as well.

These figures had a stable head while the arms and legs were all jointed. From the back of the doll was a stick which was used to guide the doll and by manipulating the stick from side to side, the hinged figure appeared to be walking.

His most loved creation was a black boy he named Tommy which is shown in the accompanying photograph.

Tommy's big eyes would roll as George tried his ventriloquism on his audiences. The lips moved and inside the gloves were thin wooden pieces, all jointed so the fingers would move.

The mouth was most interesting as George had placed a small metal cylinder between Tommy's teeth which could hold a cigarette.

When performing, George would light the cigarette and make it puff by manipulating a tube and bulb from the inside.

Friends of the Cramer family whose last name was Lemback moved from Garrett to New York City to perform on the vaudeville circuit and from time to time George and Tommy would join them performing.

It is not known exactly when Tommy was created, but the photo was taken 15 October 1938, for publication in the Rotogravure section of the Fort Wayne Newspapers.

George's sister, Lillie, took Tommy after George's death in 1950, and kept it for twenty-eight years.

Tommy was rescued from an attic by George's great neice, Shirley Cramer Hall, from Auburn, who immediately recognized it with fond memories from her childhood. She had long forgotten about Tommy and thought it no longer in existence.

George Cramer died 14 May 1950, and is buried in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

ARCHIBALD SMITH, born in Terregles Parish, Kirkudbrightshire, Scotland, on 27 December 1788. He died, probably in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 27 April 1861, aged seventy-two. His parentage is unknown at this time.

He was married 11 or 17 August 1818, at Liverpool, England, to Mary Thompson, whose parentage is unknown. She was born in Cumberland County, England, on 29 October 1794, and died, probably in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 4 December 1876, aged eighty-two years.

Nothing is known of Archibald Smith's activities from the time of his birth until his marriage. After his marriage, he immediately started for America, and was ten weeks crossing the ocean. Arriving in New York in November, 1818, the young couple probably went to Mamaroneck, New York, where their first child was born on Motts Farm. By June, 1821, they had moved to Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, where their second child was born. A third child was born in January, 1824, at Estrememadura, Perry Township, Ohio. The growing family stayed at this place at least two years, as their fourth child was born there in December, 1825. After moving again, the family was at Plainfield, near Kendal, Stark County, Ohio, before January, 1828, at which place the fifth child was born. The record shows that they were one mile west of Mafoilon, Ohio, by September, 1831. This is where twins were born. By December, 1833, Mr. and Mrs. Smith were at Prospect Hill, probably Ohio, where their eighth child was born. By May, 1836, the family had moved to Bath Township, Medina County, now Summitt County — since 1839, Ohio, where their ninth and tenth children were born. Presumably, Archibald Smith and his family stayed in Medina County, until they started for DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1841.

The family settled in Franklin Township. Archibald and Mary Smith lived in DeKalb County, Indiana, until their deaths in 1861 and 1876 respectively.

In politics, Mr. Smith was an old line Whig.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Smith had ten children, as follows: John, born Mamaroneck, New York, 20 June 1819, married Susan Van Dike, 7 September 1844; Henry, born Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, 14 June 1821, married Jane Shanholt, Summitt County, Ohio, 9 February 1841; Benjamin, born Estrememadura, Perry Township, Ohio, 6 January 1824, married Saphina Bonney, Bath Township, Medina County, Ohio, 19 October 1852; Isaac, born Estrememadura, Perry Township, Ohio, 18 December 1825, married Sophronia Holmes, 1 January 1850; Sarah Ann, born Plainfield, near Kendal, Stark County, Ohio, 30 January 1828, married James A. Blanson or Benson, 9 July 1844; Margaretta, twin, born Mafoilon, Ohio, 24 September 1831, died 8 January 1833; Mary, twin, born Mafoilon, Ohio, 24 September 1831; Mary Jane, born Prospect Hill, probably Ohio, 22 December 1833; Archibald Thompson, born Bath Township, Medina County, Ohio, 3 May 1836, married Bena Boyer, DeKalb County, Indiana, 1880; Agnes Elizabeth, born Bath Township, Medina County, Ohio, 28 February 1839, died DeKalb County, Indiana, 18 November 1845.

HENRY SMITH, son of Archibald and Mary (Thompson) Smith, was born in Jackson Township, Stark County, Ohio, 14 June 1821. It is not known when he died.

He was married to Jane Shanholt or Shainholtz in Summitt County, Ohio, on 9 February 1841. Date listed as 14 February 1841 in 1880 Atlas of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Shortly after his marriage, Henry and his new bride moved with his parents to DeKalb County, Indiana. It is not known exactly where the young couple established their first home in this county, although it is somewhere in Franklin Township. Sometime after this, Henry Smith came into possession of a one hundred nineteen acre farm located in Franklin Township, Indiana. This farm is located one mile north and one half mile west of Butler, Indiana. With stout hearts he and his esteemable wife began a home, which was but fairly under way when she was called home, her death taking place 22 May 1852. After the death of his wife, Mr. Smith felt the necessity of a companion and mother to his six children. It was not a common occurrence for a girl of eighteen to take the responsible position of mother to six small children and the care of the household, but such a person was Miss Emeline Robinson, who married Mr. Smith 23 February 1853. To this union six more children were born.

The house mentioned previously was a truly impressive structure for the times, and it, along with the farm buildings, is pictured in the 1880 Atlas of DeKalb County, Indiana. The farm was called "Lovely Dale" and was one of the finest homes in Franklin Township at that time. Mr. Smith was considered one of the most prominent farmers and stock-raisers in the Township. In politics, he was a Republican and belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following children were born to Henry Smith and Jane (Shanholt) Smith: Elizabeth Roxanna, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 21 December 1841; John C., born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 21 September 1843; Martin Shanholt, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana 21 April 1845, married Lucy Angeline Hoffman, DeKalb County, Indiana, 2 April 1874 or 1875, died Butler, Indiana, 31 July 1919; Mary Jane, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 21 October 1846; Henry Thompson, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 25 December 1848; Sarah Helen, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 22 February 1852.

The following children were born to Henry Smith and Emeline (Robinson) Smith: James E., born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, died young; Benjamin T., born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, died young; Margaret S., born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, died young; Amy, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, died young; Orrin A., born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; Owen Elby, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

MARTIN SHAINHOLTZ SMITH, the Smith Family Record spells this name Shanholt, but it is thought to be a corruption of Shainholtz. Further confusion exists in regard to this name, the 1880 DeKalb County Atlas lists his middle initial as V., as does an Obituary notice dated 7 August 1919. The family has always considered his name to be Martin Van Buren. Mr. Smith was born in Record Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 21 April 1845. He died in Butler, Indiana, on 31 July 1919.

At the age of twenty-six years, he was converted to the United Brethren faith and was considered a faithful and consistent Christian.

On 2 April 1874 or 1875, he married Lucy Angeline Hoffman. She was born in 1860 and died in 1942.

Martin Smith, while not having the educational advantages of some, did possess the necessary qualifications for success in everyday life. He was a farmer most of his life, and in connection with this, he carried on a dairy for about thirty years. He served the Butler community during the time. His farm was located about 1/2 mile south of the southwest edge of Butler, Indiana, in Wilmington Township. This farm is now owned by Walter Melvin Smith, a grandson of Martin Smith.

At his death in 1919, Martin Van Buren Smith was survived by his wife, four children, one sister, one half brother, and three grandchildren.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Eva May, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 1 August 1876, married Thomas Russel Young, DeKalb County, Indiana 12 October 1898, died Auburn, Indiana, 21 September 1960; John Henry, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 10 April 1879, married Iona May Zirkle, DeKalb County, Indiana, 14 February 1910, died Butler, Indiana, November, 1925; Carl Ray, born Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 27 May 1882, married Emma Viola Zirkle, DeKalb County, Indiana, 3 July 1904, died Butler, Indiana, 6 May 1961; Darrell Claten, born Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 24 December 1891, married Mabel Helen Dickman, 20 September 1923.

EVA MAE SMITH, daughter of Martin V. and Lucy Angeline (Hoffman) Smith, was born 1 August 1876. She died 21 September 1960.

On 12 October 1898, she married Thomas Russel Young, whose family was native to Williams County, Ohio.

For some time, they lived in Butler, Indiana, but subsequently moved to Auburn, Indiana, where Mr. Young was employed by the Auburn Hardware Company for a number of years.

Mrs. Young was a devout member of the

Russel and Eva Young

United Brethren Church throughout her life.

Mr. Young died in 1954.

No children were born to this union.

John Henry and Iona Smith

JOHN HENRY SMITH, son of Martin V. and Lucy Angeline (Hoffman) Smith, was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 10 April 1879. He died in Butler, Indiana, on 17 November 1925.

On 14 February 1910, he married Iona Zirkle.

During the nine years preceding his death, Mr. Smith was a faithful employee of the Butler Milling Company.

He was a faithful United Brethren and was an honored trustee of that Church at the time of his death.

No children were born to this union.

Carl Ray and Viola Smith

CARL RAY SMITH, son of Martin V. and Lucy Angeline (Hoffman) Smith, was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 27 May 1882. He died 6 May 1961, and was buried at the Butler Cemetery.

Carl received an eighth grade education in a one room school house in DeKalb County, Indiana.

On 3 July 1904, he married Emma Viola Zirkle. Mrs. Smith was born 22 November 1881, and died 3 March 1955. She was a noted cook and seamstress. Emma Viola was a sister to Iona May Zirkle, wife of John Henry Smith. Her parents were John W. Zirkle and Sarah (Pence) Zirkle of Butler.

Carl was for many years a Standard Oil Agent in Butler, Indiana. When he started work for this company, he made his deliveries in a horse-drawn tank wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were faithful members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Smith served as trustee of that institution for some time.

On 28 August 1956, Mr. Smith married Ethel Blanche (Krontz) Hollinger. She was born 12 October 1894. No children were born to this union.

During his retired years, Mr. Smith was a substitute rural mail carrier for the United States Post Office.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Herman Burwick, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 24 July 1907, died Butler, Indiana, 28 December 1908; Kathryn Lucile, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 6 February 1909, married William Edward Miller, Butler, Indiana, 24 June 1934; Marja Marcelle, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 3 December 1910, married Wayne Carlton Voss, Butler, Indiana, 25 November 1937; and Walter Melvin, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 25 June 1913, married Kathleen Ruth Creager, Butler, Indiana, 22 August 1937.

John and Sarah Zirkle

JOHN W. ZIRKLE, was born in DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Sarah Pence.

Mr. and Mrs. Zirkle were farmers and later retired to 410 West Depot Street, Butler.

They were the parents of two daughters: Iona May Zirkle and Emma Viola Zirkle.

Both are buried at Butler Cemetery.

Walter and Kathleen Smith

WALTER MELVIN SMITH, born 25 June 1913, at Butler, Indiana, the son of Carl Ray and Emma Viola (Zirkle) Smith. His paternal grandparents were Martin Van Buren and Lucy (Hoffman) Smith. His maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Pence) Zirkle.

Kathleen Ruth Creager, born 16 December 1913, at Kendallville, Indiana, the daughter of Walter Dallas Creager and Exie (Mollenhour) Creager. Her paternal grandparents were John Henry Creager and Amanda (Ream) Creager of Whitley County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Hiram Mollenhour and Nettie (Thompson) Mollenhour of Kosciusko County, Indiana.

Walter and Kathleen were married 22 August 1937, at Butler. Mr. Smith attended Indiana Central College and Indiana University. Mrs. Smith graduated from the South Bend School of Commerce in 1932.

Walter was employed by the Oberlin Grocery Company at $12 per week for several years. In 1938, he became substitute postal clerk at the Butler Post Office and a regular clerk in 1941. On 21 June 1951, he was appointed postmaster at Butler by President Harry S. Truman upon the retirement of Postmaster Clyde Oberlin. He served as Postmaster at Butler until his retirement 2 January 1976. He was a very conscientious government employee and regularly worked mail and attended the counter, even though he was not required to do so as Postmaster. The Butler Post Office was a First Class Office during much of his tenure.

Kathleen was one of the first office employees of Universal Tool and Stamping Company when they moved to Butler. She later became the first employee of Hendrickson Tandem Corporation at the Butler Plant. She stayed with this company as it grew and was Corporate Secretary upon her retirement in 1972.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been active in church and civic affairs. Walter was a Trustee and Treasurer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for many years. Both were active in the Masons and Eastern Star. Mrs. Smith was the first female member of the Butler School Board.

Mr. Smith has two sisters: Kathryn (Smith) Miller and Marcelle (Smith) Voss. Mrs. Smith was an only child.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: John Martin Smith, who is an attorney in Auburn; Julie (Smith) Hutter, who is the General Manager of the Inn on the Bay in Miami, Florida; and Charles Walter Smith, who is a United Methodist Minister in East Lansing, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on the Smith Family Farm on the southwest edge of Butler from 1950 until 1976. While they lived there, Mr. Smith and his sons raised livestock and farmed part time. They then retired to a lake property at Silver Lake in Steuben County, and to Spanish Lakes at Port St. Lucie, Florida. Mrs. Smith died 17 September 1981, and was buried at the Butler Cemetery. In 1983, Mr. Smith married Marie Pearlstone at Port St. Lucie, Florida. They now reside at Vero Beach, Florida.

WALTER DALLAS CREAGER, born 20 September 1889, at Whitley County, Indiana, the son of John Henry Creager and Amanda (Ream)

Kathleen, Walter and Exie Creager

Creager. Mr. Creager's paternal grandparents were Christian Creager, born 16 August 1821, and Susana (Obenchain) Creager and his paternal great grandparents were Peter Creager, born 1777, and Elizabeth Creager, born 1789. He attended the Whitley Township Schools and was later employed by the W.H. McIntyre Company at Auburn, commuting from Whitley County weekly via the Eel River Railroad.

In 1911 he married Exie Floss Mollenhour at Mentone, Indiana. Mrs. Creager was born 15 May 1889, near Mentone, Indiana, to Hiram Mollenhour and Nettie (Thompson) Mollenhour. Mr. and Mrs. Mollenhour were farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Creager lived at Columbia City briefly and in 1911 moved to Kendallville, where he was associated in the partnership with Harold Greenwood in an automotive garage and livery under the name of Greenwood and Creager. During that time, Gene Stratton Porter, the noted nature author, stored her car at their garage and Mr. Creager acted as her chauffeur. After a fire, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. and Mrs. Creager moved to Butler, Indiana, where Mr. Creager was associated with his father, John Henry Creager, in a Ford Agency. This business was sold in about 1923, and Mr. Creager was then employed by the Standard Oil Company, selling industrial products. He was later associated with Maxton Motors, and held the Pontiac franchise for some time. He was known as an excellent mechanic and was interested in automobiles and racing throughout his life.

Mrs. Creager was a housewife and was known as an excellent cook and seamstress. She made numerous hooked rugs which are now treasured by her family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creager were active in the Methodist Church at Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Creager were the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Ruth Creager, who was born 16 December 1913. She married Walter Melvin Smith on 22 August 1937.

Mr. Creager died 16 September 1941. After his untimely death, Mrs. Creager made her home with her daughter and son-in-law and assisted in the raising of three grandchildren: John Martin Smith, Julie Ann (Smith) Hutter, and Charles Walter Smith.

After the death of her daughter, Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith in 1981, Mrs. Creager lived at a retirement home at Centreville, Michigan, where her grandson, Charles Walter Smith, served as a minister. Mrs. Creager died at Three Rivers, Michigan, on 28 December 1982. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creager are buried at the Butler Cemetery.

John Martin and Barbara (Clark) Smith

JOHN MARTIN SMITH, born 17 August 1939, at Auburn, Indiana, to Walter Melvin Smith and Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith. The family lived in Butler during his youth and then moved to the Smith Family Farm on the south edge of Butler in 1950. He graduated from Butler High School in 1957, attended Purdue University for one year, then graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a B.S. in Business in 1962. He was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

On 3 September 1960, he married Barbara "Bobbie"Alice Clark at the Ninth Street Christian Church, Logansport, Indiana. Mrs. Smith was born 13 July 1940, at Indianapolis, Indiana, to Charles Bosler Clark and Erma Dean (Shumaker) Clark of Mooresville (Morgan County), Indiana. Mrs. Smith graduated from Plainfield High School in 1958, and from Indiana University with a B.S. in Education in 1962. She was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Mr. Smith graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1965, with a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree (with distinction). He was a member of the Order of the Coif, scholastic honorary organization, and was a Note Editor of the INDIANA LAW JOURNAL. He was admitted to the Indiana Bar on 29 September 1965, and began practicing law on 1 October 1965, in offices shared with Edgar W. Atkinson at 110 West Eighth Street, Auburn. In 1972, he moved his offices to the northwest corner of Twelfth and Jackson Streets, Auburn. Charles L. Quinn, now Judge of the DeKalb Superior Court, Stephen R. Carlson, Douglas J. Atz, Kevin P. Wallace, and Mark T. Dykstra have been associated with Mr. Smith in the practice of law, although he is now a sole practitioner.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been active in civic organizations. Mr. Smith served as President of DeKalb County Historical Society (1965-1967); Secretary of Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival, Inc., formerly Auburn Cord Duesenberg Committee (1966-); President of the DeKalb County Bar Association (1969-1970); President of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce (1969-1970); President of Board of Trustees of the Eckhart Public Library (1973-1982); President of Auburn Automotive Heritage, Inc. (1974-1986); Auburn City Attorney (1976-1983); Member of Board of Public Works and Safety (1980-1982); Member of Board of Directors of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Inc. (1982-); Member of the Board of Directors of Preservation Action, a national historic preservation organization (1983-1986); and Member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Committee to Celebrate the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. He has also been active in mental health organizations and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County Mental Health Association and the Northeastern Community Mental Health Center.

Mr. Smith has served as DeKalb County Historian appointed by the Indiana Historical Society since 1982, and is the author of numerous historical articles and publications. He is also the author or editor of several books and pamphlets: PIONEER SKETCHES OF DEKALB COUNTY (editor) (1969); THE DIARY OF LEWIS RUDE (co-editor) (1979); AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORICAL GUIDE TO THE DEKALB COUNTY COURTHOUSES AND DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT (1976); AND SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF DEKALB COUNTY (1987).

Barbara (Clark) Smith taught Language Arts at the Martinsville Junior High School from 1962-1964, and taught English at Auburn High School 1965-1966. She worked part time as a legal secretary and bookkeeper in her husband's law office for several years. In 1976, Smith-Cornell, Inc. was established to manufacture and sell historic markers. Mrs. Smith is president and corporate manager of this manufacturing concern in Auburn. She has also been active in sponsoring several civic projects and has supported organizations in the community through memberships in Alpha Pi Chapter of Tri Kappa, the Auburn Improvement Association, the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, and Ladies Literary Club of Auburn. She has been secretary and board member of the DeKalb Central Music Association for several years. She is also a member of John Houlton Chapter, DAR. Her Revolutionary War ancestor is David Thompson, a drummer boy with service from Connecticut. He is buried at New Carlisle, St. Joseph County, Indiana.

Mrs. Smith's maternal grandparents are Virgil Walter Shumaker and Dorothy Ireta Willis. Mrs. Shumaker later married Scoville Chowning and in 1986, they celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary at Mooresville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Charles Augusta Clark of Friendswood, Indiana, and Frances (Fanny) Ringo Clark Hylton of Hazel Green, Kentucky. Following Mr. Clark's death, she married Dr. Allen J. Hylton of Mooresville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three sons.

John Clark Creager Smith was born 19 October 1964, at Bloomington, Indiana, and is presently a student at Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

John Charles Thompson Smith was born 14 June 1969, at Auburn, Indiana, and is a senior at DeKalb High School. He has been active in musical organizations, including the Baron Brigade, Jazz Annex, Classic Connection, and Jazz and Pep Bands. He is also a member of Demolay.

John Carl Patrick was born 14 December 1970, at Auburn, Indiana, and is a sophomore at DeKalb High School, where he is active in musical organizations and serves as a percussionist in the Baron Brigade and Pep Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith also have one granddaughter, Kathleen Ruth-Lucile Smith, born 8 January 1987, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the daughter of John Clark Creager Smith and Joan Marie (Lawson) Smith.

JOHN CLARK CREAGER SMITH, born at Bloomington, Indiana, 19 October 1964, to John Martin Smith and Barbara Alice (Clark) Smith. At the time of his birth, his father was attending the Indiana University School of Law.

In 1965, Mr. Smith moved with his family to Auburn, Indiana. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1983.

On 14 February 1984, he married Joan Marie Lawson at Auburn, Indiana. Mrs. Smith was born

Creager Smith Family

to Oscar Leroy Lawson and Ruth Lucile (Schroeder) Lawson at Kendallville, Indiana, on 9 August 1965. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1983, and is presently employed at a photography studio at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Creager Smith is presently a student majoring in Historic Preservation at Southeast Missouri State University at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He is president of the Student Historic Preservation Association and is employed at a photographic processing facility.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are parents of a daughter, Kathleen Ruth-Lucile Smith, who was born 8 January 1987.

MICHAEL F. HUTTER, born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6 February 1937, to Joseph Charles Hutter and Anna Florentine (Rahn) Hutter.

On 27 December 1959, he married Julie Ann Smith, daughter of Walter Melvin Smith and Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith. Mrs. Hutter was born 26 July 1941, at Auburn, Indiana, and graduated from Butler High School in 1959.

Mr. Hutter graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1963 and began teaching in Anaheim, California. While there he became a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to offices at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Miami, Florida. He retired 2 April 1987.

Mrs. Hutter has been engaged in hotel management in the Miami, Florida, area and has been employed at the Biscayne Boulevard Holiday Inn and the Inn on the Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutter are the parents of three children:

Jeffery Michael Hutter was born 27 October 1961, at Muncie, Indiana, and is now employed by Channel 23 TV at Miami, Florida. In 1983, he married Lisa Marie Hutter at Miami, Florida. They are the parents of Ashley Carole Hutter, who was born 20 December 1983.

Jacqueline Michelle Hutter was born 27 November 1964. She graduated from Barry University at Miami, Florida, with a B.S. degree in Chemistry in May, 1987. She maintained a 3.7 grade average while in college.

Joseph Charles Hutter was born 5 May 1966. He graduated from Archbishop Curle High School at Miami, Florida, and is now employed at Quayside Properties, Miami, Florida.

Charles Walter Smith Family

CHARLES WALTER SMITH, born at Auburn, Indiana, 13 February 1948, to Walter Melvin Smith and Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith. He was raised on the Smith Family Farm on the south edge of Butler and graduated from Butler High School in 1966.

On 21 October 1978, he married Arlene Beth Anthes at Spring Lake, Michigan. Mrs. Smith was born 9 August 1951, to Oscar George Anthes and Mary Elizabeth (Thompson) Anthes. She graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1969. She was granted an Associate Degree from Grand Rapids Junior College in 1972, a B.S. degree from Western Michigan in 1977, and a Masters of Social Work Degree from Michigan State University in 1987.

Charles Walter Smith was granted a B.A. Degree from Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, in 1970, and a degree in theology from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois, in 1974. In June, 1976, he was ordained as an Elder (Minister) of the United Methodist Church by the West Michigan Conference. He served as an interim in 1973 at the Bushnell and Point Pleasant United Methodist Churches at Bushnell, Illinois; as a student minister at the Askum and Clifton, Illinois, United Methodist Churches in 1973-1974; as minister of the Centreville, Michigan United Methodist Church from 1974 to 1984; and is presently minister of the Chapel Hill and Gunnisonville United Methodist Churches at East Lansing, Michigan.

Reverend and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a son, Walter Charles Smith, who was born 28 January 1983.

KATHRYN LUCILE SMITH, daughter of Carl R. and E. Viola (Zirkle) Smith, was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 6 February 1909.

She graduated from Butler High School and Indiana Central College. She taught in Indiana Public Schools until her retirement.

She was married in Butler, Indiana, on 24 June 1934, to William Edward Miller. Mr. Miller was born on 26 January 1907.

They have lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for some time, where Mr. Miller was a Vice President of the Anthony Wayne Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children: James Edward Miller, born 6 December 1939, and Mary Kathryn (Miller) Gardner, born 23 July 1947.

JAMES EDWARD MILLER, son of William Edward Miller and Kathryn Lucile (Smith) Miller, was born 6 December 1939. He was married to Rebecca Jean Drage on 10 August 1963. Mrs. Miller was born 26 April 1941.

Mr. Miller has been a funeral director for many years at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two sons: Matthew Todd Miller, born 9 August 1967, and Bradley Scott Miller, born 9 March 1971.

GEORGE CONSTANTINE GARDNER, born 7 September 1946. One 7 December 1968, he married Mary Kathryn Miller, daughter of William Edward and Kathryn Lucile (Smith) Miller. Mrs. Gardner was born 23 July 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have lived in Fort Wayne and have one child, Katrina Marie Gardner, born 31 June 1973.

DARRELL CLATEN SMITH, son of Martin V. and Lucy Angeline (Hoffman) Smith, born in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 24 December 1891.

On 20 September 1923, he married Mabel Helen Dickman. Two children have been born to this union: Anna Lee, born 25 December 1925, married Lewis Roger Allendorph, 13 May 1949, and Margaret, born 21 July 1932, married Russel V. Radebaugh, 31 March 1956.

Mr. Smith has been in the employ of the New York Central Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana, throughout most of their married life.

Mr. Smith is deceased and is buried at Butler Cemetery.

LEWIS ROGER ALLENDORPH, born 29 July 1927. On 13 May 1949, he married Anna Lee Smith, who was the daughter of Darrell Claten and Mabel Helen (Dickman) Smith. Mrs. Smith was born 25 December 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Allendorph have two children: Sharon Lynn Allendorph, born 24 July 1956, and Lewis David Allendorph, born 25 April 1959.

RUSSEL V. RADEBAUGH, born 24 March 1929. On 31 March 1956, he married Margaret Smith, daughter of Darrell Claten and Mabel Helen (Dickman) Smith. Mrs. Smith was born 21 July 1952.

DONALD J. STUCKEY, born 16 June 1949, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Glenn C. and Marion A. (Favourite) Stuckey, of Leo, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Joseph and Nellie (Sherman) Stuckey, of Leo, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Clarence and Clara (Bradford) Favourite, of Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

Ellen E. Barna, born 24 January 1952, Kalamazoo, Michigan, daughter of Robert Barna and Joyce Jones, of Roanoke, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Sylvester and Julia Barna, of Rockford, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents are John and Teresa Kooyer, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Donald J. attended school at Leo High School and college at Notre Dame University Law School and Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ellen attended college at Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne, where she met Donald.

Donald and Ellen were married 14 August 1971, in Roanoke, Indiana. Donald was employed at Grimm and Grimm P.C., now he is self-employed as an attorney. Ellen is a homemaker. To this union were born four children: Gretchen Ann, born 16 July 1973; Joshua John, born 20 April 1975; Joseph Christian, born 9 November 1981; and Noah Jefferson, born 9 August 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Stuckey currently lived on North Van Buren Street, Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Pine Hills Evangelical Mennonite Church. Their hobbies include collecting political memorabilia and quilting.

DONALD L. BRINES, born 5 July 1932, at Keensburg, Illinois, Wabash County, son of Niles W. and Elfreida (McKibben) Brines, of Keensburg, Illinois. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Hattie (Barnett) Brines, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Cliff and Anna McKibben, of Bone Gap, Illinois, both deceased.

Jacqueline S. Wheeler, born 14 December 1935, at Mt. Carmel, Illinois, Wabash County, daughter of Jack and Lucille (Crum) Wheeler, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Her paternal grandparents were John and Stella Wheeler, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were George and Minnie (Bishop) Crum, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, both deceased.

Donald and Jacqueline both attended school at Mt. Carmel High School. Donald attended college at Indiana State University. They met in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Donald and Jacqueline were married 1 June 1956, at the United Methodist Church, in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Donald has worked at Marathon Oil Company for thirty years, now retired. He has worked for Laketon Refining for four months. Jacqueline operated a dance studio until her marriage. She is now a homemaker.

To this union was born one daughter: Cynthia L. (Brines) Ziebell, born 3 July 1964, at Evansville, Indiana.

The Brines moved to their present residence in Auburn in June, 1976, following Donald's Marathon Oil Company employment. Other residences with this employment in their most recent order were South Bend, Indiana, Springfield, Illinois, Bloomington, Indiana, Findlay, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Evansville, Indiana, and Robinson, Illinois. Since moving to Auburn, they have had one year of temporary residence in Louisville, Kentucky, but kept the Auburn home, knowing they would return there at retirement. This occurred in July, 1986, and Donald then began employment with Laketon Refining of Laketon, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Brines currently live near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the First Christian Church of Auburn, Indiana. Their hobbies include attending numerous high school and college sports events, antiques, and traveling.

HARRY JAMES WESTERN, born 6 June 1889, Coburg, Ontario, Canada, son of Thomas and Ellen Western, of Coburg, Ontario, Canada. His grandparents came from Wales and Ireland. Harry came to Auburn from Canada in 1913, and began working at the Nebelung Shoe Store. At that time, it was on the corner of Ninth and Main Streets. He was one of the first roomers at the newly constructed YMCA. When he died in January of 1951, he was then a partner in the Shoe Store. He was active in the Masonic Lodge and the Presbyterian Church.

Ethel Nimmons, born 20 March 1891, at Butler, Indiana, daughter of Frank W. and Alnora (Yarlott) Nimmons, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Phillip B. and Mary Nimmons, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were David and Sarah Yarlott, of Butler, Indiana.

Ethel's grandparents were pioneer settlers in Wilmington Township. Her parents were farmers. Frank was a teacher and Wilmington Township Trustee. Ethel has been involved with music all of her life. She played the piano for the silent movies, traveled with Chautauqua, was organist at the Presbyterian Church for twenty-five years, gave piano lessons most of her life and was a charter member of the Fort Wayne Organ Guild.

Harry and Ethel were married 9 June 1914, and built one of the first houses on Midway Drive in Auburn, Indiana, in 1922.

They had four children: Lillian, born 1916; Pollyanne, born 20 April 1926; Nancy, born 31 January 1931, married Dr. Derrow; and Hugh James, born 2 July 1932, who followed his father in the Nebelung Shoe Store business.

The family is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Auburn, Indiana.

CHARLES RAY ATKISON, born 14 August 1939, at Sturgis, Michigan, son of Charles Dwight and Martha Edna (Slater) Atkison, of LaGrange, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Dwight William and Mary Amelia (Drady) Atkison, of LaGrange, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Nelson Vern and Loesa Esther (Omstead) Slater, of LaGrange, Indiana.

Marilyn Sue Wells, born 26 December 1937, at Toledo, Ohio, daughter of Gaylord Emery and Mary Geraldine (Landis) Wells, of Defiance, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Simon and Bertha Jane (Price) Wells, of Van Wert, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents are Clark Homer and Carrie J. (Carson) Landis, of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Charles attended school at LaGrange, Indiana, and Marilyn attended school at Paulding, Ohio. They met in LaGrange, Indiana, and were married 6 November 1960, at Paulding Presbyterian Church, Paulding, Ohio.

Charles has served in the United States Air

Force and is now employed as a plumber-steam fitter. Marilyn is a Radiologic Technologist and is employed at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

To this union two children were born: David Dean, born 24 July 1961, at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. David married Theresa Ann LaHurreau, on 5 December 1986; Deborah Jean, born 25 October 1963, Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Deborah married Robert Cauthan, 1 September 1984. They are the parents of one son, Stephen Ray, born 26 June 1985. Deborah and Robert were divorced in February, 1986. Deborah married Larry Knott, 30 December 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkison currently live in Garrett, Indiana. They are members of the Garrett United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include woodworking, leather working, and cross stitching.

Rev. Wayne E. Smith Family

WAYNE E. SMITH, born 5 October 1924, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Wallace J. and Cora Anna Smith, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Wallace W. and Anna Smith, of Lake James, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are George A. and Cora Anna Smith, ~~of~~ Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Martha J. Barker, born 19 September 1926, Winnebago, Minnesota, daughter of Pleasant W. and Emma (Smith) Barker, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Jacob and Virginia Barker, of Boone County, West Virginia. Her maternal grandparents are Simon and Martha Ann (Shank) Smith, of Berne, Indiana.

Wayne and Martha were married 26 August 1948, at Fort Wayne Gospel Temple, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Wayne attended James H. Smart School and Southside High School, Fort Wayne. He received his Bachelor of Bible and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Northwestern College and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He took graduate work at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan and he received the Master of Science degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

Martha attended Hanna, Hoagland, and Southside High School in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Wayne pastored the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church, Randall, Minnesota; the Tuscola Community Church, Tuscola, Michigan; the Silvercrest Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan; and the Bible Baptist Church, Auburn, Indiana. He was senior pastor at the Bible Baptist Church, Auburn, for nineteen years and is now associate pastor. While senior pastor in Auburn, he was heard weekly on radio station WIFF, FM for nineteen years and daily for ten years. He was the first principal at the Faith Christian Academy, a private Christian school, grades Kindergarten through twelfth, started in 1976 with an enrollment of thirty-three. It now has an enrollment of about one hundred sixty-five. The Bible Baptist Church built a new church auditorium in 1973-1974 on Jackson and Eighteenth Streets. In 1981, they purchased the St. Anthony's Novitiate and moved the Faith Christian Academy there. The church was moved from Auburn to 5555 County Road 29, in April, 1982. The beautiful facility known as St. Anthony's Novitiate from 1960 to 1981, was changed to the Family Life Center of the Bible Baptist Church in 1981. It consists of one hundred twenty-five acres of wooded and open land, a twenty acre lake, buildings with sixty thousand square feet of floor space, including a full size gymnasium-multi-purpose building.

Martha worked as a secretary at the Bible Baptist Church for eighteen years and is now employed at the Bread Basket. She also directed the senior choir and the Jet Cadet Choir at the Church. Wayne and Martha have traveled to some seventeen countries of the world, including Europe and the Holy Land. They have ministered in churches and to missionaries in some of those countries.

To this union were born four children: Dianne Renee (Smith) Mitchell, born 20 February 1952, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attended DeKalb High School and Fort Wayne Bible College. She and her husband, John E. Mitchell, ran Vintage Wallcoverings, in Auburn; J. Scott Smith, born 2 August 1964, Little Falls, Minnesota, attended McKinney-Harrison and DeKalb High School, and Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mark Wayne Smith, born 10 January 1957, Saginaw, Michigan, attended McKinney-Harrison and DeKalb High School, and Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana, and is employed at the

Gafken Chiropractic Clinic, Auburn; Brent David Smith, born 21 January 1963, Pontiac, Michigan, attended Faith Christian Academy in Auburn and is employed at Wakefield, Incorporated, in Waterloo, Indiana.

John Current Family

JOHN CURRENT came to DeKalb County in April of 1980 to become Business Manager of Reeves Brothers, Incorporated. Leslie and the children moved to Auburn in August of that year.

John, born 17 July 1944, in Newton, North Carolina, Catawba County, was the youngest of two children born to Hugh Vance and Grace (Guy) Current.

Leslie, born 15 January 1944, in Laurinburg, North Carolina, Scotland County, was the eldest of two children of Alfred Hoover Thomas and Eva Floriene (McNeill) Thomas.

John and Leslie met in Boone, North Carolina, as students at Appalachian State University. They graduated from Appalachian State University in 1966, and were married 7 August of that year in Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. Portsmouth, Virginia, then became their home. John was a math instructor at Frederick Military Academy and Leslie was a third grade teacher at John Tyler Elementary School. Several years later, John began a career in the furniture industry with Bassett Furniture in Newton, North Carolina, which led to several positions in the polyurethane business. His work has transferred the family to Tampa, Florida, and Statesville, North Carolina, prior to the move to Auburn.

Children in the Current family are Emily McNeill, born 29 October 1972, and Guy Thomas, born 23 October 1974. Emily is a student at DeKalb High School and Guy is a student at DeKalb Middle School.

The Current family attends the First United Methodist Church. John has served on the board of Auburn Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of DeKalb County, and is currently a board member of the City National Bank.

VERA NAOMI HARPER was born 25 March 1910, on a farm near Corunna, Indiana. Her father was Frank Lester Harper, born near Corunna, Indiana, 6 April 1885. He was a farmer and later worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad until he retired. In 1909, he married Callie B. Carper and they lived in Garrett. In most of their married life, they were members of the Garrett Methodist Church. Frank and Callie Carper also had a son, Laurence Melvin, born 6 October 1917, married Naomi Pauline Freeman, and they had three sons: Robert Eugene, James Freeman, and Michael Laurence. Laurence died 19 November 1982.

Vera Harper married Omar Claude Webb, 8 June 1929. They had three children: Theo Richard, born 9 February 1932; Clodine Jill (Webb) Heffley, born 22 April 1938; and Linda Mary (Webb) Channell, born 26 December 1942. Theo married Lorna Jennings, 2 October 1953, and they have three sons: Kevin, Brian, and Patrick. Clodine married Jerry D. Heffley, 1 February 1957, and they have four children: Shelley Imbrock, Melanie Mitchner, Gregory D., and Vickie O'Rourke. Linda married David Channell, 12 June 1971, and their two children are Michele Dawn and Clark Cover.

Omar Webb worked at the Auburn Automobile and later at the Auburn Foundry, until he retired in 1976.

Frank Harper's parents were George Pomeroy Harper and Eliza Catherine Wiley. George was a farmer and they had eleven children, Frank being the youngest. George's parents were Thomas Harper born 1804 in Penn and Mary "Sarah" White born in 1784 also from Penn.

KELHAM AND FRANCES CONKLE moved to DeKalb County in 1938. He was born in DeKalb County, 13 December 1916, son of Frank and Goldie (Kelham) Conkle. He has one brother, Richard Vance, of Willard, Ohio. Frances was born 6 July 1917, at Willard, Ohio, daughter of Lee and Grace Jennings. She has one brother, Lee B. Jennings, Oak Park, Illinois.

Kelham and Frances Conkle were married 13 February 1938, in Dayton, Ohio. They moved to a farm in Butler Township owned by his mother, which they later purchased. Goldie (Kelham) Conkle was the daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Simon) Kelham. She had one brother, Edward Kelham, and one sister, Jennie (Kelham) Houser. She died 7 March 1971. Frank Conkle was a native of Michigan. He died 4 December 1964.

Kelham is retired from farming and as a salesman for American Welding Products, Fort Wayne. They live in a house on County Road 68, having sold the farm.

They have four children and nine grandchildren: Frank L., Miamisburg, Ohio, born 15 January 1942; Carol, born 19 July 1943, married James Lindsey, Miamisburg, Ohio; Linda, born 22 November 1948, married Jack Grubb, San Antonio, Texas; and Karen, born 2 February 1962, married Thomas Gibson, Fort Wayne.

THE FAMILY NAME MERTZ was recorded in ancient heraldic archives hundred of years ago. The surname Merts appears to be patronymical in origin and is associated with the German.

Relative to the Martz-Mertz issue, here it is as I heard it from Royal Tritch, son of William and Sarah (Martz) Tritch, and Marion (Martz) Agnew.

When Grandpa Mertz came to America and was going through immigration procedure, he was asked his name. Jonann, Yo hann, Mertz, pronounced like Maretz. The guy behind the desk said "How do you spell it?" Now here's where the whole thing started.

To understand how things got confused, you must know that the German E is pronounced A, so Grandfather said "Mertz — Mar-air, T tay z." So the guy wrote down Martz and that's how it started.

Anyway, Uncle Dave said his kids were going to be Martz, as it appeared on the immigration ledger, and so it was for Phil, Albert, Sarah, and Esther, but Robert and Herman use Mertz. Uncle Ben said "we'll go back to the original Mertz. If is was good enough for Germany, it's good enough for America." So it is Mertz for John, Otto, Walt, Ed, Henry, Ted, Dan, and Metha.

An extract from the Church book at Muencheiler states that "Johann Mertz from den Kehlstad was born 22 December 1767." He died 18 May 1849. His first wife, Saloma Lehmann, died 12 April 1804. She bore him seven children.

His second wife, Anna Maria, we are quite sure that her name was also Lehman;—was born 9 January 1779, and died 1847. Their children were: Anna, born 8 April 1806; Latarina, born 31 July 1808; Saloma, born 21 May 1810; Christina, born 31 December 1812, married Henry Hartman; Gottlibin, born 21 January 1815; John Michael Mike, born 21 December 1818; John George, born 29 November 1820, married Mary Ann Sauer; and Maria, born 19 January 1823, married Leonard Hartman.

CHRISTINA MERTZ, was born in Germany (Boden) 31 December 1812, and married Henry Hartman on 11 March 1841, in Wayne County, Ohio.

Henry Hartman was born in Germany in 1817. Their children were: George, born 1842, Ohio; Jacob, born 1844, Ohio; Mary, born 1846, Indiana; William, born 1848, Indiana; Lucinda, born 1850, Indiana; Henry, born 1853, Indiana; and Sophia, born 1856, Indiana.

Henry Hartman was a brother of Leonard Hartman, born 27 September 1819, in Hesse Dormstadt, Germany. Henry Hartman and his family may have moved back to Ohio. He was a farmer and land owner in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. They owned land on what is now County Road 12.

JOHN MICHAEL "MIKE" MERTZ, born 21 December 1818, in Moenchweiler, in the Grand Duchy of Boden, Germany, came to America in 1836. He came to Philadelphia, Ohio, and on the Indiana in 1844. On 20 December 1852, he married Magdalene Engler. They lived in Fairfield Township, Section 17 on the farm known as the Atz farm. Magdalene died in 1906 and Mike died 4 November 1908.

Their children were: Anna, married Fredrick Mertz (no relation); Mary, married Noah Smith; and Sophia, married Albert Atz.

He was a farmer and owned land on what is now County Road 7, sometimes called the Atz farm.

JOHN GEORGE MERTZ/MARTZ was born 29 November 1820, in Muenchweiler Boden, Germany. Records state that he came to America with his parents, brothers, and sisters. They first settled in Wayne County, Ohio. They then came to a German Community in Adams County, Indiana, and on to Fairfield Center in 1851. John G. married Mary Ann Sauer in 1842. She was born 31 January 1824 in Bern, Switzerland. She also came with her brothers and sisters to America and settled by the small village of Fort Wayne, Indiana. John G. died 1 February 1889, and Mary Ann died 18 December 1913, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Tritch in Fairfield Township. They are buried in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Their children were: Anna, born 17 December 1846, Adams County; John G., Jr., born 1848, Adams County; Benjamin, born 2 February 1850, Adams County; David, born 1852, DeKalb County, Fairfield Township; Christ, born 1853, DeKalb County, Fairfield Township; Mary, born 25 October 1885, DeKalb County, Fairfield Township; Daniel, born 25 November 1857, DeKalb County, Fairfield Township; Susanna; Catharina Katie; Sarah, born 1864.

Esther Myers nee Martz wrote "I can remember Grandma Mary telling me about Switzerland and the mountains and the beautiful forest and she could sing and yodel very beautiful." John G. Mertz owned and operated a farm on County Road 12, now owned by Kenneth Mertz.

Benjamin Mertz Family

BENJAMIN MERTZ, born 2 February 1850, in Adams County, Indiana, and died in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, 6 June 1898. He married Johanna Elizabeth Aumann, born 4 April 1856, in Adams County. She died 25 July 1919 in Kendallville, Indiana. They are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Johanna's father was Wilhelm Aumann and her mother was Christina Bruns. Both came to America from Minden, Prussia.

Ben and Hanna first lived in the brick house in Fairfield Center. They purchased the John G. Farm on 23 April 1891.

Their children were: Sarah Johanna and Emma Martha died as small girls in the 1880 diphtheria epidemic that went through the area; John W., born 10 October 1879; Otto E., born 10 June 1881; Walter B., born 4 March 1883; Edward J., born 1 July 1885; Henry A., born 20 June 1887; Theodore A., born 30 June 1889; Daniel G.; Metha Mary, born 5 August 1895.

The first mixed choir at Zion Lutheran Church was organized by Benjamin. He was also the first lay-organist at the Church in 1885. His son, Walter, served as organist from the time of his father's death in 1898 until 1954.

The entire family was musically inclined. The "Mertz Quartet" found favor at many occasions in churches, at funerals, graduations, picnics and civic groups. At first it was John, Otto, Walt, and Ed, and in later years it was John, Walt, Ed, and his son, Lloyd.

The favorite sport was baseball. Fairfield Center had one of the top teams in those days. Herman Mertz was the champion pitcher. Other sports were horseshoe pitching, croquet, and dominoes, also hunting and trapping. Another big event was to hear the whistle of the steam engine coming down the road at thrashing time. This meant a threshing ring dinner and/or supper.

Another favorite was a box social at the district school, when girls and young women, with artfully decorated and amply filled boxes of goodies for a young and bashful man's bidding. Do any of you remember the "Now I have three, who'll give me four?" chant of the box supper auctioneer? Women often gathered for carpet rag cutting or a quilting bee.

Edward Mertz Farm

EDWARD JULIUS MERTZ, born 1 July 1885, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Benjamin Mertz and his wife, Johanna Aumann. Zion Lutheran records show that he was baptized on 26 July of the same year. His sponsors were Philip Pfaffmann and wife, Anna, and Albert Atz and wife, Sophia.

Edward graduated with the eighth grade class of 1903, Fairfield Township, and attended Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana.

He was united in marriage with Lillian Celesta Kammerer, daughter of William and Caroline (Beights) Kammerer, 19 June 1910. She was born 17 August 1887, in Wayne Township, Noble County, Indiana. She had seven brothers: Irwin "Irv", Otto "Tom", Ernest "Punch", Alvin "Pete", Warren, Albert "Al", and Walter "Mike."

Ed and Lilly lived on the John G. Mertz farm from the time of their marriage until they purchased the Allen Martin farm in 1920. The deed states: Patent date 1 August 1837, the United States of America to Ebenezar Jessup-Martin Van Buren, president of U.S.A.

Their children were: Lloyd W., Hilda Johanna, deceased, Ralph H., Lester Edward, deceased, and Robert B. Mertz.

They were active in all Community and Church work. The Church was their first love. Lillian C. Mertz died 23 June 1956, and Edward died 5 June 1973. They are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Reverend Hillmer was pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield from 1969 to 1975. He was a very talented man and did substitute teaching in the Music Department at DeKalb High School for Mrs. Mildred Hansen. He also substituted for Harold Reinoehl in the grade school at Fairfield Center. His children were: John, Philip, Ann, and Timothy and they attended school in DeKalb County.

In a taped interview with Reverend Hillmer, 15 March 1972, when Ed Mertz was eighty-six years old, he related how "we used to lived down there where Donald lives, the brick house in Fairfield Center. Dave, my dad's brother, lived over where the Kuckuck place was, first house west. They moved his, Dave, over where we lived and we moved up on the John G. Mertz farm, Kenneth Mertz lives there now. Bill Tritch lived there, so he moved on to the second farm west of there. Bill's wife was my dad's sister. I was about three or four years old and not going to school."

Reverend Hillmer asked, "Who were the other members of your family? Were you the only child?"

"Oh no, there was John, Otto, Walt, myself, Henry, Ted, and Dan, seven of us boys. And each one of us had a sister."

"Was that seven sisters or only one sister."

"My sister, Metha, who lives in Kendallville, was the only girl. We had 320 acres of land, that was a lot of work and we did it all with horses. My brother Walter and I used to buy and sell horses. We didn't make any money on it, but we had a lot of fun. A good horse would sell for $150 to $100."

Along with the eighth grade graduating class of 1906, was one empty chair. Otto Hassold, son of Reverend and Mrs. Stephen Hassold, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, died 4 June 1906, at the age of sixteen years, six months, and twenty-six days of a crushed skull, victim of a runaway team of horses while he was working for a member of the church. Otto was to graduate with the class at the commencement held at the Lutheran Church in Fairfield Center. The team of horses was hitched to a wagon loaded with gravel and he was run over by the wagon. At the graduation exercise was an empty chair decorated in black and the Mertz Quartet, consisting of John, Otto, Walter, and Ed sang "The Vacant Chair." It is said that there was not a dry eye in the Church that night when the boys sang.

LLOYD WILLIAM MERTZ, born on the old John George Mertz farm just half mile west of Fairfield Center, 3 September 1913. He was German, Swiss, and Prussian descent. His father was Edward Julius Mertz and his grandfather was Benjamin Mertz and his great grandfather was John G. Mertz.

Lloyd and Helen Mertz

John George Mertz was born in Boden, Germany, 29 November 1820. He came to this country, migrated west through Ohio, to Adams County, Indiana, and to Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, in 1850, as a homesteader and pioneer. He purchased the land and lived in a log cabin, then built the house that still stands today. The first seven years of my life were on this farm and I remember a lot about the neighbors and Fairfield Center at that time.

My parents purchased the Alan Martin farm and we moved there in the spring of 1921. The farm is located at the top of the big hill, just west of 327 on County Road 12. At the back of our house was a big hill which my brothers Ralph, Robert, Lester, and I plus all of the neighbor kids, enjoyed sliding down on our sleds in the winter times.

My mother was the daughter of William and Caroline Kammerer of Wayne Township, Noble County, Indiana. Her name was Lillian but she always went by the name of Lilly. She was a charter member of the Fairfield Township Home Bureau that held some of their meetings at the Pleasant Hill Church. That was before the days of the Fairfield Community Building.

There were always eight of us around the table, Dad and mother, Grandmother Kammerer, Uncle Walter Kammerer, and we four kids. Grandmother baked bread three times a week. There is nothing better that fresh home baked bread and apple butter for hungry kids when they come home from school. We did our own butchering for meat, raised chickens for meat and eggs, churned butter, had a large garden and ate a lot of wild rabbits. This required a lot of work and management to feed and clothe this many people, where the biggest thing we had on the farm was the mortgage, back in the twenties and thirties.

I attended High School in Kendallville for three years and my senior year at Ashley High School. It was there that I met the girl that was to be my future wife. We graduated from Ashley High School in 1932. My wife, Helen, born 29 January 1914, is the daughter of Dr. James Anderson, D.V.M. and Mary Ann Barbara Bousch. Dr. Anderson was the veterinarian in Ashley from 1919 to 1945. He was well known and loved by everyone.

Helen and I were married 24 January 1937, and purchased a one hundred twenty acre farm in Fairfield Township, from Pete Wert, formerly known as the Ling farm. We began housekeeping in the spring of 1938. Land was selling for fifty dollars per acre, hogs for three dollars, milk for one dollar per bushel, wheat sixty cents a bushel, and corn for fifty cents per bushel. The main structure of our house was built in 1869, with numerous additions and remodeling. The basement wall is laid up with stone and the timbers are hewn with an axe. The structure of our barn shows that it was built about the same time. First it was a flat bottom barn, then raised and made into a bank barn and then another haymow was added.

We have two children. Dale was born 10 August 1941, and Harriet was born 22 March 1954. They attended grade school at Fairfield Center. Dale graduated from high school at Ashley and Harriet graduated from DeKalb. Both have a B.S. degree from Valparaiso University. Dale had his M.S. degree from Ball State University and is teaching science at South Adams High School, Berne, Indiana. He is married and has three children. Harriet (Mertz) Redman has her M.S. degree from Purdue University in Home Economics. She taught in the high school at Kouts, Indiana, for three years. She is married and at this writing is with the Health and Living department of Aid Association for Lutherans at Appleton, Wisconsin.

Life on the farm, being next to God and the soil, has been very good to us. Many changes have taken place, such as Hi-Bred corn and other grain, artificial insemination of livestock where DeKalb County became a leader through the American Breeders Service. We have seen a change in land use and improved farm machinery. The greatest change in rural living took place when electricity came to the farm. Rural electrification revolutionized the entire farming industry.

Our income for the first ten years on the farm was from the production of pork, dairy, poultry, corn and wheat. All our fuel and lumber came from out twenty acres of timber. In 1948, we put the woods into a classified forest. I am now and have been a tree farmer. In 1949, we became a cooperator with the DeKalb County Soil Conservation District. The work unit Conservationist was Charles L. Baum. At that time, we changed to a dairy and feeder cattle enterprise.

We have always been active in our church and community. We enjoy traveling in Canada, Germany, and this country. Helen likes domestic art and I in making creative crafts on a wood lathe along with a little fishing.

RALPH H. MERTZ, born 2 April 1918 in Fairfield Township, one mile west of Fairfield Center. At about age two they moved on west of where Ralph was born, where I lived until I went into the military service in December of 1940. My parents, Edward J. and Lillian C. (Kammerer) Mertz lived on this same farm for the remainder of their lives. My brothers included Lloyd, Bob, and Lester, who died in 1935 at age thirteen. A sister, Hilda, also died in infancy. Ralph received his elementary education at Zion Lutheran School from 1924-1932 and attended high school in Ashley, Indiana, from 1932-1936. In 1939 and 1940, he attended International Business College at Fort Wayne, and entered the Army immediately upon graduation in December, 1940. His first duty station was at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. In January, 1943, Ralph was appointed a Warrant Officer and was assigned to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, where he remained until 1946. While at Dayton, he met and married Dorothy H. Egbert, from Kettlesville, Ohio. Ralph remained in the service, retiring from there in October, 1967. His duty stations while in the service took him to Okinawa from 1949-1952, Fort Sam Houston, at San Antonio, Texas, from 1955-1957, and to Knoxville, Tennessee, from 1957-1967, where he served on recruiting duty until he retired and where he lives with his family.

My family consists of my wife, Dorothy, born 29 August 1921, daughter of Elmer and Margaret Egbert. Our children are Keith, born 27 October 1945, at Dayton, Ohio; David, born 20 June 1948, at Dayton, Ohio; and Carol Ann, yorn 9 September 1953, at San Antonio, Texas. We have two grandchildren: Chris and Emily, ages six and three.

I have fond memories of my childhood days. Life on the farm then was quite different than it is today. There was no electricity so all the cooking was done on the kitchen range. A furnace for heating was a luxury. Usually a pot-bellied stove provided the heating for the house. Coal oil lamps were used for lighting and the chores and milking were done by lantern. Horses were the primary means for working the farm but occasionally a person could hear the whine of a Fordson tractor off in the distance. Horse and buggy transportation finally gave way to the Model T-Ford, the Overland, the Essex, the Model A-Ford and others, many of which are no longer in existence except in Museums. Entertainment consisted of visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors or on occasional picnic at a lake on Sunday afternoon. Hunting and fishing was always a favorite past time. A good mess of bluegills was always a delicacy.

We of our age reminisce of the "good ole days" and our fathers and mothers and grandparents did the same. So will our children and grandchildren in years to come.

MARGARET ETHEL MERTZ, born 17 January 1910, daughter of John W. and Emma (Krehl) Mertz in DeKalb County, Indiana. Her grandparents were Benjamin and Johanna (Auman) Mertz. Margaret had a sister, Selma (Mertz) Rodgers, born 21 June 1907, married Neal Rodgers. They had one child, Anita (Rodgers) Berkey. Margaret's brother, Arthur, born 11 September 1912, married Luanne Blevins. They had two sons, Gary and James.

Margaret graduated from Kendallville High School in the year of 1928, and during that time lived occasionally with her Uncle Malcolm and Aunt Metha Fraze. She graduated from City Hospital Indianapolis, in 1934, as a registered nurse. After a lengthy illness, she moved to Fresno, California, and pursued her nursing career at Fresno County Hospital.

In the year 1945, Margaret married Thomas Harrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harrigan. They had three daughters: Maureen, who died in infancy, Linda Louise, and Nancy Ann. Linda married Michael Lotti, who is a major in the United States Air Force. They have one son, Brian, and currently reside in Salt Lake City. Nancy Ann married Barry Patterson and they have two children: Jeffrey and Kelly. They reside in Campbell, California.

Margaret and Tom are both retired and still live in Fresno, where they enjoy their grandchildren and keep up their lovely flowers in the yard and patio.

METHA MARY MERTZ, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 5 August 1895, daughter of Benjamin and Johanna Auman. Johanna was a sister of a former mayor of Kendallville, William C. Auman. Metha had two sisters, Sarah and Emma, who died as infants from diphtheria. She also had seven older brothers: John, Otto, Henry, Edward, Walter, Theodore, and Daniel, all of whom resided in DeKalb and Allen Counties. Metha and her mother moved to Kendallville in the middle 1900's. After her graduation from Kendallville High School she was employed by Mr. Merica, publisher of the Kendallville News Sun, and later employed by Mr. R.A. Otis, who in addition to owning the drug store, managed the Building and Loan Savings and Home Telephone Company. In the years between 1940 and 1960, she was a catalog sales manager for Sears and Roebuck.

Metha married D. Malcolm Fraze, 23 November 1917, son of Samuel and Viola (Williamson) Fraze. Malcolm had five brothers: James, Hugh, Darius, Charles, Donald, who died in infancy, and a sister, Wynona. Malcolm and Metha were married in a double wedding ceremony at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The other couple were Esther Martz and Glen Myers. Incidentally, Metha and Esther were also double cousins. Malcolm and Metha had two children: Mary Ellen, born 18 October 1919, and James Malcolm, born 19 June 1924.

Malcolm graduated from Kendallville High School and served in World War I. Upon his discharge from the service, he returned to Kendallville and was associated with the Gawthrop Inn. In the middle 1920's, he joined Campbell and Fetter Bank and remained there until his retirement in 1960. Both Metha and Malcolm were well known in musical circles and Malcolm directed the Presbyterian Church Choir many years. In his earlier years, he sang when needed with the Mertz Quartet, who were well known in the DeKalb County area.

Mary Ellen Fraze recently retired and moved back to Kendallville. James M. Fraze served in World War II and upon his return, he married Shirley Lee Miller, daughter of Guy and Geneva (Davidson) Miller, and is employed by Kraft Foods. They had two children: Cynthia A., who married William Van Winkle. They have two children: Troy and Heidi, and live in Corpus Christi, Texas. A son, Stan, married Ann Fox, daughter of Brent and Janet Fox of Rome City. They reside in Weurzburg, Germany, where they both teach in the American High School.

MARIA MERTZ, the eighteenth child of her father was born in Boden, Germany, 19 January 1823. She married Leonard Hartman, 24 June 1841, in Wayne County, Ohio. She lived at Indian Lake, northwest of Corunna, Indiana. She died 3 July 1915, and is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, West Fairfield. She was the daughter of Johann Mertz and Anna Maria Lehmann. Leonard Hartman, born 17 September 1819, in

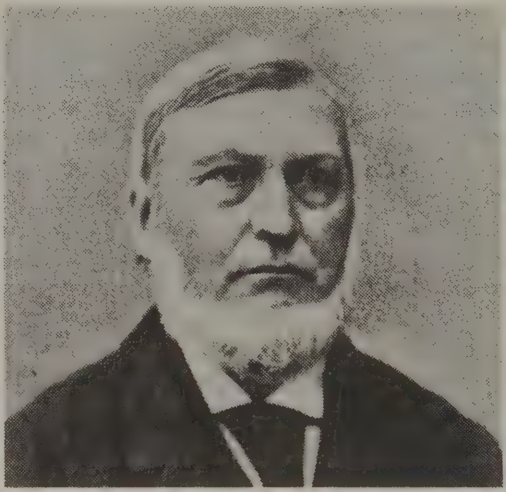
Hesse Darnstat, Germany. He died 12 October 1898, and is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Their children were: Catherine, born 22 May 1840, in Wayne County, Ohio, married Henry Hovarter, in October of 1858; John, Susan, Adam, born 15 September 1849, in Fairfield Township, Indiana, died 22 June 1933; Sophia, Lydia, Martha Elizabeth died in childrenhood; Solomon, Emma, Levi, born 1857, died 1947; Joseph and Martha. At the time of Maria's death, she had twelve children, sixty grandchildren, one hundred great grandchildren and eleven great great grandchildren, a total of one hundred and eighty-three.

Caroline Beights

CAROLINE BEIGHTS, born 17 January 1861, in Noble County, Wayne Township, three miles east of Kendallville, Indiana. She died 2 February 1933, in DeKalb County, Fairfield Township. She married William F. Kammerer, who was born 30 December 1851, in Stark County, Ohio. He died 16 March 1916, in Wayne Township, Noble County, Indiana. They lived on a farm one mile west of the DeKalb-Noble County Line on road 700E, now owned by their grandsons Lloyd, Ralph, and Robert Mertz.

Caroline's father was Samuel Beights, born 3 March 1813, and died 30 October 1894, in Wayne Township Noble County, Indiana. He is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. His wife was Catherine Busch. Their children were: William, Caroline, Henry, and Samuel. Also his children from another marriage were John Beights, who became known as "Sassafras John", Sol, George, and Pauline. John Beights lived in Fairfield Township on County Road 20, one mile east of the DeKalb-Noble Line.



John Beights

"SASSAFRAS" JOHN BEIGHTS, married Welda Slayman. They had two sons, Dave and James. John worked at the Courthouse in Auburn, Indiana. Metha Beights relates that John was a very smart man. He would dig sassafras and sell the roots to housewives in Kendallville, Indiana. It is also said that most of the trees in Kendallville were planted by John. He would sell a hard maple also known as a sugar maple as a shade tree to anyone that wanted one. John would take a tree out of his woods and plant it where it was wanted.

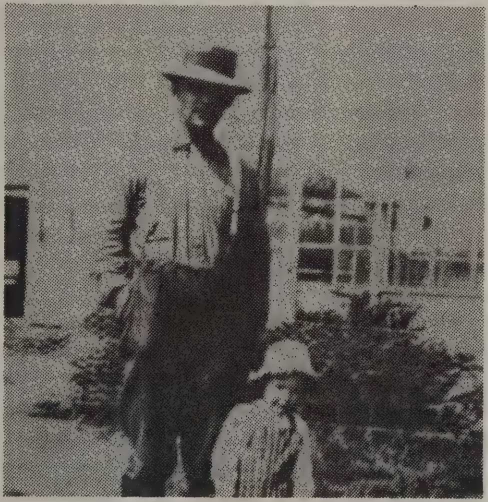
EDWIN WAYNE BROWN, born 8 February 1927, DeKalb County, son of Ellsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. His paternal grandparents are Lewis and Rosabelle (Widney) Brown. His maternal grandparents are Fredrick and Orlicia (Warnock) LaRowe. He had four sisters and four brothers: Geraldine, Luella, Norman, Sue, Richard, Clarence, Clyde, and Howard.

Edwin married June Maxine Mulholland, 14 June 1950. June, born 30 December 1929, in Noble County, daughter of Lyle and Maudena (Deter) Mulholland, of Noble County. Her paternal grandparents are James and Olivia Jane (Waddell) Mulholland. Her maternal grandparents are Noah and Jesse Deter, of LaGrange County. June had four sisters and one brother: Martha, Marilee, Shirley, Margaret, and James.

Edwin received his schooling in DeKalb County, June in Kendallville Schools. Edwin retired with forty years service from Dana Corporation. He served two years in the army during World War II, stationed in Japan and Alaska. June retired with fifteen years service at Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital.

Two sons were born to this marriage: Robert L., born 17 November 1947, is a graduate from the last class of Auburn High School, in 1967. He was married to Deborah Seigel. He has two children: Derrick Edward, born 3 June 1974, and Brooke Olivia, born 12 May 1976. Robert served with the army's first infantry for two years in Vietnam.

Kenneth W. "Zeke", born 15 March 1954, is a graduated from DeKalb High School, in 1973, and also a graduate from ITT. Kenneth holds an Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Automated Manufacturing Technology, Robotics.



Charles Ten Eyck and grandson

CHARLES M. TEN EYCK, born 3 April 1858, near Blissfield, Michigan, son of Albert TenEyck. Charles had a sister and a half brother: Hattie (TenEyck) Bowen, of Ingersall, Canada, and Frank of Jackson, Michigan. Charles spent his early boyhood at Hudson, Michigan, and graduated from Hudson High School.

Charles married Nina Holmes, 24 August 1884. From Hudson, Michigan, they moved ~~to~~ Hillsdale, Michigan, for about five years before coming to Auburn. He was employed for several years at the Zimmerman Carriage Factory in Auburn. In 1897, he left the factory work to go into the florist business. Charles and son, Sherburn, were in the florist business forty years in Auburn.

To this union were born three children: Bessie, born in Hillsdale, Michigan, died young; Marie, born in Auburn, Indiana, married Wallace Hursh; Sherburn, born in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Nina was a member of the Pythian Sisters and the W.B.A. Lodge. They were both members of the Auburn Methodist Episcopal Church.

Charles died 18 September 1937, and Nina died in 1939. Both are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

SHERBURN H. TEN EYCK, born 18 April 1885, Hillsdale, Michigan, son of Charles M. and Nina (Holmes) TenEyck. He lived most of his life in Auburn.

Sherburn married Edna Straus. To this union were born two sons: Jack H., born 26 February 1914. Jack married Kathryn Bash. They had one son, James, of Lake Gage, Indiana. Jack died May of 1975, and Kathryn died in 1979. They are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Jack was employed by Decorator Supply Company for twenty-three years. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Auburn Automotive Heritage; Donald, born 20 February 1911, Auburn, Indiana. He married Jean Hughes in Auburn on 17 September 1941. They are the parents of one daughter: Jackie. Donald was a lifelong resident of Auburn, member of the Auburn Methodist Church. He was employed several years with Auburn Clutch Company, now Auburn Division, Dana Corporation, in later years he had been associated with his father in the florist business. Donald died 16 January 1959, buried at Wood lawn Cemetery.

JACOWEN "JACKIE" ARLEE TEN EYCK, daughter of Donald and Jean (Hughes) TenEyck.

Jackie was married in 1960 to Thomas Smith of Huntington, Indiana, and divorced in 1975. To this union were born two children: Steven Allen, born 9 February 1961, and Paige Renee, born 14 April 1962. Steven graduated from DeKalb High School in 1979, and now lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he is employed with Motorola Company; Paige graduated from DeKalb High School in 1980, and from Manchester College in 1984, with a BA degree in Music. She is a music teacher in Phoenix, Arizona. She was married in 1983 to Bill Leonhard of North Manchester. He also teaches music in Phoenix. They expect their first child in April, 1987.

Jackie has recently re-established the TenEyck Floral business under the same name as was started by her great grandfather, Charles TenEyck, in 1897. It is presently located at 114 East Sixth Street, Auburn, Indiana.

LEE ELLEN FORD, aka Leola Ellen Ford, born 16 June 1917, at the Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, DeKalb County, the first born child of Arthur and Geneva Ford and granddaughter of John and Rosie Ann Ellen Muhn. She was one of the first babies delivered by Dr. Bonnell Souder, one of the first women doctors in Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Henry and Leola Ford, of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire.

Lee attended the old DeSoto Elementary School in East Auburn, where she was an honor student and then later graduated second in her class from Auburn High School in 1934.

Lack of finances kept her out of college from 1934 to 1944, but she did get fifteen months business and accounting training at the Fort Wayne Business College and five years of correspondence school in certified public auditing while she meantime worked as a clerk at the Auburn Grain Elevator, at the Auburn Foundry, at General Electric in Fort Wayne, as auditor in Columbus, Georgia, and at the Wagner Insurance agency, Kendallville, to earn a living.

In 1944, Dr. Ford attended Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, and graduated with honors with B.S. in 1947. She also graduated with honors with an M.S. from University of Minnesota in 1949, and with Ph.D. from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in 1952, all in the field of science and particularly in genetics and cytogenetics of man, dogs, and corn.

Dr. Ford has published over two thousand volumes and/or articles in scientific, legal, and lay magazines and papers on topics related in her research.

Dr. Ford was Associate Professor of Biology at Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana, from 1952-1955. She was visiting Professor in science and education at the University of Alberta, Calgary, Canada, 1955-1956; Associate Professor of Biology at Pacific Lutheran College, Tacoma, Washington, 1956-1962; full Professor at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mis sissippi, 1962-1964, and many other scientific related positions.

Dr. Ford was a prolific writer, contributing to many journals and publications in science and particularly in the field of animal and plant breeding, hybrid corn, guide dogs for the blind. She also contributed various articles in the legal fields of legal rights of women, minorities, youth, and senior citizens.

Dr. Ford received her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana, in 1972. She was and is, since 1972, a member of the Indiana Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Lawyers, and the DeKalb County Bar Association. She has been in the active practice of law as a sole practitioner in Butler and Auburn, Indiana, since 1972.

Dr. Ford was editor of the Women's Legal Handbook Series, from 1975 to present; editor of the Animal Welfare Encyclopedia from 1975 to present. She was also president of Ford Associates, Butler, Indiana, 1972 to 1978; editor and owner of the Record Herald, a weekly paper in Butler, Indiana, from 1973 to 1976, and editor and publisher of Anthology of Collie Genetics and Breeding, 1955.

Dr. Ford is featured and/or listed in over two hundred or more Who's Who type publications in biographies of researchers and attorneys. Among her special fields of study recently are attending the Association of Family Consiliation Courts in 1981, which was an interdisciplinary association dedicated to professional court related family counseling and to the public education about cause and effects of family dissolutions.

Dr. Ford was active in community affairs for years. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Fort Wayne Women's Bureau, the Fort Wayne Women's Business Owners Organization, and various other local and national animal and human societies and women's rights organizations for many years.

Dr. Ford was a member of the Butler City Economic Development Commission, 1973-1975; on the board of Farm Workers Involved in Community Services, Indianapolis, 1980-1982; on the Board of the Sheriff Merit Board, DeKalb County, 1983-1988, and president in 1986; member of the United States of America President of the United States Institute on Drug Abuse Committee, 1974 to 1976; and President of the Indiana Caucus for Animal Legislation and Leadership from about 1983 to 1986.

JOHN H. REINHART, born 23 June 1921, Butler, Indiana, son of Albert H. and Florence (Ginder) Reinhart, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are John and Christina Reinhart, who were farmers near Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Philip and Martha (McDonald) Ginder, of Wilmington Township, near Butler, Indiana.

Dortha D. Kempf, born 2 April 1926, Pleasant Lake, Indiana, daughter of Otis and Marie Kempf, of Pleasant Lake, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are William and Lois Kempf, of Ashley, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Joseph K. and Jennie Miller, of Ashley, Indiana.

John and Dortha met in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They were married 14 February 1954, at the Christian Church, Ashley, Indiana.

John attended school at Butler, graduating in 1939. Dortha attended school at Pleasant Lake, and Ashley, graduating in 1944. John is a farmer and drives a bus for Eastside School District. Dortha has worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne, but is now a homemaker and drives a bus for Eastside School District.

To this union were born three children: Loma Marie, born 11 November 1958. Loma married Stanley Ferguson, 12 June 1982. They are the parents of one son, Nathan, born 16 December 1983, at Cambridge, Ohio; Lynn Alan, born 9 July 1963, is a farmer and lives near Butler, Indiana; Lamar David, born 26 September 1964, a senior at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhart currently live near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Their hobbies include farming and working outdoors for John and sewing, crafts, and working outdoors for Dortha.

WILLIAM DANIEL LA ROWE, born 11 September 1901, Greentown, Indiana, son of Frederick C. and Artitia Jane (Warnock) LaRowe, of Greentown, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary (Cash) LaRowe, of Greentown, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were William and Florinda (Powell) Warnock, of Greentown, Indiana.

Osie Berryhill, born 16 February 1904, at Continental, Ohio, daughter of Charles and Mary (Dickey) Berryhill, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Mathew and Martha (Huston) Berryhill, of Continental, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents are Daniel D. and Mahalia (Stores) Dickey, of Continental, Ohio.

William attended school near Greentown, Indiana. Osie attended school near Continental, Ohio, then later Bog Island, DeKalb County. They met at the Union Chapel Church, DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana. They were married 1 October 1925, at the home of Reverend Joseph Ferguson, DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana.

Bill moved from Howard County to this area with his family in 1916. Osie moved from Continental, Ohio, with her parents about 1911 and Osie remembers seeing the DeKalb County Courthouse being constructed.

As farmers, Bill and Osie started housekeeping just north of Butler on the Showalter farm. They also operated the Cloverdale Dairy in Butler for two years. They delivered bottled milk door to door with a horse-drawn wagon. From there, they moved to Jackson Township and spent the next five years farming on the Davis place near Hopewell.

In 1938, William and Osie LaRowe moved to Concord Township, DeKalb County on what was then the Hort Squires Farm. LaRowe purchased that farm in 1940. Bill and Osie are retired and still living on this well kept farm.

Over the years, Bill had a great interest in horses and he showed and pulled draft horses at area county fairs. He still has a great love for horses.

Bill and Osie recall riding the interurban streetcar going to and from Fort Wayne and Kendallville into Auburn.

To this union were born four children: Betty Leone (LaRowe) Houser, born 8 December 1929; Rebah (LaRowe) Dulle, born 21 February 1935; Joyce Marie (LaRowe) Morr, born 8 September 1937; and Nila Sue (LaRowe) Honaker, born 23 April 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. LaRowe currently live in Concord Township, DeKalb County. They are members of the Concord United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include sewing, horse racing, county fairs, cultural arts and malls.

LESTER F. BABBITT, born 29 December 1927, Garrett, Indiana, son of Lewis S. and Meta (Hutt) Babbitt, of Garrett, Indiana, now deceased. His paternal grandparents are Lester M. and Harriett Babbitt, of Garrett, Indiana, now deceased. His maternal grandparents are William and Wilhamena Hutt, of Kendallville, Indiana, now deceased.

Beverly Myers, born 17 January 1932, at Garrett, Indiana, daughter of John Lewelynn and Madaline (Moses) Myers, of Garrett, Indiana. John is deceased. Her paternal grandparents were Harry and Molly Myers, of Auburn, Indiana, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were Frederick and Matilda (Fralick) Moses, of Garrett, Indiana, now deceased.

Lester attended school at North Ward, Old J.E. Ober and Garrett High School. He served one year in the army during the Korean Conflict. Beverly attended school at the St. Joseph Catholic and Garrett High School. They were married 5 January 1952, in Garrett, Indiana.

Lester has worked at DePew's Dry Cleaning, Stansbury Chevrolet, and thirty years at Yoder Ford Sales, Garrett, Indiana. Beverly has worked at John Hancock Insurance, Haffner's Central office for twenty-nine years, and is now employed with the DeKalb County Welfare Department.

To this union were born four children: Bruce A., born 31 March 1953, owner of the Gala Theatre, in Garrett, Indiana; Betsy D., born 14 December 1958, married George Schultz, and they are the parents of two sons: Brandon, born 10 March 1982, and Justin E., born 31 July 1985; Lori L., born 15 November 1959, married Kim Thorne; Brad L., born 7 July 1965, attended ITT and works in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Babbitt currently reside in Garrett, Indiana. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, Garrett, Indiana.

RAYMOND EDWIN SLENTZ, born 10 May 1925, at Butler, Indiana, son of Russell and Violet (Leason) Slentz, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Err and Maude (Bell) Slentz, of Hamilton, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John and Mildred (Hammond) Leason, of Hamilton, Indiana.

Paula Giradot, born 3 August 1928, at Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Harold and Addie (Opdycke) Giradot, of Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Joseph and Tillie (Link) Giradot, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Henry and Eva (Myers) Opdycke, of Hudson, Indiana.

Raymond attended school at Butler, Indiana. Paula attended school at Auburn, Indiana. They met in Hicksville, Ohio. They were married 8 February 1948, at the Methodist Church in Auburn, Indiana.

Raymond has hauled milk for thirty years and is now driving trucks, hauling propane. Paula was Clerk-Treasurer of Waterloo for four years, and is now employed by the Town of Waterloo as a Computer Operator.

To this union were born two children: Steven Russell, born 14 August 1949, and Melanie Rae, born 9 September 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwin Slentz currently live in Waterloo, Indiana. They are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include camping and flea marketing.

STEVEN RUSSELL SLENTZ, born 14 August 1949, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Raymond and Paula (Giradot) Slentz, of Waterloo, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Russell and Violet (Leason) Slentz, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Harold and Addie (Opdycke) Giradot, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Lorie Lee Baker, born 19 July 1960, at Angola, Indiana, daughter of Larry and Judith (Van Zile) Baker, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Virgil and Artie Faye (Beard) Baker, of Hamilton, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Cecil D. and Doris (Fee) Van Zile, of Butler, Indiana.

Steven and Lorie attended school at Waterloo, where they met. They were married 16 June 1979, at Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Steven has worked at S & R Slentz Incorporated Trucking.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Russell Slentz currently live near Waterloo, Indiana. They are members of the Waterloo Methodist Church. Their hobbies include bowling, camping, and sports.

STEPHEN RALPH HOEHN, born 19 August 1957, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Paul and Nancy (Waters) Hoehn, of Venice, Florida. His paternal grandparents are Frank and Rosa (Didion) Hoehn, of Ohio. His maternal grandparents are Ralph and Violet (Uhlman) Waters, of Philadelphia, Pennsyvlania.

Melanie Rae Slentz, born 9 September 1959, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Raymond and Paula (Giradot) Slentz, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Russell and Violet (Leason) Slentz, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Harold and Addie (Opdycke) Giradot, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Stephen attended school at Snider, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Melanie attended school at Waterloo, Indiana. They met at Gordon's Campground, South Milford, Indiana. They were married 8 July 1977, at St. Charles Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Stephen was in the United States Air Force for ten years. He is now self employed. They have a chimney cleaning business. Melanie is a homemaker and helps Stephen in the business.

They are the parents of two children: Kyle Lee, born 23 November 1978, and Skylar Ray, born 25 March 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoehn currently live in Witchita Falls, Texas. They are members of the Catholic Church. Their hobbies include sky diving, bowling, and camping.

AVON J. CALDWELL, born 12 January 1934, at Flint, Indiana. Sondra J. Rosenberry, born 21 November 1934, at Butler, Indiana.

Avon and Sondra were married 7 August 1955, at Angola, Indiana. Avon is self employed and Sondra is employed at Guardian Industry, Auburn, Indiana.

They are the parents of one son, Scott Linn, born 16 October 1957.

DALE J. ACKERMAN, born 24 November 1934, at Waterloo, Indiana, son of Carl George and Hattie Margaret (Hofferman) Ackerman, of Waterloo, Indiana. His paternal grandfather was Edward Ackerman, of Brimfield, Indiana. His maternal grandfather was Arthur Hofferman, of Garrett, Indiana.

Patricia A. Rosenberry, born 23 June 1937, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Ivan Lavon and Helen Louise (Hart) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Jacob Gilligan and Mary Ellen (Farner) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Clifford George and Vera Mae (Guilford) Hart, of Auburn, Indiana.

Dale attended school at Waterloo and Patricia attended at Butler, Indiana. They met at Kohl's Store, Moore, Indiana, and were married 8 April 1955, at the Methodist Church in Auburn.

Dale was employed with Warner Gear and is now employed with Auburn Gear, Auburn, Indiana. Patricia is now Clerk-Treasurer of the town of Hamilton, Indiana.

To this union were born three children: Michele Ann (Ackerman) Saurbeck, born 30 April 1957; Tamara Jo (Ackerman) Fry, born 3 July 1959; and Gregory Patrick, born 17 March 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale J. Ackerman currently live in Hamilton, Indiana. They are members of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

KENNETH CHARLES SHULL, born 19 December 1910, at Ashley, Indiana, the son of Thomas and Florence I. (Foltz) Shull, both deceased. His paternal grandparents were Edward and Susanne (McCartney) Shull, of Stark County, Ohio.

Edna Rosella Royal, born 2 April 1910, at Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of John, Sr. and Theresa (Daub) Shampay Royal. Her paternal grandparents were Sebastian and Theresa (Wilhelm) Royal, of New Bavarie, Ohio. Her maternal grandfather is Adam Daub.

Edna attended school at Taylors Corner. Kenneth and Edna were married 19 September 1932, at St. Michael's Rectory, Waterloo, Indiana.

Kenneth has worked at Dana Corporation. Edna has worked at Crane Edmund. They are now retired.

To this union were born seven children: Gloria Anita (Shull) Lancaster, born 28 April 1934; Beverly Annette (Shull) Anton, born 12 December 1936; Edwin Merle, born 20 August 1937; Shirley Ann (Shull) Cerretts, born 2 September 1939; Deana Joan (Shull) Reed, born 14 February 1944; Aileen Kay (Shull) ~~All~~es, born 5 January 1949; and Karen Sue (Shull) Barnett, born 17 April 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shull currently live in Pleasant Lake, Indiana. They are members of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church at Angola, Indiana.

EDWIN MERLE SHULL, born 20 August 1937, at Ashley, Indiana, son of Kenneth C. and Edna Rosella (Royal) Shull, of Pleasant Lake, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Thomas and Florence I. (Foltz) Shull. His maternal grandparents are John Sr. and Theresa (Daub) Shampay Royal, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Deanne Lou Rosenberry, born 4 February 1939, at Moore, Indiana, daughter of Ivan Lavon and Helen Louise (Hart) Rosenberry, deceased. Her paternal grandparents are Jacob G. and Mary Ellen Ella (Farner) Rosenbery, deceased. Her maternal grandparents are Clifford George and Vera Mae (Guilford) Hart, deceased.

Edwin attended school at Waterloo High School and Deanne attended at Butler High School. They met at Butler Gymnasium. They were married 20 December 1958, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, Indiana.

Edwin has worked at Charleston Metal Products, Waterloo, Indiana, and is now self employed. Deanne has worked at General Electric, Fort Wayne, Bohn Aluminum, Butler, and is now employed at Shull Machine Service.

To this union were born three children: Brent Lee, born 2 September 1959; Brenda Lou, born 8 October 1961; and Bradd Lynn, born 3 September 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Shull currently live near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, Indiana.

BRENT LEE SHULL, born 2 September 1959, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Edwin Merle and Deanne Lou (Rosenberry) Shull, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Kenneth C. and Edna Rosella (Royal) Shull, of Pleasant Lake, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Ivan Lavon and Helen Louise (Hart) Rosenberry, deceased.

Monica Jean Snyder, born 12 May 1962, at Hicksville, Ohio, daughter of Jon David and Marilyn Jean (Jinnings) Snyder, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Glenn and Beatrice Mae (Bavier) Snyder, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are LeRoy and Estiteen C. (Schall) Jinnings, Ball Lake, Hamilton, Indiana.

Brent attended school at Eastside Junior-Senior High School and college at Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Monica attended school at Eastside Junior-Senior High School. They met in Butler, Indiana, and were married 6 June 1981, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana.

Brent has worked at Kitchen Quip, County Highway, and Tomlinson C/P. He is now employed at Helmkamp, Incorporated. Monica has worked at Knisely National Bank and is now a homemaker.

They are the parents of one son, Jacob Jon, born at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Shull currently live at Terry Lake, Hamilton, Indiana. They are members of the Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn. Their hobbies include hunting, fishing, bowling, crocheting, and sewing.

JAMES MYLES and PHYLLIS HIXSON, the children of James Myles and Phyllis Hixson were the fifth generation to reside on the same land southwest of Garrett, Indiana, Butler Township.

Myles' great-great grandfather, James A. Reynolds, immigrated from Scotland with his parents in 1798. They first resided in Delaware, came westward to New York, then to Wayne County, Ohio, near Cleveland. Reynolds and wife, Mary, raised eight children on a farm near the county seat of Wayne County, Ohio. Several sons and daughters of the pioneer Reynolds family got caught up with the westward movement brought on by the low cost of land and the California Gold Rush. Frank Reynolds, one of the oldest sons, moved west no further than the Butler-Waterloo, Indiana area, where he married and resided the rest of his life.

While James A. Reynolds still resided in Ohio, his eldest daughter, Mary Jane, married Aaron Hixson, who died at the age of twenty-seven, two months before Myles' grandfather, Bennett Hixson, was born. The young widow and infant son moved home with her parents.

Some of the Reynolds family went westward and all trace of them was lost. The Frank Reynolds family, having a great desire to see their parents and other family members, wrote or sent word back to Ohio, telling of the good, rich, virgin land of DeKalb County, in hopes of inticing them to come on west to settle in Indiana.

About the year of 1855, James Reynolds family sold all their possessions except what they could load into a covered wagon and set out for Indiana. In September, 1846, Myles' great grandfather, James Reynolds, bought with cash two hundred acres in Butler Township. The Reynolds, along with their widowed daughter, Mary Jane Hixson, and her son, Bennett Hixson, moved into a small log cabin by a constantly flowing spring, a few feet from Myles' present brick house.

The ownership of this land was transferred to Mary Jane and son Bennett Hixson; then to son, Forrest A. Hixson; then to his only son, James Myles Hixson, the present owner. Forrest Hixson married Amanda L. Houser in 1901. They had three children: Belva, Mary Katherine, and James Myles.

James Myles Hixson married Phyllis A. Smith, daughter of Carl A. and Ethel Smith of Garrett, Indiana, in the year of 1934. To this marriage were born seven children, six of which survive: Larry James, Norma, Linda, Raymond, Carl, and Connie Sue, all of whom reside in DeKalb County at present. Myles' children were the fifth generation to reside on the same tract of land. Family ownership and residence of this tract of land covers one hundred and thirty years as of September, 1986.

The present residence, a ten room brick home built of soft brick made only a mile down the road, is 100 years old, having been built the summer of 1886 by Messers Haag and Kitchen, for Myles' great grandmother, Mary Jane Hixson, and her son, Bennett Hixson.

Myles, being the only son of Forrest A. Hixson, took over the farm upon his father's death in 1952. Myles, a B & O Railroader until about 1963, also took on the gravel business located on the farm in 1956. His three sons, Larry, Carl, and Raymond, operate the business now. Several of the eighteen grandchildren have worked in the business, known as "Hixson Sand and Gravel."

WARREN CALVIN SMITH, born 25 October 1928, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of W. Roy and Goldie Mae (Zeis) Kristoffson Smith, of DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Lincoln "Link" and Effie (Dilley) Smith, of DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents are Perry and Eva Zeis, of Stroh, Indiana.

Martha Phares Walker, born 22 August 1927, at Eugene, Oregon, daughter of Frank Linton and Dora Bell (Phares) Walker, of Lane County, Oregon. Her paternal grandparents were Linton G. and Nettie Walker, of Minnesota and Oregon. Her maternal grandparents were Edwin L. and Mary (Parker) Phares, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, and Oregon.

Warren attended school at East Keyser and McIntosh Schools in DeKalb County, Indiana. Martha attended school at Blue Ridge and Eugene, Oregon. They met in Auburn, Indiana, and were married 15 August 1964, at Grant's Pass, Oregon.

Warren has worked at Warner Gear, Auburn Gear, and is now employed at Coast to Coast Hardware, Auburn, Indiana. Martha has taught at Harrison School, Auburn, and worked for the Area III Council on Aging.

To this union were born three children: Willard Ray, born 22 May 1965; Carl Warren, born 6 February 1967; and Dorla Joy, born 18 November 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith currently live in Auburn. They are members of the Indian Village Church of God. Their hobbies include gardening and camping.

LELAND R. FEE, born 20 September 1920, at Hamilton, Indiana, son of Charlie and Agnes (Everitt) Fee, of Hamilton, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Oliver and Dora (Betz) Fee, of

Hamilton, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Jasper and Rosetta (Dirrim) Everitt, of Hamilton, Indiana.

Virginia McDonald, born 28 August 1925, at Covington, Indiana, daughter of Homer and Effie (Myers) McDonald, of Covington, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are George and Virginia (Reed) McDonald, of Alvin, Illinois. Her maternal grandparents are Noah Ransom and Mary Jane (Clore) Myers, of Wallace, Indiana.

Leland attended school at Hamilton High School and college at Ball State and Indiana University. Virginia attended school at Covington High School and college at Purdue University. They met at Ashley School. Leland and Virginia were married 10 July 1948, at the bride's home in Covington, Indiana.

Leland has worked at Civil Service, schools at Mt. Summit, Salem Center, and Ashley. He is now retired. Virginia has taught at Ashley School and is now a substitute teacher at DeKalb Central Schools.

To this union were born five children: Christine (Fee) Cavazos, born 8 October 1952; Brian, born 15 June 1960; Lisa, born 19 June 1961; David, born 8 October 1964; and Janet, born 29 April 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland R. Fee currently live near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

WALTER EARL DOWNEND, was a life time resident of DeKalb County, Indiana. He was born on the farm of Samuel Harrison Downend, located in the southwestern part of the township. He lived there until his death.

Walter, born to Samuel Harrison and Laura (Houser) Downend, 27 April 1888. He was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of that neighborhood. On 7 January 1913, he married Alta Margaret Lung, daughter of Daniel and Viola Ellen (Schopf) Lung. Walter and Alta became the parents of five daughters: Catherine, born 16 December 1912; Laurine, born 7 December 1914; Helen, born 25 October 1916; June, born 25 May 1918; and Edna, born 20 September 1919.

Walter and Alta farmed the farm and raised their family. Walter lived to see three of his daughters married and he had two grandchildren when he died 30 September 1936, on the farm where he was born and loved so much. He preceded his father in death. Alta and her two younger daughters, June and Edna, moved to Garrett. Alta lived in Garrett until she went to live with her oldest daughter, Catherine (Downend) Hathaway in Richland Township, where she died 10 July 1963. Two of her daughters followed their mother in death: June (Downend) Sebert died 1 July 1985, and Laurine (Downend) Hathaway died in June of 1983. Catherine (Downend) Hathaway still resides in Richland Township. Helen (Downend) Tooman lives in Garrett, and Edna (Downend) Dunkin lives in Auburn.

SAMUEL HARRISON DOWNEND, was a native son of the old Buckeye State, having been born 13 December 1859, in Richland County, Ohio. He was the son of John and Sarah (Bechtel) Downend. On 20 March 1861, John and Sarah came to DeKalb County, Indiana, in a covered wagon, locating in Keyser Township, where Mr. Downend had previously bought a tract of land in the southwestern part of that township. They lived there until their deaths.

They became the parents of four children: Samuel H., Clara, Franklin, who died in infancy, r and Charles F. John, the father of these children, died 11 October 1895, and his wife on 6 October 1882.

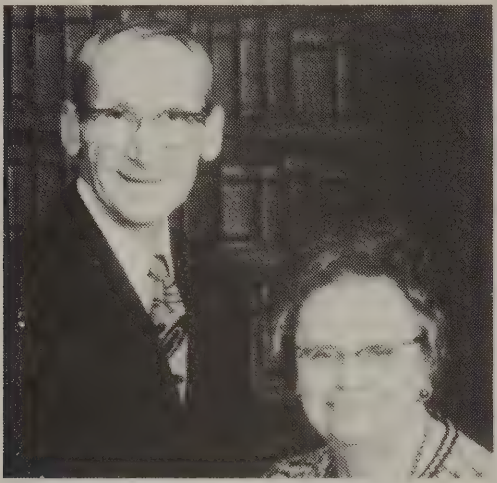
Samuel was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty-two, he went west, where he spent two years. At the death of his mother, he returned home and remained on the farm until his death.

On 11 March 1885, Mr. Downend married Laura Houser, who was born in the northern part of Butler Township, DeKalb County. She was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Houser, and was born 30 May 1865. She died 21 February 1912. By her union with Samuel, they became the parents of four children: Harry E., Walter E., Bertha, and William J. All are deceased except Bertha, who married Perry Gump. She now resides at Betz Nursing Home and is ninety-seven years of age.

Mr. Downend was an active supporter of the Democratic Party and in 1908 was elected Trustee of Keyser Township, holding the office for a number of years. He was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and for a time was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He continued to live on the farm until his death in 1945.

ROY LEONARD BAKER, born 16 May 1908, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, the son of Peter and Annie (Nutter) Baker.

Violet Elizabeth was born 4 October 1909, in Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Franklin Tecumseh and Margaret Jane (Krise) May. Her paternal grandparents were James William and Harriet



Roy and Violet Baker

(Layman) May. Her maternal grandparents were William Krise and Elizabeth Stilts.

Roy and Violet were married on 29 December 1938, at Anderson, Indiana. Roy attended the Newville Township School at Newville, Indiana. Violet graduated from Auburn High School and has a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. She received her Bachelors Degree in 1938, and her Masters Degree in 1958. She has also done post graduate work at Ball State in Library Science.

Roy farmed as a young man, worked at General Electric Company in Fort Wayne during World War II, and at Warner Gear in Auburn for twenty-seven years, retiring in 1972.

Violet was a school teacher and school librarian. She began her teaching career at Boots School in Concord Township, DeKalb County and continued teaching in Concord Township School, Concord-Spencer Consolidated School, Riverdale, and Eastside School Corporation. She retired as librarian from DeKalb Eastern School Corporation in 1975, after thirty-seven years of teaching.

Both Roy and Violet were active in various organizations as well as being members of Newville United Methodist Church. Violet was active at Newville Church and was an adult Sunday School teacher for many years. She was an officer on the Administrative Board of the Church for many years also. She was a charter member of the DeKalb County Historical Society, a member of the John Houlton Chapter of the DAR, the DeKalb County Retired Teachers and held many leadership positions in all the organizations. She was a 4-H leader for five years when her daughter was a 4-H member.

Roy was an old car buff, as well as a golfer and bowler. He owned a 1965 Corvair at the time of his death. He died 1 November 1982, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, of a stroke. Violet is now a resident of a Fort Wayne Nursing Home, where she has been staying since suffering a severe stroke in April, 1983.

Both Roy and Violet were active in the Democratic Party of DeKalb County. Violet was a member of the DeKalb County Democrat Women and was a precinct committeeman for Newville Township at the time of her stroke.

They have one daughter, Mary Jane Baker Smith, who lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They also have two grandchildren: James William Smith II, fifteen years of age, and Elizabeth Ann Smith, age fourteen, both of Fort Wayne.

Roy had three brothers: Ward, Olen, and Dean. Ward died in 1946, Olen in 1985, and Dean is living in Fort Wayne.

Violet had one brother, Crates, who died in 1950. She has three living nieces and one nephew. A niece preceded her in death in 1981.

Roy and Violet had a son, John Calvin, who was stillborn 17 August 1947.

JAMES WILLIAM SMITH, born 7 March 1940, in Allen County, Indiana. He is the son of Maurice William Smith and Inez Anna (Stasell) Smith of Spencerville, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Jay William Smith and Lida Mae O'Brien and his maternal grandparents were William Fredrick Stasell and Rose Philamena Hagenbucher, all of Jackson Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Mary Jane Baker was born 13 September 1940, at Auburn, Indiana. She is the daughter of Roy Leonard and Violet Elizabeth (May) Baker of 5378 County Road 81, Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Peter Calvin and Annie (Nutter) Baker of Newville Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Franklin Tecumseh and Margaret Jane (Krise) May, of Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Jim and Mary Jane were married 1 August 1970, at Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jim attended Riverdale High School, St. Joe, Indiana, graduated from high school at Central High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has attended Indiana University at Fort Wayne. Mary Jane graduated from Riverdale High School, St. Joe, Indiana, and Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. She received the Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1962, and the Master of Arts Degree in Education in 1966.

They met while attending high school at Riverdale. Jim has been employed by County Line Cheese Company, Morton Salt Company, World Book, Incorporated, and is presently employed as a school bus driver for the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Community Schools, as well as owning his own vinyl repair and upholstery business known as Buckeye Vinyl Repair.

Mary Jane has been employed as a Speech Therapist at Toledo, Ohio, Board of Education as a Hearing Therapist for the School City of Gary, Indiana, and as a Special Education teacher and Speech Pathologist and substitute teacher in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Community Schools. She is presently employed as a teacher of the mildly mentally handicapped students at DeKalb Middle School, Waterloo, Indiana.

They have two children, James William Smith II, born 16 June 1971, and Elizabeth Ann Smith, born 4 December 1972.

They live at 6811 Wrangler Court, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and attend Bethany United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Dr. James E. Roberts Family

JAMES ALFRED ROBERTS, born in New Rochelle, New York, 29 June 1941, son of Lawrence David and Margaret J. (Vernier) Roberts. His mother was born in Butler and his father in Simsboro, Louisiana, son of James Gray and Lula Belle (Hammond) Roberts. Jim is the grandson of Alfred "Al" Ulysses and Dora (Decker) Vernier of Butler.

Margaret (Vernier) Roberts graduated from Butler High School, Ward Belmont and Chicago Musical College. She studied piano with Frank LaForge in New York and did concert work on the East Coast. Later she received her B.S. in Music Education from New York University and taught in the Mount Vernon Public School for fifteen years.

L.D. Roberts attended high school and college in Little Rock, Arkansas, served in the Marines in World War I and the Navy in World War II. He was Commanding Officer of the Advanced Amphibious Training Base at Tunisia, Africa, for which he received a Legion of Merit. Later he was transferred to Glasgow, Scotland, to help make preparations for D-Day. After his military retirement in 1960, he was a real estate broker in New York City and Westchester County. He died 23 May 1975, in Butler.

James Roberts graduated from Pelham Memorial High School, was appointed to the United States Air Force Academy, and holds a degree in chemistry from Furman University. His Doctor of Dental Medicine is from University of Pennsylvania.

Rachel (Sherwood) Roberts is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Wattie Bethea Sherwood, both deceased, of Dillon County, South Carolina. She was one of ten children born in Campo Grande, Matto Grosso, on 28 June 1940. She attended public school in Brazil, graduating from Dillon High School, Furman University, and received her M.A. in English from the University of Richmond. She taught in Greenville, South Carolina, Radford College, Virginia, Havertown, Pennsylvania, East Auburn Elementary and Tri-State University. She and Jim were married 1 April 1966, in Radford, Virginia.

Rachel's paternal grandparents were Thomas Cade and Laura (Thomas) LeGette Sherwood. Her maternal grandparents were William Benjamin and Theodosia (Cox) Allen. Both the Sherwoods and the Allens were active in the establishment and support of various Dillon County churches, the Dillon County Public Library, schools, and organizations. In 1980, the W.B. Sherwood family was recognized for outstanding personal and community contributions by the South Carolina General Assembly.

After graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School in 1967, Jim and Rachel Roberts moved to Auburn, and established a dental practice. They purchased land at the corner of North Clark and Seventh Streets and built a dental office. In 1977, they built a home at Hawthorne Place, where they reside with their three children: Anne Margaret, age fourteen, Edward Hammond, age eleven, and Emily Allen, age nine. Presently the children attend the DeKalb Central Public Schools.

The Roberts family belongs to the Auburn Presbyterian Church and are active in many community organizations. Jim served as President of the Auburn Rotary Club in 1985-1986, and he has been involved in the Jaycees, Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is an amateur radio operator and a licensed pilot and flight instructor. He was listed in the 1976-1977 Marquis' Who's Who in the Midwest. He is a member of the Isaac Knapp Dental Society, the A.D.A. and in 1986-1987 was listed in Who's Who in American Dentistry.

Rachel has served as trustee and President of the Eckhart Public Library Board, President of Auburn Ladies' Literary Club, is active in Tri Kappa, and a charter member of the John Houlton Chapter of NSDAR. She is author of CRISIS AT PEMBERTON DIKE, writes a weekly column "View and Review" for the Evening Star and does freelance writing.

JOHN PERRY LONG, constructed many Auburn buildings and residences in a half century of contracting business.

J. Perry Long of Auburn started the carpenter's trade fifty years ago, in 1938. Looking back over a span of a half century, Mr. Long reviewed a number of interesting facts relating the growth and development of Auburn, from a village to a sizable town.

Mr. Long is perhaps the oldest continuous resident of that part of Auburn, east of Cedar Creek, known as East Auburn. He has lived there forty-five years. When Mr. Long came to Auburn, there were two houses beyond the creek. He built the first residence west of Indiana Avenue, a home for Joe Lige. That portion of Auburn was then the Fluke farm. It is now built up almost solidly.

Mr. Long estimates that if a one hundred and sixty acre farm were laid out in city lots, the buildings of various sorts which he erected would more than cover it. He built the Y.M.C.A. building, the Eckhart Public Library, both banks, and the Riley School. He remodeled the Auburn Hotel, three times. The residence of A.L. Murry, the former Morris Eckhart residence now owned by Joe Lige, the homes of Mrs. Zo Brown, E.A. Johnson, C.A. Schaabs, and K of P. building and lots of other homes, a number of units of the Auburn Automobile Company, Warner Automotive Parts Corporation, the First Presbyterian Church dedicated two years ago was remodeled by Mr. Long. Mr. Long said That he had put in two-thirds of the fronts of business buildings in town. The year 1929 was the peak building year for Mr. Long. He was the contractor for fourteen residences and work at the former Auburn plant amounting in all to $430,000. He employed thirty-five in one week and the payroll for the week was $1440.

Mr. Long was born on a farm west of Auburn, Indiana. He was nine years old when the City of Garrett started. He became a member of the Auburn volunteer Fire Department when Grover Cleveland was President and has served on the fire department ever since. He is one of the most active fireman. At the time of fires, Mr. Long ventures where many a younger man would hesitate to go. He is familiar with the construction of every building in town and he knows just where to work advantageously during a fire, most of the time in the most dangerous places. Mr. Long also has served as a member of the City Council.

Speaking of his many years in the Carpenter and building trade, Mr. Long said, "I can drive nails as fast today as I ever did and faster then some of my men. I am on the job every day and some of these younger carpenters have to go some to keep up with me."

FERN E. GRUETER, born 12 October 1889, Waterloo, Indiana, son of Henry F. and Elsie Ettie (Gilbert) Grueter, of Waterloo, and Pleasant Lake, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Maurice or Morritz and Rosina (Spriegel) Grueter, of Langenberg, Phenish, Prussia. They owned a brewery in Waterloo, Indiana.

Ruth C. Zimmerman, born 4 June 1893, at Butler, Indiana. Fern and Ruth were married in the Parsonage at the Waterloo Methodist Church.

Fern owned the Grueter Grocery in Waterloo, Indiana, which he took over from his father, Henry, and twin uncle, Herman. Another uncle was William Grueter.

William Grueter, born 4 January 1861, and died 27 January 1926, buried in Waterloo, Indiana. William moved to Waterloo with his parents when he was four months old. He was taken to Germany when he was eleven years old by an uncle. He was educated there and lived in Germany for five years thereafter. He returned to Waterloo. In 1885, a falling smokestack struck him on the head and he never fully recovered. He died in a hospital in Richmond, Indiana, and is buried in Waterloo.

AMELIA MARIE GRUETER, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, 6 March 1859, and died in Waterloo, 19 August 1943. She married John J. Wittmer, a building contractor of Waterloo, who was born in Crawford County, Ohio, 8 January 1855, died 16 May 1925. They are buried in Waterloo.

Their children are: Pearl E. Wittmer, born in Auburn, Indiana, 21 November 1883, and now lives in the Elyria, Ohio, United Methodist Home with her second husband, Herman Portman. Her first husband, David McNaughton, died about 1960. There were no children; Henrietta Wittmer, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 9 April 1889, died in Waterloo, and is buried there. Her first husband, Reno Maurice Centa, born in Bludenz, Austria, 15 September 1889, died about 1926, and is buried in Waterloo. They had a son, John Maurice Centa, born in Anaconda, Montana, 13 November 1917. He now lives in Wilmington, Delaware, with his wife, the former Elinor Tannehill, who was born in Gary, Indiana, 4 July 1920. They had two children, both born in Rochester, New York: Judith Ann Centa, born 9 July 1941, and Carol Lynn Centa, born 17 May 1946. Judith Ann married Steven Meyer. They have two children and now live in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Carol Lynn married Dr. Hugh Maloney. They have one child and now live in Green River, Wyoming.

MAURICE RILEY GRUETER, born 13 July 1920, at Waterloo, Indiana, son of Fern E. and Ruth C. (Zimmerman) Grueter, of Waterloo, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Henry F. and Elsie Ettie (Gilbert) Grueter, of Waterloo, Indiana. His maternal grandparents lived in Butler, Indiana.

Marie Louise Smith, born 21 December 1923, at Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Alvin L. and Ricky F. (Schiek) Smith, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Elmer M. and Margaret Nevada (Hampshire) Smith, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Wilhelm and Frieda Ricka Schiek, of Waterloo, Indiana. Wilhelm and Frieda came to America from Germany.

Maurice was an Optometrist and an avid amateur photographer. He graduated from Waterloo High School and attended Indiana University. He graduated from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, was a veteran of the United States Army and served thirty-three months during World War II. On 2 May 1942, he married Marie Louise Smith. They are the parents of two girls: Maureen Ellen, born in Chicago, Illinois, 29 July 1947, married Kim Robert Gaskill, born 1 May 1945, at Pontiac, Michigan. They now live in Indianapolis, Indiana, and are the parents of Melissa Kaye Gaskill, born in Indianapolis, on 3 August 1973; Marianne Sue, born in Auburn, 1 March 1951, married John C. Hart, Jr., who was born in Indianapolis, 7 May 1951. They also live in Indianapolis.

Only a short time prior to Dr. Grueter's death, 12 February 1976, he and his wife, had returned from a Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic with others of the Indiana Chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, where they had tested the eyes of some three thousand natives and fitted them with eyeglasses which had been previously donated.

Marie Louise (Smith) Grueter remarried 7 June 1980, to Kenneth G. Sanger. They live in Auburn, Indiana.

ALVIN L. SMITH, born 16 October 1887, at Leipsic, Ohio, died in 1964, son of Elmer M. and Margaret Navada (Hampshire) Smith, of Ohio, and Waterloo, Indiana. His maternal grandfather was Jonas Hampshire, of Leipsic, Ohio.

Ricky F. Schick, born 7 October 1891, at Waterloo, Indiana, died in 1974, daughter of Wilhelm and Frieda Ricka (Schaal) Schick, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Frederic and Louisa Schaal, of Waterloo.

Alvin and Ricky were married 27 November 1912, at Waterloo, Indiana. Alvin attended school at Leipsic, Ohio, and Ricky attended school at Hamilton, Indiana. Alvin and Ricky went to housekeeping at the farm where they lived all their married life. The farm was formerly the Chapman farm, northwest of Waterloo.

Two daughters were born to this union: Marie Louise (Smith) Grueter Sanger, born 21 December 1923, and Eleanora Nevada (Smith) Sebert, born 27 October 1916, died in 1974.

After the death of Alvin, Ricky came to Auburn, in 1969, and had a house built on East Third Street.

Dale and Gertrude Smith

DALE SMITH, son of Alvin F. and Vesta (Stomm) Smith, of Corunna, Indiana. Dale had one brother, Ralph, who married Helen Miles, no children.

Gertrude Ball, daughter of Herman and Viola (Roose) Ball, of Auburn, Indiana. Gertrude had four sisters and two brothers: Dora (Ball) Upton, deceased; Irene (Ball) Spallinger; Lulu (Ball) Spallinger, deceased; Lucinda (Ball) Robbins; Fred F. and Woodrow, deceased.

"Big Crowd Attends Public Marriage. Couple United Before Thousands of Witnesses in Auburn Friday Night will live with Groom's Parents.

"The largest attended wedding in the history of DeKalb County was held Friday night, 1 October 1937, at 8:00 o'clock on the platform at the west side of the courthouse in Auburn, one of the major attractions of the fair. The crowd was estimated anywhere from seven thousand to ten thousand. So dense was the crowd at the west side of the county building that the wedding party was compelled to walk around the building from the east side to get to the platform.

"Promptly at 8:00 o'clock the Veterans of Foreign Wars band played Lohengrin's Wedding March as a processional, Reverend Ferguson was followed by the prospective groom, Dale Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith, of near Corunna, the bride-elect, Miss Gertrude Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ball, of Forest Park addition, Auburn, the best man, Ralph Smith, of Corunna, brother of the Groom, and Mrs. Ralph Smith, the bridesmaid.

"Reverend Ferguson used the single ring ceremony after the vows were exchanged and he remarked that the wedding, Friday night, was the third similar one. 'So far as I know,' Reverend Ferguson said, 'both of the previous marriages are successful. I hope this one will also prove a success. I now pronounce you man and wife in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

"The bride wore a rose colored brocaded moire, full length dress with short puffed sleeves and shirred waist with silver trimmings, the gift of the Pearl Dress Shop and Martins' service. Her hat given by the Brandon Hat Shop, was gray and her footwear, black. Her corsage was pink roses and snapdragons, furnished by the TenEyck greenhouses as a gift to the bride.

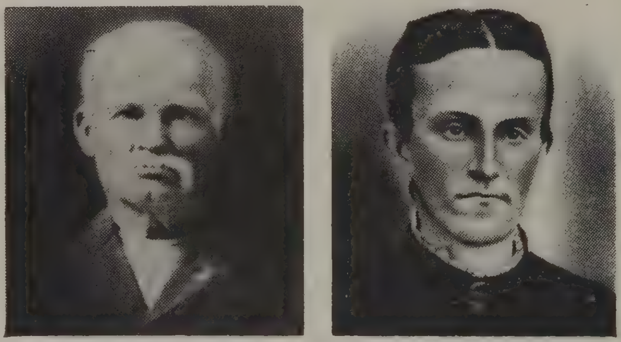
"Mrs. Ralph Smith wore a frock of blue crepe. Her hat and shoes were white. Her bouquet was a duplicate of the bride's and was given by TenEyck's.

"The men wore navy blue suits.

"Mr. Smith is a farmer and until the first of next year, he and his wife will make their home with the former's parents near Corunna. The groom attended the Richland Township Schools and Mrs. Smith the public schools of Auburn. They were taken in a new Packard automobile of the Auburn-Packard Sales to the scene of the wedding."

Five children were born to this union: Alvin H. Smith, Havelock, North Carolina. He has five children; Barbara L. (Smith) Shutt, Corunna, Indiana. She has four children and three grandchildren; Ruth (Smith) Little, Butler, Indiana. She has five children and two grandchildren; Dale Smith, Jr., Angola, Indiana. He has four children and two grandchildren; and Doris Ann Smith, married Linville Ritchie, LaGrange, Indiana, and they have four children.

Dale retired from Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry in 1978, and is also a retired farmer. Dale and Gertrude make their home at Jimmerson Lake, Angola, Indiana. Dale enjoys fishing, gardening, and woodworking. Gertrude makes and collects dolls. She has a beautiful collection of dolls and owns Granny Doll House at their home on Jimmerson Lake. They enjoy traveling in their motor home and spend several months each year in North Carolina.



Lafayette Olds and wife

LAFAYETTE OLDS, born 9 October 1842, near the state line at Clarksville, Ohio, in Williams County, to Samuel and Mary Olds. He had a sister, Annetta (Olds) Green.

Emily McCurdy, born 10 November 1845, near Clarksville, Ohio, to Tucker and Elizabeth McCurdy.

Lafayette enlisted in Company F, of the 111th Ohio Voluntary Infantry, 13 August 1862, seeing action in Gettysburg. He was discharged 15 July 1865.

Lafayette married Emily McCurdy on 29 January 1866. She had two sisters: Eliza June, married T.J. Knisely and lived in a red brick house where the Butler Post Office now stands, and Addie, wife of C.M. Everetts.

Their children were Jennie (Olds) Whitman Sawvel, Perry Burton, Etta (Olds) Fry, Della (Olds) Mitchell, John Clayton, Jason C., James Ernest, Mary (Olds) Ransey, Ladenia (Olds) Searfoss Slentz, and Ora, who died in infancy.

The family lived in a log house on the state line northeast of Artic later moving it to the road two miles north of Artic. The holiday meals served at Aunt Jenny's house were much appreciated.

Emily died 12 January 1886.

LURAINE WHITMAN, born 9 March 1848, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, to Simon and Catherine (Shoemaker) Whitman. They moved to

Luraine Whitman Family

DeKalb County in 1885. Four of eight children were: Luraine, Henry, who married Jemima McClellan, William, who married Lafayette Olds' daughter, Jennie, and Elizabeth (Whitman) Worthington.

Luraine married William Wilson, their children were: Roy, Jenny (Wilson) McDonald, Lue (Wilson) Heller, William, Robert, Philander and Cyril. The family lived near Bryan, Ohio, where Mr. Wilson died.

Luraine and Lafayette Olds were married 5 November 1887, near Bryan, Ohio. He transported his new wife and her seven children to his home near Artic on a horse drawn flatbed wagon.

Lafayette and Luraine had two daughters: Bertha (Olds) Maughler and Flossie (Olds) Upp.

Mr. Olds was a man of deep religious convictions leading his large family in daily family Bible reading and prayer. The family attended the Zion Church near their home.

Around 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Olds moved to Butler and lived on East Cherry Street.

Mr. Olds died 13 October 1906. The services were held at the Butler U.B. Church, the cortage and burial was under the direction of Meade Post No. 46 G.A.R. Mrs. Olds died 29 December 1932.

Whitman Family

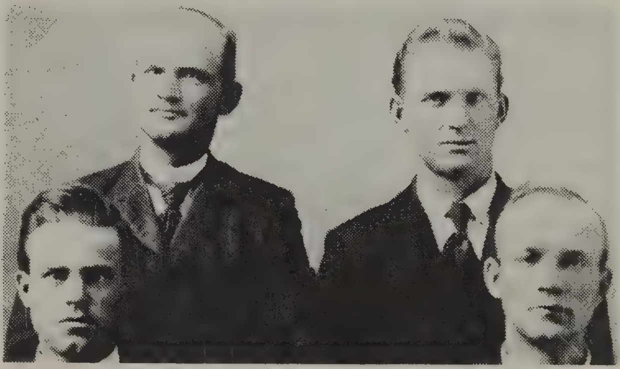
JENNIE MAE OLDS, born 13 November 1866, in Williams County, Ohio, daughter of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. She married William Whitman, 10 November 1886.

William Whitman was the son of Simon and Catherine (Shoemaker) Whitman. He was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1855.

The Whitman family resided in Troy Township. Their children were: Sadi (Whitman) Treesch, Dessie (Whitman) Diehm, Arthur, Eugene and Clyde, Elsie (Whitman) Huntington, Faye (Whitman) Dohner, Adeline Addie (Whitman) Sutton, Howard H., deceased at fourteen years of age and an infant daughter, deceased.

After William's death 3 June 1917, Jennie married Sherman Sawvel, 11 June 1927. Sherman Sawvel and his first wife, Lillian Ashby were married, 21 October 1899, and had three children, Bertha (Sawvel) Musser, Roy, and Arthur Sawvel.

Jennie Sawvel died 8 January 1932.



Perry Olds and brothers

PERRY BURTON OLDS, born 16 January 1868, in Williams County, Ohio, on the Indiana State Line to Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds.

Physically handicapped, having suffered polio as a young child, Burt makes his home with his brothers and sisters after his father's death in 1906, his father having asked them to do so, which they did.

For his livelihood, Burt went from house to house, mostly in Troy and Wilmington Townships on foot pulling a cart loaded with notions, in part supplied by his Aunt Jennie (McCurdy) Knisely, which he sold. He stayed overnight along the route with patrons and relatives.

When he was no longer able to be a peddler, he usually spent six months with each of his brothers and sisters entertaining their children with his story telling and singing us the old songs, many of them Civil War tunes he had learned from his father. It never ceased to amaze the children to see the many things Uncle Burt could do with one hand. He could tie the neatest knots.

Mr. Olds died in Butler 27 July 1938.

Burt Olds

BURT OLDS, THE PEDDLER, before the turn of the century and the arrival of automobiles, there was a great need for the peddler and his wares.

Burt Olds, handicapped since a youth, plied his livelihood in this manner. With the use of only one arm and a very bad limp, he traveled the countryside pulling a cart loaded with all kinds of notions a country housewife needed between her very rare shopping trips to town.

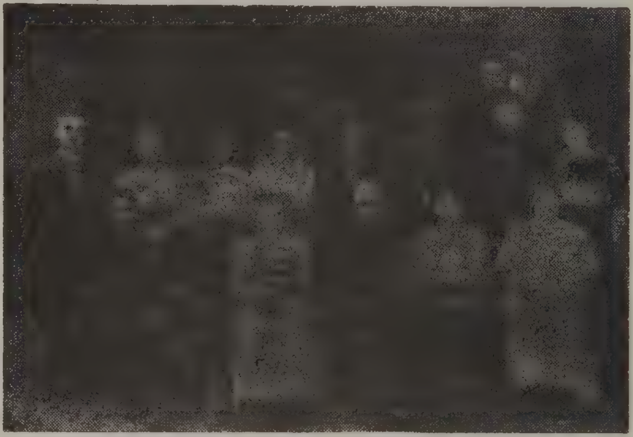
He was welcomed along the way and invited to meals and overnight stays with customers, friends, and relatives. A kind, gentle man with stories and songs for the children, made his visit in the homes most enjoyable.

THE HUCKSTER, a most welcome sight to the farmer's wife and children in the early part of the century was the green huckster truck turning in the driveway.

Mother flipped her soiled apron over and the kids ran to greet Mr. Fee. Herb, a personable jolly man always had the greatest supply of groceries, candy, and few meats. A ring of bologna or a can of sardines or salmon, or a can of pork and beans, and a package of those brown cookies with pink frosting was a real feast for a Monday dinner, it being washday. The sights and smells of that old truck bulging with necessities and goodies is not forgotten.

Mr. Stanley Devitt, who owned a grocery in Moorseville and had a free show for the community once a week, had a huckster truck. His drivers bought chickens and there was a chicken coop fastened under the step into the truck. Some of his drivers over the years were: Herb Devitt, Pete Moore, Keith Wilson, Roy Riggs, and Otis Lautzenhiser.

Mr. Porter, who owned the corner store north of Butler had a truck and Harold Nichols worked for him until Harold opened a grocery in Butler and operated a route from there for several years.



Cyrus Fry Family

CYRUS J. FRY, born in 1852 to Hanna and Daniel Fry, near Butler.

Etta Bell Olds, born in Troy Township, 16 September 1869, daughter of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds.

Cyrus and Etta were married 12 December 1893. They lived south of Butler with his elderly parents, caring for them until Etta suffered ill health and entered the hospital at Richmond, Indiana.

Their children were: Dessie, who died at the age of eight, and James Ernest.

Mr. Fry died in 1926. Mrs. Fry remained at the hospital after her recovery, involved in its activities and assisting those around her until her death 1 February 1938.

LYLE SPANGLER LEAS, born 12 July 1911, at Hudson, Indiana, son of Warren E. and Leola M. (Spangler) Leas. His paternal grandparents were John Timothy "Tim", born 30 January 1857, died 30 October 1928, and Mary "Mollie" (Norman) Leas, born 18 February 1858, died 29 June 1916. His maternal grandparents were Ursinus Ambrose, born 23 November 1863, died 20 April 1941, and Melissa Ann (Hiner) Spangler, born 8 August 1866, died 1964.

Helen Juanita Mason, born 15 February 1916, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Henry S. and Mary Ellen (Myers) Mason. Her paternal grandparents were William, born 16 June 1849, died 10 March 1932, and Esther Celestia (Baer) Mason, born 9 March 1850, died 15 July 1928. William immigrated to America with his parents Abraham and Ann (Quince) Mason in 1855 on the ship Jenny Lind when he was six years old. A baby sister died on the voyage and was buried at sea. They came from Lincolnshire, England. Her maternal grandparents were Edmund N. and Nancy (Bowen) Myers.

Lyle and Helen Leas

Lyle and Helen married in 1934 and their first home was at Alvarado, Indiana. It was their first adventure into the business world as their grocery store and filling station was attached to their living quarters.

Mr. Leas graduated from Salem High School in 1930, and attended Benjamin Harrison Law School in Indianapolis. Mrs. Leas graduated from Spencerville High School in 1934.

Mr. Leas was always actively engaged in the grocery business, working for Kroger Company for many years and later owning and operating his own business. He was a State Representative in 1959-1960 at which time Birch Bayh was Speaker of the House; a humorous aspect was provided when Mr. Leas appointed daughter Natalie and three sons of Russell Kruse: Dean, seventeen, David, fifteen, and Derald, fourteen, to serve as honorary pages in the Indiana House. It was quite an experience for Dean to auction off a "Crying Towel" belonging to Representative Donald Foltz of Clinton, Indiana, on the house floor. It was the first such auction ever held on the floor.

Upon retiring in 1977, Lyle and Helen moved to Mesa, Arizona, where he was very active in their retirement community of Dreamland Villa, serving on the Board of Directors for three years, Editor of their Villa newspaper, the "Citizen" Both Mr. and Mrs. Leas have been members of the Velda Rose United Methodist Church, since living in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Leas are the parents of three children: Beverly Jean (Leas) Timberlin, born 10 February 1935, at Alvarado, Indiana, Richard Lyle, born 16 March 1936 and Natalie Elaine (Leas) Klostermann, born 14 March 1949.

Mr. Leas was from a family of nine children, seven boys and two girls: Arnold, of Richmond, Indiana; Rex, of Arcadia, Florida; and Vance, of Ashley, Indiana. Larry, Eugene, and Robert are deceased. A sister, Phyllis (Leas) Knight of Lancaster, California, and a sister, Arliene Latriealle (Leas) Reinoehl, deceased.

Mrs. Leas had one brother, Robert L. Mason, of Auburn, Indiana. He married Maxine Griswald. They have one daughter, Sandra. Mr. Mason was born on the family farm sixty-eight years ago, where he still resides.

Mr. Leas died 24 November 1984, with his final resting place in the Mesa City Cemetery in Mesa, Arizona. Mrs. Leas still resides in Dreamland Villa, Mesa, Arizona.

James Fry

JAMES ERNEST FRY, born 11 August 1898, son of Cyrus J. and Etta Bell (Olds) Fry, near Butler, Indiana.

Mr. Fry's paternal grandparents were Hanna and Daniel Fry and his maternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. He had one sister, Dessie, who died at the age of eight.

Ernest was employed with the New York Central Railroad until his retirement. He resided on Railroad Street in Butler, where he died 12 November 1967.

DELLA "DILLIE" OLDS, born 4 March 1871, in Troy Township, daughter of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds.

Della married Clem Mitchell, who as a young man worked in a sawmill which was located north of Artic. He had a brother, George, whose daughter was raised by Clem and Della.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell owned and resided on a farm three miles northeast of Butler, which they farmed for several years. They reared two foster

Della, Mamie and Clem Mitchell

daughters: Mamie Mitchell and Lois (Mitchell) Wideman.

Mr. Mitchell was an active member of the I.O.O.F. lodge of Butler for many years being a fifty year member.

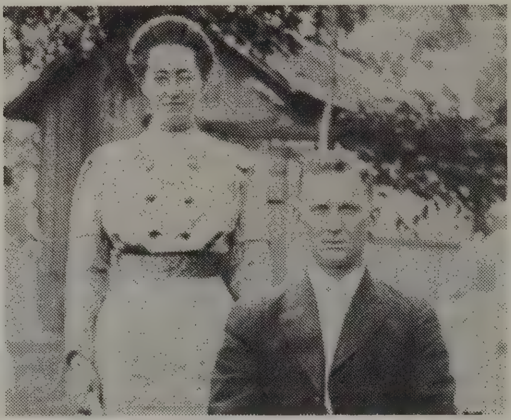
In 1936, the Mitchells sold the farm, moving to Butler residing on West Main until Mr. Mitchell's death, 4 June 1950. After his death, Mrs. Mitchell spent the winter in Florida with her daughter, Mrs. Wideman. She died in May of 1951.

John Clayton Olds Family

JOHN CLAYTON OLDS, born 19 September 1872, in Troy Township, son of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds.

Clayton Olds married Edith Revett in 1897. They moved to Kingsley, Michigan, in 1902, where they farmed and hauled logs. They had a son, Arthur, and a foster daughter, Emily (Olds) Chappel.

Mrs. Olds died in 1937. Clayton married Ada Gallop of Coldwater and resided at Union City, Michigan. She died 27 December 1939, and Mr. Olds died 28 March 1940, at the home of his son in Kingsley.


Jason and Dora Olds

JASON C. OLDS, born in Troy Township, 10 May 1874, son of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds.

Dora Gaff, born 1881, daughter of Frank and Julia Gaff.

J.C. and Dora were married 19 March 1903.

Mr. Olds was a farmer as a young man. He became engaged in the grocery and meat slaughtering business having been owner and operator of Olds Grocery and Meats in 1925, until his death 9 May 1939. During these years of depression hamburger was twenty-five cents a pound and on Saturday night the price dropped to three pounds for a quarter. His brother and family had hamburger and gravy for Sunday breakfast.

J.C. and Dora reared one son, Raymond. His mother, Sadie (Whitman) Treesch, J.C.'s neice, died when Raymond was two years old.

Mrs. Olds had a brother, Clyde Gaff, and a sister, Alma (Gaff) Clevenger.

Mrs. Olds continued to live in Butler until her death in 1958.

Rutherford and Mary Ramsey

RUTHERFORD HAYES RAMSEY, born 3 January 1877, at Dundee, Ohio. He was the son of Robert and Ida (Cummins) Ramsey. The family moved to Indiana in 1888, and lived north of Butler until they moved to Auburn in 1914.

Mary V. Olds, born 13 August 1877, daughter of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds near Artic in Troy Township.

Hayes and Mary were married 12 December 1896. Mr. Ramsey ''Pete'' was a salesman for the General Film Company in 1915, in the Michigan territory. After four years, he went with Paramount Films Sales in Detroit and later was manager at Winnipeg, Canada. In 1925, he joined Motiograph Sales out of Chicago. Returning permanently to their summer home on Jimmerson Lake in Steuben County, he worked for the Brokow Theatres in Angola until his death 1 June 1948.

Mr. Ramsey had two brothers: Alva and Warren, and three sisters: Alice, Edith (Ramsey) Bowman, and Lula (Ramsey) Schram.

Mrs. Ramsey, a homemaker, always interested in her brothers and sisters and their families moved to Butler in 1949, where she lived until her death 12 March 1959.

Lodena's Family

LODENA OLDS, born in Troy Township 26 March 1880, daughter of Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds.

John L. Searfoss and Dena were married in 1899, and they were the parents of three children: Juanita (Searfoss) Hock, Humbarger, deceased; Hilda (Searfoss) Moughler, deceased; and Lyston Searfoss. The family lived in Butler.

On 25 September 1920, Dena married Ira J. Slentz. Mr. Slentz was the son of George of Franklin Township and Mary (Searfoss) Slentz from Hancock County, Ohio. He had one brother, Clarence, and two sisters, Clara (Slentz) Farmer and Maggie (Slentz) Cook. He had two daughters, Vera (Slentz) Haynes and Veta (Slentz) McConnehey, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Slentz lived in Butler and Mrs. Slentz died 30 October 1934. Mr. Slentz married Hattie Moughler, the mother of Ralph, Roy, and Ray Moughler.

Mr. Slentz died in May of 1944.

Bertha Moughler

CHARLES MOUGHLER, born in 1891. Bertha Olds, daughter of Lafayette and Luraine (Whitman) Wilson, Olds, born in 1889 in Troy Township, near Artic.

Charles and Bertha were married in Butler and lived there until Mr. Moughler became ill, after which Mrs. Moughler made her home with her sister, Flossie Upp, on South Broadway.

Bertha, a homemaker, having no children embraced her nieces and nephews and was a great aunt to many. She was also a nursing home employee.

Mrs. Moughler died in 1972, and Mr. Moughler died in 1973, in Richmond, Indiana.

Flossie Upp

GRAYDON UPP, born in 1888, in Edgerton, Ohio. His father was Lee Upp.

Flossie Olds, born 5 July 1892, daughter of Lafayette and Luraine (Whitman) Wilson Olds, in Troy Township, near Artic.

Graydon and Flossie were married 28 March 1918. They were the parents of Annabelle (Upp) Kurtz Brailier, deceased, Robert, Elkhart, Indiana, and Keith Upp, Butler.

Mr. Upp was a painter and decorator, working in Butler, and surrounding communities. Mrs. Upp was a homemaker and her excellent baked goods were enjoyed by many. The Upps resided in Butler, Indiana. Mr. Upp died 27 September 1951, and Mrs. Upp died 17 July 1969.

NINA JONES, born 4 November 1877, daughter of Adolphus, a Civil War Veteran, and Marillo (Platter) Jones, in Butler.

Nina married George Powers 14 June 1898. They were the parents of two children: George, who died in infancy, and Lois. Lois married Ralph Swearingen and lived in Chicago. They have two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Powers was active in many area. She was a lifelong faithful member of the Butler Church of Christ, a member of Forest Chapter No. 44, O.E.S. for sixty-one years, an ardent supporter of the library, member of the Philomathan Club for seventy-three years, and active and generous in many community affairs.

Mrs. Powers was widowed in 1939. Although plaqued with chronic illnesses for many years, Nina continued to live a full active life. She endeared herself to the community with many unassuming kindnesses. She was known as the Cookie Lady baking and delivering cookies faithfully to the Sheehy Nursing Home, visiting with each patient, although aged and physically impaired herself.

She continued to live in the home where she was born until a year before her death, when she was cared for by Flo (Sheehy) Shull at Carlin Park in Angola. Mrs. Powers died 12 December 1973. She was ninety-six years of age.

JAMES ERNEST OLDS, born 29 September 1875, in a log house on the Indiana State Line, in Troy Township, northeast of Artic, to a Civil War veteran, Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary Olds. His maternal grandparents were Tucker and Elizabeth McCurdy. It was said the Clarksville, Ohio, Cemetery was donated land of the McCurdy farm located two miles across the state line.

Clarissa Cordelia Poper, born 29 June 1882, Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, to Ira Poper and Viola L. Hart. Her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Diana (Hootman) Hart. Her maternal great grandparents were John and Jane (Childers) Hootman, a relative of President James K. Polk. John Hootman's father was Christian Hootman, born in Germany and due to a disagreement over a love affair his father allowed him to be endentured by the British to fight the colonists in America. After breaking his leg, being struck by a gun carriage at the Battle of Trenton, 25 December 1776, the morning George Washington crossed the Delaware, he was taken by the Americans and treated so well by them that on his recovery, he enlisted with a Virginia Regiment.

James and Clarissa Olds

Ernest and Clarissa were married 25 November 1897. Ernest worked on the railroad several years, renting various houses on East Main Street in Butler. He began farming and after farming first the Helwig farm and then Nimons farm, he purchased the Frank Good farm south of Butler until his health forced him to leave the farm. He survived the difficult times of the Depression years, always being generous with what he had, sharing his farm products with his friends and relatives in need, and providing a home for an invalid brother and a homeless friend. He was a member of the Butler Church of Christ, where he was a deacon and a board member.

Clarissa, as a young girl working for a family, contracted typhoid fever, along with several family members. Mrs. Olds, a homemaker, worked diligently, caring for her family and always going to the aid of family or friends who needed help of any kind. She worked at the Butler Canning Company when it was in operation. She was a member of the Butler Church of Christ, a staunch worker in the Ladies

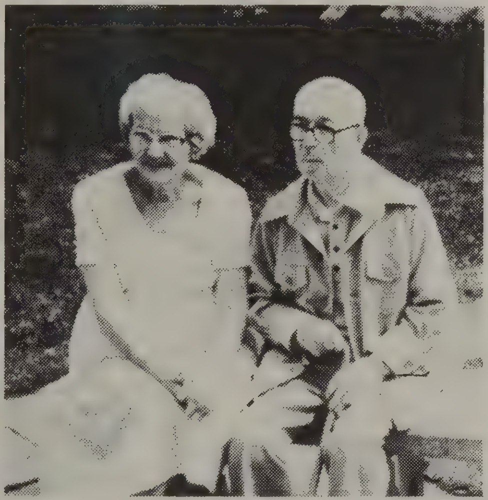
Aid Society and a member of the Golden Hour Club, a group of Butler and area ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Olds, having lost an infant son and dearly beloved daughter at age six with pneumonia early in their marriage, suffered another great loss when their son-in-law, Charles Foster Blaker, died suddenly in 1933 and in 1936, their grandson, Clifford Allen Blaker, died at sixteen years of age.

So that these dear friends who had no family can be registered in this history, we'd like to make mention of Brown and Allie Mumaw, who lived on Willow Street in Butler. Brownie was a plumber and they died in the 1930s. Allie was born in 1873, and died in 1939. John B. Mumaw was born in 1869, and died in 1941.

Mrs. Olds had five brothers: Grover, Charlie, Oscar, Allen, and Warren Poper. She had four sisters: Mae (Poper) Fuller, Laura (Poper) Spaulding, Grace (Poper) McNamara, Claudia (Poper) Davis, and Nona (Poper) Goeltzenleuchter.

In 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Olds purchased the Claude Tyson home in Butler, where they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, 25 November 1948. Mrs. Olds died 20 March 1950 and Mr. Olds died 30 July 1953.



Charles and Fay Duesler

CHARLES DUESLER, born 19 September 1904, near Waterloo, son of John W. and Rose (Mutzfeld) Duesler. His paternal grandfather was Lawrence W. Duesler. His maternal grandparents were Christian and Magdelene (Schlanch) Mutzfeld.

Charles married Nila C. Belle, of Ossian, Indiana, in October of 1925. They lived on the family farm near Waterloo and she died in 1939.

Charles entered the service in November of 1942, and was stationed at Joplin, Missouri, where he and Fay (Olds) Blaker were married, 27 November 1942. After several months there, he was discharged with the other men over thirty-eight years of age.

Mr. Duesler worked in maintenance with the Indiana State Highway Department until his retirement. Fay Duesler worked for the Marshall Clothing Company until her retirement, having received a gold watch for fifty years of service.

Charles had a brother, Ralph, and a sister, Lena (Duesler) Kruse. Fay had a brother, Victor, deceased, and four sisters: Gertrude, deceased, Kathryn (Olds) Tomlinson, Helen (Olds) Wilson, and Donna (Olds) Steffe.

Mr. and Mrs. Duesler were members of the Butler Church of Christ. Charles was a member of the American Legion Charles Foster Blaker Post 202, Butler, and Fay was a charter member of its auxiliary. Fay, a loyal neighbor for many years, was also active in the Butler and Auburn senior citizen groups. The Dueslers spent several winters in Pompano Beach, Florida, after their retirement. Their residence was on North Broadway, in Butler. Mrs. Duesler died 23 September 1985, and Mr. Duesler died 15 June 1986.

Charles and Fay Blaker

FAY JUANITA OLDS, born 27 October 1898, near Butler, daughter of James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds. Her paternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. Her maternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper.

Fay graduated from Butler High School in 1917, then attended Tri-State College in Angola, obtaining her teachers certificate in six months. She taught one term at Leonard School in Troy Township. She had students in all eight grades at this one room schoolhouse. She left the school to marry Charles Foster Blaker in 1918.

Charles Foster Blaker was born 4 July 1894, son of Frederick and Catherine (Riser) Blaker. He enlisted in the armed forces on 5 March 1918, and served fourteen months in France on the front as a stretcher bearer with the 110th sanitary train of the 35th Division. During their last encounter, 30 September 1918, in the Meuse Argonne sector he and three others voluntarily went to the rescue of wounded comrades for which he was awarded the silver star citation.

Foster had three brothers: Ora, George, and Roy, and a sister, Grace (Blaker) Laub.

Foster and Fay had two children: Clifford, a promising basketball player at Butler High School, died in 1936 at the age of sixteen from pneumonia the year before pencillin was discovered. Wilma (Blaker) Lauth was born in 1923, in Butler, and now lives in Pompano Beach, Florida, where she is a trust officer with first Bankers.

Mr. Blaker worked as a mechanic in Hamilton and Butler where he died 28 December 1933. The Charles Foster Blaker American Legion Post 202 of Butler was named in his honor. Fay Blaker then married Charles W. Duesler, 27 November 1942, in Joplin, Missouri.

Gertrude and Fay Olds

GERTRUDE ARLENE OLDS, born in Butler, Indiana, 6 June 1907, daughter of James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds. Her paternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. Her maternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper. She had an older sister, Fay, and a brother, Victor Harold, who died in infancy.

She was of a gentle and loving disposition. She was a member of the Christian Sunday School and in the first grade school where she had a most promising interest in her studies and music.

Gertrude died of pneumonia on 28 January 1914, at her parents' home, two miles northeast of Butler, Indiana, at the age of six and a half years.

Ronald Tomlinson Family

RONALD LEROY TOMLINSON, born 20 September 1913, to Sam Leroy and Blanch (Abel) Tomlinson near Newville, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were James P. and Theresa J. (Blaker) Tomlinson. His maternal grandparents were Wallace and Louisa (Coburn) Abel.

Kathryn Elizabeth Olds, born near Butler, 19 December 1914, daughter of James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds. Her paternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. Her maternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper of Defiance, Ohio.

Mr. Tomlinson graduated from Hicksville High School in 1929, and completed his education with some courses in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Tomlinson attended Oak Hill Grade School, south of Butler, and Butler High School. They were married 17 November 1932, in Coldwater, Michigan. The Tomlinsons moved to Hicksville, Ohio, where Ronald operated a men's store with Hubert Knisely of Butler. Later Ronald became owner and operator of Ronnie's Department Store, in Hicksville and Butler. In 1943, Ronald, the father of two children, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre, being discharged in 1945. They left Hicksville in 1960, locating in Griffin, Georgia. Ronald was a sales representative for Zeller Corporation of Defiance, Ohio. He transferred with Zeller Corporation. They moved to Garden Grove, California. He eventually formed his own company, drive line specialties, operating in California and Oahu, Hawaii.

Mr. Tomlinson has three brothers: Kenneth, Keith, and Robert, deceased, and a sister, Lois (Tomlinson) Strong.

The Tomlinsons are the parents of four daughters: Janice (Tomlinson) Kline, out-patient supervisor, Community Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio; Beanna (Tomlinson) Sollid, an R.N. specializing in lamaze childbirth training, Kentfield, California; Ronna (Tomlinson) Arellances, a high school English teacher, Sheffield, England; and Joella (Tomlinson) Hart, a cosmotologist in Diamond Bar, California.

They have twelve grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Don and Donna Steffe

DON E. STEFFE, born 31 May 1924, in Butler, Indiana, son of Amos and Bertha (Emerick) Steffe. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Susan (Deal) Steffe, of Williams County, Ohio, and his maternal grandparents were George and Emma (France) Emerick of Noble County, Indiana.

Donna Jean Olds, born 15 September 1925, daughter of James and Clarissa (Poper) Olds near Butler. Her paternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. Her maternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper of Defiance, Ohio.

Don graduated from Butler High School in 1942, and Donna from Butler in 1943. Following graduation, Don enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps, where he was commissioned as a second Lieutenant. He piloted a B-24 Bomber based in England and flew food and supplies to the underground in Norway.

Don and Donna were married 30 November 1945, at the Methodist Church in Butler.

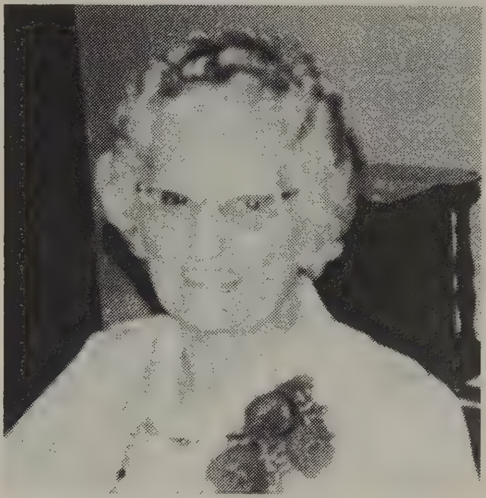
In 1946, they moved to Angola, Indiana, where Don attended Tri-State College, receiving his degree in aeronautics and business engineering in 1950. After twelve years with Gametime Corporation in Litchfield, Michigan, the Steffe family moved to San Diego, California. Mr. Steffe worked for General Dynamics when they constructed the Atlas missile. In 1970, they moved to San Jose, California, and Mr. Steffe is employed by Lockheed where he is presently a Budget Analyst.

While in Butler, Mrs. Steffe was an office employee at Marshall Clothing Company and is now a senior administration assistant for the Motorla Computer Systems in Cupertino, California.

Don has two sisters, Berdena (Steffe) Mann and Wanda (Steffe) Haffner, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffe have four daughters: Terri (Steffe) Cameron, a registered nurse specializing in pulmonary illness and lives in San Diego, California; Jacque, executive secretary at Lockheed in San Jose, California; Peggy (Steffe) Hintz, employed by Banker's Trust in San Mateo, California; and Jayne, in San Jose, California, and a son, Joseph David, an investment counselor in San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffe are active members in the Methodist Church. They reside in San Jose, California.



Esta Marie Wilson

JOHN HUBERT WILSON, born 22 December 1897, son of John and Mary (Baughman) Wilson, in DeKalb County. His father was a Civil War Veteran.

Esta Marie Keller, born 23 August 1900, in Wilmington Township, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Gunsenhouser) Keller.

Hubert and Esta were married 15 March 1919.

Esta graduated from Butler High School in 1918. Hubert and Esta were engaged in farming on the Keller family farm. In 1944, they went into the trucking business with Rudeman Farms. They moved to Butler, where they purchased the Cleo Boyle house on south Broadway, where Mr. Wilson died 3 June 1956.

Mr. Wilson had a brother, Ford, and two sisters: Truda (Wilson) Dunn and Dorothy (Wilson) Culbertson. Mrs. Wilson had a sister, Alta, who married Hubert's brother Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had five children: Richard Keith, residing in Butler; Lloyd, residing in Auburn; Rebecca (Wilson) Reas, residing in Englewood, Florida; Lewis, residing in Butler; and Evelyn (Wilson) Adams, residing in Hialeah, Florida.

Mrs. Wilson, a homemaker, worked at the Sheehy Convalescence Home and assisted many people who needed care in their homes. She entered Betz Nursing Home in 1975, and resided there until her death, 6 September 1986. She was involved in the crafts and activities of the home.

Richard and Helen Wilson

RICHARD KEITH WILSON and HELEN LOUISE OLDS married 8 June 1942, in the Butler Church of Christ by Brother William Nice.

Keith, born 22 March 1920, in Wilmington Township, son of John Hubert and Esta Marie (Keller) Wilson. His paternal grandparents were John Arthello, a Civil War veteran, and Mary (Baughman) Wilson, of Wilmington Township. His maternal grandparents were Lewis and Mary (Gunsenhouser) Keller of Wilmington Township.

Helen, born 3 June 1922, near Butler, daughter of James Ernest and Clarissa (Cordellia) Olds. Her paternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper of Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio.

Keith attended the Mooresville grade school and he and Helen graduated from Butler High School, where they met, in 1939 and 1940.

Keith entered the service, 31 October 1942, and served with the 778th Tank Battalion attached to the 11th Armered Division under General George Patton, as a 1st Sergeant of the Service Company. His outfit saw service in France, Battle of Metz, Battle of Bulge, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, being discharged 1 November 1945. Nineteen members of his Service Company met for the first time in Williamsburg, Virginia, 4 September 1986.

Keith worked for Harold Seltenright learning the masonry trade, becoming self employed in the Wilson Masonry Construction until 1968, when he worked for Supreme Transit Mix, as a salesman. After two years of retirement and traveling he now is employed by Klink, Inc., Kendallville, Indiana.

Helen, a homemaker, began employment in 1967 at Harold Nickols Grocery and Sutton Super Valu in Butler, until 1985, and is now employed at Necia's Exquisite, Waterloo, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of four daughters: Ricky (Wilson) Houser, Butler, a Butler Elementary Cafeteria employee; Cindy (Wilson) Chorpenning, Sturgis, Michigan, a Nuclear Medicine and Ultra Sound Aid, Sturgis Hospital; Bonny (Wilson) Hooley, Highland Park, Hamilton, office manager for Fort Wayne Radiology; Wendy (Wilson) Spencer, Columbus, Ohio, a beauty consultant. They have six grandchildren: Brent and Janel Houser, Jason and Ryan Chorpenning, and Jennifer and Douglas Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reside in Butler. They are members of the Butler Church of Christ. Mr. Wilson is a member and past Commander of Charles Foster Blaker Post 202 American Legion, Butler.

Ronald Houser Family

RONALD DEVON HOUSER, born 15 March 1945, in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of Jack Devon and Iris (Best) Houser, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Glen of Ari, near Avilla, and Reva (Houtz) Houser of Huntington County. His maternal grandparents were Simon and Esthel (Hill) Houser, of Westfield, Illinois.

Ricky Lu Wilson, born in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, 25 October 1944, daughter of Helen (Olds) Wilson and 1st Sergeant Richard Keith Wilson, who was serving with the 778th Tank Battalion in France in World War II. Ricky was one year and one week when her father returned. Her paternal grandparents were John

Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. Her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Ronald and Ricky married 6 June 1964, in the Butler Church of Christ, by Brother Ronald Fox. Ronald attended grade school at Mooresville and he and Ricky graduated with the last class of Butler High School in 1963.

Mr. Houser, an employee of Warner Gear, Auburn, entered the service 15 November 1966, serving in Korea, thirteen months with the U.S. Army, being discharged 14 November 1968, continuing his employment at Warner and presently Auburn Gear. He is also engaged in farming.

Mrs. Houser worked in the Marshall Clothing Company office, Butler, and Credit Bureau office, Auburn, and is presently employed by the Butler Elementary School.

Ronald has two brothers: Randy Houser, Butler, and Rick Houser, County Road 40, Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Houser have two children: Brent Devon and Janel Louise, students at Eastside High School. Brent is active in FFA and both participate in 4-H. The family attends Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Houser live on the Houser farm, near Butler, Indiana.

Chorpenning Family

REGGIE LA MAR CHORPENNING, born in Auburn, 3 February 1947, daughter of Jack LaMar and Gwendolyn (Jenkins) Chorpenning. His paternal grandparents were Clayton and Aruleen (Van Zile) Chorpenning. His maternal grandparents were Kenneth and Alma Jenkins, of St. Joe, died when Gwen was three and she was reared by her paternal grandmother, Edna Jenkins in St. Joe.

Cindy O'Elen Wilson, born in Auburn, 24 January 1948, daughter of Richard Keith and Helen (Olds) Wilson. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. Her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Reg and Cindy married 18 May 1968, in the Butler Church of Christ by Brother Larry Beard.

Dr. Chorpenning graduated from Hamilton High School in 1965, and the National College of Chiropractics in Lombard, Illinois, in 1971, when he established his office in Sturgis, Michigan, and continues to practice there.

Mrs. Chorpenning graduated from Eastside High School in 1966. She is a Nuclear Medicine and Ultra Sound Aid at the Sturgis Hospital.

Mr. Chorpenning has one sister, Corinne (Chorpenning) DeWire, Hamilton, Indiana.

The Chorpennings are active in Civic Affairs and sports for the youth. Dr. Chorpenning is Past Exalted Ruler for the Elks, having supported their many beneficial programs.

Dr. and Mrs. Chorpenning live in Sturgis, Michigan, and are the parents of two sons: Jason LaMar and Ryan Keith, students and active in sports.

Stephen and Bonny Hooley

STEPHEN CHARLES HOOLEY, born 13 February 1948, son of Charles and Anna Marie (Roth) Hooley, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Kevin Patrick and Sophia (Wendt) Hooley, of Logansport, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Joseph and Barbette (Schroyer) Roth, of Fort Wayne. His Grandfather Roth immigrated to America from Hungary and his Grandmother Roth immigrated from Munich, Germany, where Stephen's mother was born.

Bonny Clarissa Wilson, born in Auburn, 13 June 1952, daughter of Richard Keith and Helen (Olds) Wilson. Coincidentally, Dr. Charles Werich, the attending physician, was celebrating his birthday. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson and her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Stephen and Bonny married 30 June 1984, at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, by Father Melvin Huber, a classmate of Stephen's at St. Judes in Fort Wayne.

Stephen graduated in 1966, from Northside High School, Fort Wayne, and served in the Navy from 1967 to 1969, on the Enterprise Aircraft Carrier off the coast of Vietnam.

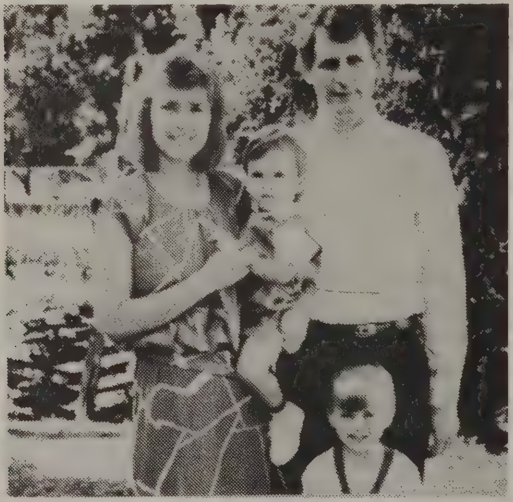
Bonny graduated from Eastside High School in 1970, and studied at Purdue University, Fort Wayne, for two years.

Mr. Hooley worked at General Electric for ten years prior to becoming a mechanic at Coliseum Service Center where he is now the owner-operator.

Bonny worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aid and then worked as a respiratory therapist at DeKalb, LaGrange, and Warsaw Hospitals. In 1974, she moved to Fort Wayne to work for Fort Wayne Radiology where she is now the office manager.

Stephen has three brothers: Joseph, Kevin, and Jeff, and two sisters: Beth (Hooley) Billinger and Ann Marie.

Stephen and Bonny now reside in Hamilton, Indiana. They attend Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn. Stephen's interests include flyfishing, hunting, and flying. He is currently building his own plane. Bonny enjoys friends, family, cooking, and sewing.



Richard Spencer Family

RICHARD ALAN SPENCER, born in Louisville, Kentucky, 16 September 1950, son of John William Jr. and Mary (Merkel) Spencer. His paternal grandparents were John William Sr. and Frances Spencer. His maternal grandparents were Anthony and Eleanor (Nord) Merkel, Louisville, Kentucky.

Wendy Darlene Wilson, born 2 March 1955, daughter of Richard Keith and Helen (Olds) Wilson of Butler. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. Her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Richard and Wendy married 6 October 1979, in St. Agathas, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Spencer graduated from St. Xaviers Boys School, Louisville, Kentucky, and Eastern Kentucky University in 1973. He taught at Vincennes University while working on his Masters at Indiana State University, finishing in 1975. He is the manager of Hoosier Photo Supplies of Ohio, in Hilliard, Ohio.

Mrs. Spencer is a graduate of Eastside High School in 1973, Vincennes University in 1975, and Eastern Kentucky University in 1978, earning degrees in Commercial Art and Fashion Merchandising. She was Display Manager for J.C. Penny in Columbus until 1982. Presently she is a beauty consultant.

Mr. Spencer has a brother, Jack, and two sisters, Linda (Spencer) Guild and Barbara (Spencer) Dishon, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer live in Columbus, Ohio, where they attend St. Margaret's Church. They are active in church and community affairs. Mr. Spencer is a member and officer in the Graphic Arts Club of Columbus. They enjoy boating, skiing, and fishing.

Rick and Wendy are the parents of two children: Jennifer Marie and Douglas Alan.

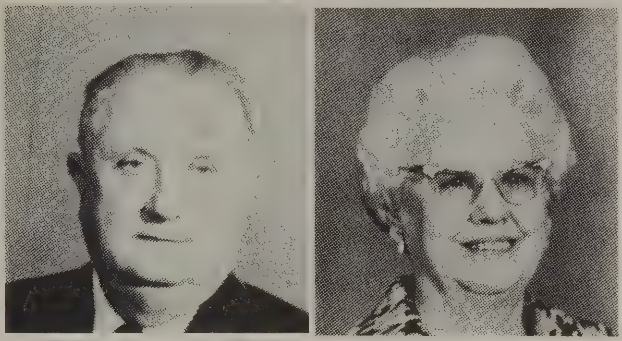
WILLIAM J. MACK, born at Wauseon, Ohio, 14 April 1871, son of John and Katherine (Kolb) Mack.

Coming to Butler with his parents in 1884, Mr. Mack was a machinist and operated the first gasoline station in Butler when gasoline was carried in gallon cans. He also owned and operated a bicycle shop for forty-eight years. On the last day to pay taxes, he was a familiar sight riding his bicycle to Auburn.

Mr. Mack owned several properties on Depot Street, as well as an acreage south of Butler. He resided at 135 Depot Street and died there in 1955.

JENNIE SHORTRIDGE, born in 1881 in Kunkle, Ohio. Coming to Butler to live with her sister, she met and married Mr. Shortridge, a native of Canada. He was an employee of the railroad, where he was severly injured in an accident. After Mrs. Shortridge could no longer care for him in their home, he resided in the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla until his death.

Mrs. Shortridge, a resident of Depot Street, a homemaker and housekeeper, was a good friend and neighbor to many families and elderly until her death in 1960.



Forest and Alice Gerig

FOREST TRUMAN GERIG, born 8 June 1904, in DeKalb County, son of Noah Moses Valentine and Mary Ann (Koble) Gerig. Noah Gerig was a well known Jackson Township farmer and graining expert. His farm was visited by many people each year who were interested in learning his methods of growing grain. Forest's paternal grandparents were Joseph W. Gerig, who came from Alsace Lorraine, France and Sarah Jane Bowen of Fort Wayne, whose grandfather had been a mail carrier on horseback and whose uncle had been a steerman on the canal boat to Fort Wayne. Forest's maternal grandparents were John Koble and Barbara Goldsmith. They resided south of Auburn, the first farm south of Hopewell Corners.

Forest married Alice Elizabeth Timmerman, 30 June 1928, in Auburn, Indiana. Alice was born 14 June 1904, daughter of John Henry Timmerman, a prominent resident of the southern part of DeKalb County, and Mary Alberta Krise. They resided on a farm one mile west of Spencerville. Alice's maternal grandparents were William Krise and Elizabeth Stilts. William Krise was one of the early settlers and pioneers of DeKalb County. He was married in 1863, the year that marked the midpoint of the Civil War. Alice attended school in Spencerville, Indiana, and teacher training at Tri-State College.

Mr. Gerig was a businessman with local, statewide, and national influence. For fifty years he owned and operated the Gerig Furniture Store and Gerig Funeral Home. He served as chairman of the board of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan. He served on two Indiana Trade Missions to develop world markets for Indiana products. Forest was a member of the DeKalb Hospital Foundation since its inception and was instrumental in the late 1960s in helping to raise money necessary to build DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He began his working career with the William Loy Furniture and Undertaking Company at thirty dollars per week.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gerig were active in many civic organizations. Mrs. Gerig was an involved member of the First Methodist Church of Auburn. She was memorial chairman of the DeKalb County Heart Association. She served well as a helpmate to her husband in the funeral home.

They were the parents of three children: John Max, deceased, Mary Ann (Gerig) Black, and Larry Lou. Mr. and Mrs. Gerig resided at the funeral home in Auburn from 1939 until 1975. Mr. Gerig died 25 May 1980. Mrs. Gerig died 21 September 1981.

Alan Black Family

ALAN BLACK came to DeKalb County in June of 1964. He was employed at that time by Gerig Furniture Company. Alan, born 21 December 1940, in Wheaton, Illinois, son of Hugh and Emma (Yuneman) Black. Alan has lived in several states as his father worked for General Motors and sold and demonstrated diesel railroad engines.

Mary Ann, born in Auburn, Indiana, 26 December 1940, the last child Dr. Harry Covell delivered before he went away to serve in World War II. Her parents were Forest and Alice Gerig. She had two brothers, John Max and Larry Lou Gerig.

Al and Mary Ann met in Greencastle, Indiana, as students at DePauw University, then a Methodist Liberal Arts College. They married 10 August 1963, at the First Methodist Church, which was located on the site of the present Peoples Savings and Loan Building. They began their married life in Greencastle, Indiana. Alan served as a prison counselor at the Indiana State Farm, while Mary Ann taught elementary school near Greencastle. Alan had also worked as a Research Psychologist at the Fort Wayne State

Hospital. He served as Executive Director of Youth for Christ in DeKalb County and taught high school social studies and psychology at Auburn and DeKalb High Schools. He has a private pilots license and enjoys sailing and cross country skiing. Since 1980, Alan has been the pastor of County Line Church of God on the Allen-DeKalb County Line road. Mary Ann has worked as a teller at Peoples Savings and Loan and has been on the staff of the Fort Wayne State Hospital and Training Center. She taught first grade for eight years in the DeKalb Central School District. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, and cross country skiing.

The Blacks' children are Amy Jo and Bryan Andrew. At this time both children attend high school at Faith Christian Academy. Their hobbies include piano, flute, volleyball, trumpet, soccer, and softball.

PHILIP RICHARD BRECHBILL, born 30 April 1947, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana, son of Martin Richard and Ruth Jean (Hinshaw) Brechbill. His paternal grandparents were Martin Ray and Ruth Etta (Yarde) Brechbill who lived northwest of Garrett. His maternal grandparents were Robert Rue and Vina Saleen (George) Hinshaw of Carmel, Indiana.

Maxine Louise Gravit was born 28 February 1948, in Bluffton, Indiana. She is the adopted daughter of Charles R., deceased, and Mary Edith (Kern) Gravit of Garrett, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Walter and Mary (Coney) Gravit of Stroh, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Walter and Inez, deceased (Haynes) Kern of Garrett, Indiana.

Philip graduated from Garrett High School in 1965 and from Purdue University in 1969, with a B.S. in Agriculture. Maxine graduated from Garrett High School in 1966, and from Purdue University in 1969, with an Associate Degree in Nursing. They were married 8 June 1968, in First Methodist Church, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Philip was drafted into the Army in August, 1969. He was stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and at Fort Detrick, Maryland, while assigned to the Army Signal Corps. Maxine was employed as a nurse at Monmouth Medical Center and in Frederick, Maryland, while Philip was in the Army.

After Philip's Army discharge in May, 1971, they returned to their home on the Brechbill Farm northwest of Garrett, Indiana. Philip took over management of Brechbill Farms, Incorporated. He presently farms 2150 acres.

Maxine has been employed at the Garrett Clinic since October, 1973, and also has worked part time at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett for the past year. Maxine is also a member of Model Home Extension Homemakers Club, a 4-H club leader, and Chairman of the Mental Health Christmas Gift Drive for several years.

Philip was active in 4-H and FFA while in school and college, and is still involved in these organizations. He is also on the DeKalb County Extension Board, 4-H Council and has been on the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op Board of Directors since 1981.

The family are active members of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Philip has a sister, Cynthia Jean (Brechbill) Spence, 1949-1977. Maxine has a sister, Carol Gravit of Garrett.

Philip and Maxine are the parents of two daughters: Elizabeth Ann "Beth", born 26 April 1973, in Auburn, and Sarah Christine, born 18 August 1984, in Auburn. Beth is currently a Freshman at DeKalb High School.

The Brechbill family lives near Auburn.

GARY ROBERT GEORGE, born 30 May 1944, at Garrett, Indiana. Sharon Kay George, born 1 December 1940, at Garrett, Indiana. Gary graduated from Auburn High School and Sharon graduated from Garrett High School. Gary served in the U.S. Army from 28 July 1965 to 13 May 1967, with a tour of duty in Vietnam. Gary is a member of the Garrett Eagles, Garrett VFW, and Garrett American Legion. He began working at Fruehauf Corporation in Fort Wayne, 19 March 1965, and worked there until the plant closed, 23 December 1986. Sharon worked at Mutual Security Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne from 1958 until 1968. In 1969, she began working for Attorney John Martin Smith of Auburn, Indiana, and is presently employed there. They have two sons, Mark Duane and Michael Gary. Mark was born 8 April 1965, at Auburn, Indiana, and Michael was born 18 March 1969, at Auburn, Indiana. Mark graduated from Garrett High School in 1984, and is presently employed at Guardian Industries, in Auburn. Michael will be a senior at Garrett High School this fall and is presently employed at Rax Restaurant, Auburn. Gary and Sharon have lived in Garrett, Indiana, since June, 1970.

DONALD LEE ALWOOD, born 8 November 1938, at home in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Colleen Ann Alwood, born 6 September 1942, at Garrett, Indiana. Don graduated from Garrett High School in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964, with a two year tour of duty in Germany. Don worked at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, Indiana, for eighteen years until the plant closed in 1983. He then obtained employment at Dana Corporation, Montgomery, Alabama. Colleen worked at Electric Motors and Specialties, Garrett, Indiana, for twenty years before moving to Montgomery. She is presently enrolled in the John Patteron State Technical College. They have two children: Dawn Elizabeth Grocock and Donald Timothy Alwood. Dawn was born 26 January 1960, at Auburn, Indiana, and Tim was born 29 October 1961, at Hicksville, Ohio. Don and Colleen have two grandsons, children of Dawn. They are Tyler Scott Walters, born 5 November 1978, and Travis James Grocock, born 26 July 1984. Dawn, married to James Grocock, is presently a homemaker residing in Avilla, Indiana. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1978. Tim married Jodi McMillan from Garrett, 6 February 1982, and they also reside in Montgomery, Alabama. Tim and Jodi both graduated from Garrett High School in 1980. Tim works at Dana Corporation in Montgomery and Jodi works for McNamara, Golson and McNamara Optometrists in Montgomery.

GEORGE BLUST, son of Ignace and Marie Anne (Auman) Blust, born 16 April 1806. He came to this country from the town of St. Chireim, in the canton of Bischwiller, in the department of Bas Rhine, France. His first wife, Elizabeth, came from Germany. She was born in 1811. In 1838, George bought ground in Venice Township, Seneca County, Ohio, worth seven hundred and fifty dollars. George and Elizabeth had five children: Anthony, 1841, Martinius, 1844, Maria, 1846, Ignatus, 1848, and Otto, 1850. Martinius married Bernhardine Stoele, 10 December 1868, Avilla, Indiana. He was a bricklayer. Ignatus married Mary Riegel, 1 May 1877, Avilla, Indiana. He was a brickmaker. Otto married Minnie.

George Blust again married, Anna Winters, 28 May 1854, this marriage was annulled. In April, 1858, he married Magdeline (Hertzer) Apple. She had one child by a prior marriage, Mary Apple, 1855. George and Magdeline were the parents of six children: Helen, 1860, Beneranda, 1861, Joseph, 1862, John, 1865, Pius "Pearse", 1866, and Leo, 1868.

Magdeline (Hertzer) Apple Blust was born in Austria, in 1827. George Blust was a farmer. In the 1870 Census, his real estate value had risen to one thousand-six hundred dollars. All of his children were born in Ohio. George died 15 January 1871.

Pius Blust, son of George and Magdeline, born in 1866 in St. Stephens, Seneca County, Ohio. He worked as a section hand on the railroad. On 8 June 1910, he married Flora Sitta Schucht, daughter of August and Sitta (Satter) Schucht. She was born 6 March 1881, Cincinnati, Ohio. Her parents lived in Avilla, Indaina, at the untimely death of their daughter. Pius and Flora were the parents of one child: Lawrence Leo Blust, born 11 April 1911, in Avilla, Indiana. Flora died 23 June 1914, in Avilla, and is buried in the Avilla Cemetery. Pius lived until 10 June 1940. He was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

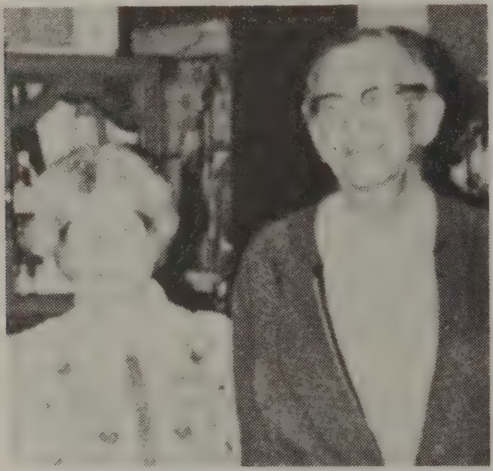
HENRY JOSEPH SCHMIDT, born in 1835. He married Genevieve, born 1840, died 1917. They were the parents of nine children: Henry J., born 1880; John, born 1874, died 1957; Joe, Laney, Frank, Tracy, Sue, Mary, and Ann. Henry died in 1919, and buried with his wife at St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla, Indiana.

John married Ocie Pennel. Frank married Mary Stellhorn. Joe married Kate and they have Tom and Maurice. Mary married a Wolf and had Anna Kathryn and Lewis. Tracy married John Ueber and had Ann (Ueber) Green, Marie (Ueber) Costin, Augusta, Marion, and Agnes (Ueber) Sobesky. Ann Green had a son, John. Marie Costin married John Costin, and they had Pete. Augusta had a daughter, Virginia. Laney married William Truelove. They had Minnie, Edna, Henry, Bernice, Theresa, Elizabeth. Minnie Truelove married Ed Blotkamp, and had Harold, Ray, and three daughters. Henry Truelove married Bertha Phillips and they had Agatha (Truelove) Fisher. Edna Truelove married Carl Harvey. Elizabeth Truelove married Ed Lemper.

Henry and Rose Schmidt

HENRY JOSEPH SCHMIDT, born 22 March 1880, son of Henry Joseph and Genevieve Schmidt, near Ege or Churubusco, Indiana, in a log cabin, near a one room schoolhouse. Henry married Rose Marie Pfefferkorn, 29 October 1907, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, north of Waterloo, Indiana. They lived in Kendallville. They were the parents of five children: Mildred Genevieve, born 3 September 1910, Margaret Agnes, born 27 March 1914, Irene, Robert, and Paul. Henry worked as a moulder. He died 14 December 1968, and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville, Indiana.

Irene Schmidt married Harold Fryover. They had Lee, deceased, and Phyllis. Phyllis married Casey Hunt and had three children. Paul Schmidt married Donna Dillain. They had Stan, Terry, and Sandy. All are married. Sandy married David Desper. Robert Schmidt married Bev Sleek. They had John and Joe. Margaret Schmidt married Maynard "Mike" Neal. They had William Henry, Martha Jo, and James Michael. William Neal married Teresa Negahnquet. They had Christine, deceased, Joseph, and Ann. Martha Jo Neal married Rickie Lee Dull. They had Jeffrey and Jennifer. Midred Schmidt married Lawrence Blust.



Lawrence and Mildred Blust

MILDRED GENEVIEVE SCHMIDT, born 3 September 1910, daughter of Henry J. and Rose Marie (Pfefferkorn) Schmidt. On 19 October 1934, she married Lawrence Leo Blust. They were the parents of four children: John Leo, born 1 September 1939; Thomas Karl, born 22 May 1941; Rose Marie, born 26 August 1943; and Paul Henry, born 15 July 1946.

Lawrence Leo Blust, born 11 April 1911, son of Pius and Flora Sitta (Schucht) Blust, in the home his father built in Avilla. His paternal grandparents are George and Magdaline Hertzer (Apple) from France and emigrated to Seneca County, Ohio, in 1838.

Lawrence retired from McCray Refrigerator Company, in Kendallville, Indiana, after thirty-seven years. He died 25 June 1981. A memorial plaque hangs in McCray Hospital to honor him. He is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Avilla.

John Leo Blust attended school at St. Mary's School. He married Francis Pichon, 2 May 1959, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. John has worked as a truck driver and mechanic in his spare time. Francis works at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, in Fort Wayne. They have one son, David Paul, born 15 October 1964, in Fort Wayne. Francis was born 14 August 1940.

Rose Marie Blust attended school at St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla. She married Harry Brumbaugh on 25 November 1967 at St. Mary's Church. Rose is employed by Koon's Market in Avilla and Harry by the Zollner Corporation in Fort Wayne and also farms.

Paul Henry Blust attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla. On 29 June 1968, he married Rosemary Lynn Johnson, of Garrett, at St. Joseph's Church, Garrett. Paul and Rosemary are the parents of two children: Timothy Wayne, born 13 December 1970, and Mellisa Danielle, born 3 March 1974. Tim attends Garrett High School and Mellisa attends St. Joseph's School. The family enjoys camping, bicycling, and craftwork.

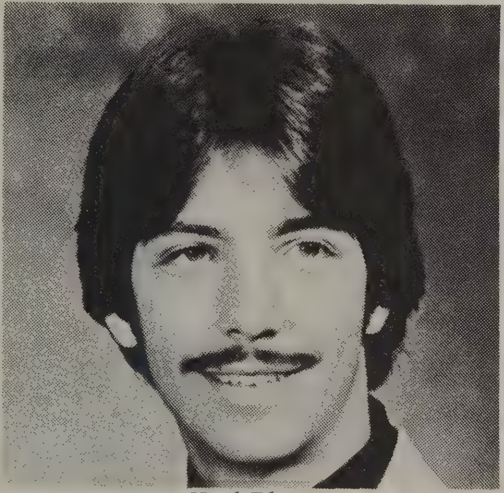
Thomas and Beverly Blust

THOMAS KARL BLUST, born at home, 22 May 1941, son of Lawrence and Mildred (Schmidt) Blust. He attended St. Mary's School in Avilla. At age fourteen, he moved in with Mrs. Mary Lash of east Avilla and worked on her farm. On 4 May 1963, he married Beverly Anne Thomson, at St. Joseph's Church, Garrett. Thomas and Beverly are the parents of three children: Karl Wayne, born in Kendallville, Kari Sue and Scot Michael, both born in Garrett.

Thomas is employed by the Zollner Corporation in Fort Wayne, where he has worked nearly twenty years. He previously worked for McCray Refrigeration Company in Kendallville and his hobbies include fishing and camping with his wife.

Beverly Anne Thomson, born 20 October 1943, at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Mac and Emily (Nieman) Thomson. She was brought to Garrett, Indiana, when she was very young, as her father was employed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Beverly "Tillie" attended the Will Franks School and Garrett High School.

Beverly is employed by Stanadyne, Incorporated of Garrett, in the traffic department and has worked there for thirteen years. She had worked for Haffner, Incorporated in Garrett. Her hobbies include reading, craftwork, and sewing.

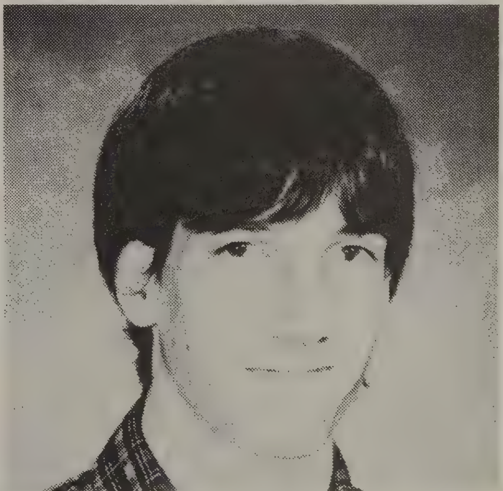

Karl Blust

KARL WAYNE BLUST, born 25 May 1964, McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana. He attended J.E. Ober Elementary School, St. Joseph's Catholic School and served as altarboy for seven years, and Garrett High School, graduating in 1982. He received honors by being selected by Who's Who in American High School in 1981 and 1982. During high school, Karl worked at the Shake Shoppe as a cook, Stanadyne for three summers in maintenance and Gottfried's Family Restaurant as a cook for three years. While working for Gottfried's, Karl attended Indiana Vocational Technical College in Fort Wayne, studying Culinary Arts, Food Service. In August, 1983, he accepted employment with Jerry Restaurant. In March, 1985, he accepted employment with Azar's Big Boy on Goshen Road in Fort Wayne, as a waiter. After six months, he moved into management where he is currently employed.

Karl's hobbies include hiking, camping, bicycling, and genealogy.

Mike and Kari Marti

KARI SUE BLUST, born 10 July 1966, at the Sacred Heart Hospital, in Garrett, Indiana. Kari attended school at the J.E. Ober Elementary and Garrett High School. She worked for a short time at the Shake Shoppe and four years at Gottfried's Family Restaurant, where she met her future husband, Michael Lee Marti. They were married on 5 September 1986 in Auburn, Indiana. Kari currently works for Burcliff Industries, Garrett. Michael is employed by the Auburn Foundry. They reside in Garrett. Michael, born 12 April 1964, in Garrett, Indiana, is the son of Alfred J. and Sarah Marti of Garrett.


Scot Blust

SCOT MICHAEL BLUST, born 2 March 1968, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn. Scot attended J.E. Ober Elementary School and Garrett High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and football team. Scot has been employed by Heck's Inc., Auburn, and Scott's Foods, Pine Valley, Fort Wayne. He is currently employed by Bauman Harnish Rubber Company, Garrett, and is studying at ITT Tech in Fort Wayne.

VINCENTAS ZIEKAS/ZEKAS, born in Lithuania, which is, in modern day, a state inside the Soviet Union. He married Ona Anna Vigratz. She was also born in Lithuania. They emigrated to the United States and settled in Chicago, Illinois.

They had six children: William Vincentas, born 26 July 1896, in Chicago, Illinois. He died in February, 1967; Barbara, died 7 November 1927; Joseph William, born 18 November 1901. Joseph, at age eighty-five, and his wife, Clara, are presently living in Chicago. They have at least one son, Daniel; Kazimera Kate (Zekas) Rein, born 23 August 1909. She married Walter Rein. They lived in Garrett for a short time, next door to her niece Emily Nieman and her husband Mac Thomson. Katie and Walter moved to Arkansas for health reasons and later back to Chicago. Katie, widowed, currently lives in Arkansas; Bronislava Bertha (Zekas) Vitos, born 3 November 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, where she currently lives; Anna Mary (Zekas) Nieman, born 3 February 1898, in Chicago, Illinois. Anna Mary married Joseph Martin Nieman II, 8 August 1914, in Chicago, Illinois. They had nine children: Joseph Martin, born 13 March 1915, Emily Genevieve, born 10 July 1918, Stanley Peter, born 16 November 1921, Lauraine Agnes, born 12 November 1923, Raymond J., born 10 November 1925, Richard J., born 25 August 1927, Leonard A., born 30 October 1930, Daniel, born 15 October 1932, and Johanna, born 28 September 1935, and Anna, died 28 July 1968, in Chicago, Illinois, and is buried in Resurrection Cemetery, in Argo, Illinois.

Vincentas died 25 November 1913. After his death, Anna married Jacob Galvanauski, making her name Anna Galvanauskiene. Anna also had a different spelling for her maiden name, Wigracas. She died 13 August 1936, in Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH MARTIN NIEMAN I, born in Poland. He married Martha, also born in Poland. They emigrated to America to escape Russian rule of the Polish government, which was taken over in 1863. They settled in Chicago, Illinois. Upon arrival in America, their last name was shortened, or "Americanized" from the Polish version of Niemanowski or Niemanauski, the exact spelling is not known. Joseph and Martha had seven children, all born in Chicago: Joseph Martin II, Stanley, George, John, Marta, Agnes, and Rose.

Joseph II and Ann Nieman

JOSEPH MARTIN NIEMAN II, born 8 April 1894, in Chicago, Illinois, son of Joseph Martin and Martha Nieman, Polish immigrants. Joseph married Anna Mary Zekas, daughter of Vincentas and Anna Zekas, 8 August 1914, in Chicago, Illinois. They were the parents of nine children. Joseph worked as a taxi cab driver in Chicago. He died in July, 1965, and is buried in Resurrection Cemetery in Argo, Illinois. Joseph and Anna were members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Stanley Peter, born 16 November 1921; Joseph Martin III, born 13 March 1915, in Chicago, Illinois. He married Doris, born 23 July 1900, on 8 August 1943. They have one son, Fred, born 18 September 1944. Joe and Doris presently live in Birds, Illinois.

Emily Thomson

EMILY GENEVIEVE (NIEMAN) THOMSON, born 10 July 1918, daughter of Joseph and Anna Nieman, in Chicago, Illinois. Emily married Mac Thomson in Chicago, 10 July 1943. Here they had a daughter, Beverly Anne, born 10 October

1943. In early 1944, the family moved to Garrett, Indiana, with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, where Mac was employed. Shortly after they moved north of Corunna, Indiana, two sons were born: Ernest and Clarence "Mac", born 28 February 1946. The family also lived on East High Street and South Randolph Street in Garrett. Emily has been active in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Harvest House, Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, and the Bargain Box in Garrett. In her spare time she enjoys sewing and crocheting. Emily currently lives in Garrett.

ERNEST McFALL THOMSON, born 2 November 1944, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Mac and Emily (Nieman) Thomson. He attended Garrett High School, and served with the U.S. Marines. Ernie moved to Miami, Florida, where he met and married Linda Farry, of Scotia, New York. They also have lived in Phoenix, Arizona, San Diego, California, and Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they were divorced in 1977. Ernie then moved to Washington State, where he married Donna. They currently live in Fort Wayne and are expecting their first child. Donna had a son, Scott, by a previous marriage. Ernie is currently trying to start a tackle and fishing reel repair business.

CLARENCE WILLIAM THOMSON, born 28 February 1946 in Garrett, Indiana, son of Mac and Emily (Nieman) Thomson. He attended Garrett High School. On 6 November 1965, he married Norma Jean Cutler at the United Methodist Church in Garrett. They are the parents of three children: Anita Ann, born 26 December 1966, deceased, Kandi Lynn, born 26 September 1969, and Kimberly Sue, born 24 March 1972. Mac and Norma were divorced in 1983. Clarence Mac remarried to Kimberly Sue Clady on 19 May 1984, in Garrett, Indiana. They reside north of Garrett, Indiana.

SAMUEL THOMSON JR., born 13 December 1691, son of Samuel, born 3 November 1667, and his wife in Scotland. His paternal grandfather was William Thomson, born 5 April 1635, in Scotland. His paternal great grandfather was Samuel Thomson, born 5 May 1613, in Avondale, Scotland. Samuel, 1613, had three sons and two daughters: John, William, Samuel, Jane, and Annie. William, 1635, had two sons and one daughter: Samuel, John, and Jane.

Samuel Jr. had one brother, William. Samuel Jr. was known to have lived at "Blair Manor" in Scotland, and later moved to Wales. He belonged to a sect called the Anabaptists, and in the spring of 1717, he emigrated from Wales to Virginia, on account of persecution of his religious beliefs. In 1726, he married a Scotch woman, Mary McDonal, in Virginia. On 13 August 1727, Mary bore Samuel their only child, William, in Spottsylvania, Virginia. Samuel died in 1753, in Louisa County, Virginia.

WILLIAM ASA THOMSON, born 13 August 1727, son of Samuel and Mary (McDonal) Thomson, in Spottsylvania, Virginia. He married Anne Rodes in 1752. They had twelve children: Annie, Rodes Roger, Mary, William Jr., Clifton, Asa, John, Eunice, Elizabeth, Lydia, David, and Sarah. William served as a Captain in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War in 1777-1781. William died during the war in Louisa, Virginia. All of William and Mary's sons served in the Revolutionary War, several obtaining the rank of General: Roger, William, and David. After William's death, Ann moved with her children to Kentucky.

William Jr. died in Virginia. Clifton, born 1761, died 1833, married Mary Ragland on 28 February 1788. Asa married Ann Quarles. John, born 1766, married Sarah Ragland, born 1770, in 1789, and they had one daughter, Sarah Ann, born 1807, died 1865. Elizabeth became the third wife of Governor Gabriel Slaughter, of Kentucky. Roger died near Georgetown, Kentucky. David died after settling in Sedalia, Missouri. Clifton had eight children: Sarah, Louisa, Annie, William Z., Martha, Mary, Clifton, and Letitia.

Anne Rodes Thomson was born in 1734 in Spottsylvania, Virginia, and died near Lexington, Kentucky.

ASA THOMSON, born sometime between 1762 and 1766, in Spottsylvania, Virginia, son of William Asa and Anna (Rodes) Thomson. He fought as a soldier in the Virginia militia during the Revolutionary War. After his father's death, Asa moved to near Lexington, Kentucky, with his mother, Ann, and brother, Clifton. Asa married Ann Quarles/Qualls, sister of Colonel Quarles, another Revolutionary War soldier, the Quarles father also was a Revolutionary War soldier and was with Daniel Boone at the Battle of Bryant's Station, Kentucky. Asa and Ann had eight children: John, Roger, Robert, Asa, George, Polly, Martha, and Nancy.

John married Ann Nancy Ellis. Reverend Robert first married Elizabeth Bryant, the only child of Jess Bryant, of Fayette County, Kentucky, on 28 February 1822. Robert's wife lived a little over a year and left a son, John, who died at age twenty-eight in Kentucky. In 1825, Robert settled in Saline County, Missouri, and married Lucy Nowlin, daughter of Peyton Nowlin, the first ordained minister of the Baptist Church in Saline County. Asa married Margaret Wallace of Kentucky, in Missouri, and they had twelve children. In 1863, he married Mell Robertson, daughter of Hiram Robertson. Asa served four years in the Confederate Army under General Jackson. Asa and Mell had eight children. Polly married Robert Curtley. Martha married Price Prewitt. Nancy married a name named Gath. Polly's husband was a pioneer preacher, and Martha's husband was an early settler of Howard County, Missouri.

CAPTAIN JOHN THOMSON SR., born near Lexington, Kentucky, son of Asa and Ann (Rodes) Thomson. John served in the War of 1812, and in General Jackson's Army in the battle of New Orleans in 1815. He married Ann Nancy Ellis, whose mother and sister, then the Misses Shipps, were the first American ladies married in Kentucky, whose parents settled near Bryant's station close to Boonesboro, Kentucky. John and Nancy moved to Saline County, Missouri, in 1819, and in 1820, to Howard County, where they settled at Fort Hampstead. John was killed four or five years later. John and Nancy had three children: Pike, William, and John Jr. After John's death, Nancy and the children returned to Kentucky, where Nancy remarried to Horace Coleman. They raised two sons: Marquis and Cicero Coleman. Pike returned to Howard County, Missouri, in 1839, and in 1841, William returned. John M. Thomson Jr. moved to Texas.

COLONEL PIKE M. THOMSON, born 25 August 1819, in Fayette County, Kentucky, to Captain John and Ann Thomson. Soon after his birth, Pike was brought by his parents to Saline County, Missouri, where they settled. His father died a few years later and his mother moved the family back to Kentucky. In 1839, Pike returned to Missouri, settling on Foster's Prairie in Howard County. He sold his farm in 1844, and returned to Kentucky. Pike married Miss Elizabeth E. Goodwin, 15 October 1843, daughter of Floyd K. and Mary J. Goodwin, of Fayette County, Kentucky. James Coleman Goodwin married Nancy C. Graves. They were the parents of Sally C., Joseph, Floyd K., and Polly. James died in 1814. Sally married Francis Flourney.

Pike and Elizabeth and family returned to Missouri 6 March 1849, and settled in Saline County, purchasing the W.B. Shackelford farm, which Pike increased to 1700 acres through additional purchases. Pike and Elizabeth were the parents of at least seven children: John W., Floyd G., Lucien M., Pike M. Jr., Ruth, Elizabeth, and Laura.

Colonel Thomson fought during the Civil War for the Confederacy. He enlisted in the Missouri State Guard upon General Jackson's call for men, on Colonel Dill's Staff, Parson's Division, and was in the battles of Dry Wood and Lexington. At Green, he was sent back for stores, and captured at home. Colonel Thomson was a farmer by trade. He died in Slater, Missouri, 2 August 1902, and is buried in the Slater City Cemetery.

John W. married Julia Graves; Lucien, born 1852, died 1941; Pike M. Jr., born 29 February 1856, died 4 May 1919; Ruth, died in May of 1939; Elizabeth married Richard Richardson; Polly Jane, born 21 February 1859, died 5 June 1860. Elizabeth (Goodwin) Thomson, born in 1822, and died in 1915. She is buried in Slater City Cemetery.

JOHN WILLIAM THOMSON, born 21 January 1845, in Fayette County, Kentucky, son of Pike and Elizabeth Thomson. When he was but three years old, the family moved to Saline County, Missouri. John was raised and educated in Saline County, and assisted his father in managing the vast family farm, before and after the Civil War for several years. The Thomson farm lies southeast of Slater, Missouri. The road out to the farm is usually referred to as Thomson Lane. The farm itself has shrunk to three hundred twenty acres from seventeen hundred, and has always been one of the most properous in the area. Saline County, in fact, is said to have some of the richest farmland in the world. Most of the farms in the area are diversified, that is, they raise both crops and livestock, feeder cattle, hogs, chickens, corn, wheat, and so on.

As a lad, John William fought with the Confederate Army as a member of Company E, Gordon's Regiment, Shelby's Brigade, and took part in battles at Independence, Westport, Big Blue, Jackson County, 23 October 1864, Little Blue, Newtonia, 28 October 1864, and Fayetteville, Arkansas, marching through to Texas. Here the Army was reorganized, and John's regiment was cut down and thrown into Company C, William's regiment, Jackson Brigade. The regiment surrendered at New Orleans, Louisiana, 26 May 1865. John W. Thomson's name appears on a roll of prisoners of War of furloughed and detailed men, Confederate States

Army, surrendered at New Orleans, Louisiana, by General E.K. Smith, C.S.A., to Major General E.R.S. Canby, U.S.A., 26 May 1865, and paroled at Shreveport, Louisiana, 21 June 1865.

John married 15 October 1869, to Julia Franklin, daughter of A.S. Graves and Augusta J., his wife, of Washington County, Missouri. John and Julia had five children: Emmett, Claude W., Emma, Lillian, and an infant.

The Slater newspaper, when printing John's obituary, wrote "No man was better known in the county that Mr. Thomason." The newspaper added, "He was honest, straightforward, square in all dealings and could always be relied upon." In early life, he became a member of the Rehobeth Baptist Church and Socialist party, writing many articles in different publications on the question of capital and labor. Years later he entered a sanitorium in Chicago to obtain treatment for cancer. He died at Slater 18 October 1916, one of the oldest settlers in Saline County.

Julia Franklin Graves was born in 1846, to Aaron S. and Augusta J. Graves. Julia died in 1930. John Thomson's farm was passed on the his son Claude.

CLAUDE WILLIAM THOMSON, born 31 August 1873, son of John W. and Julia F. Thomson, near Slater, Missouri. Claude married Lecho Nellie McFall, by whom he had one child, Pike McFall "Mac" Thomson. This married was later dissolved. Claude later remarried to a woman named Eva. Claude became highly respected in the area for his knowledge of livestock and was considered a shrewd businessman. His primary interest lay in buying, raising, and selling hogs, although he also raised feeder cattle. While still active enough to raise stock, he would drive his hogs on foot into Slater to the railroad loading pens, sometime helped by a wiry little lad with looks not dissimilar to those of the young Dwight Eisenhower. Often Claude Thomson's hogs made up the entire trainload of stock going off to the St. Louis market. Even when partially retired, Claude was still energetic enough to keep between thirty and forty milk cows, separating the cream to be sold and using the milk for feeding the hogs. Claude died 22 November 1957, in the Maude Lee Rest Home, in Slater.

It was to Claude's farm that Julia (Crawford) McQueen brought her infant son, Terrence Stephen "Steve McQueen", shortly after birth, to be raised, since Julia's husband, William McQueen, abandoned the family. Julia and Steve stayed briefly in the old wooden farmhouse outside Slater, a crowded enough place at the time as Claude's son, Pike McFall Thomson, and his family from his first marriage were also living there, doubling up because of the Depression. She then went back to Steve's birthplace, Indianapolis, Indiana, taking the baby with her. Steve was about three when Julia again brought him back to the farm, where his early upbringing was undertaken by his great uncle Claude. Julia reported to have gone off to California to try her luck as a salesperson in a Los Angelos store while the thin and wiry little boy settled down to enjoy what he has called "the happiest days of my childhood." Steve lived with his great uncle Claude until he was nine years old. Steve, in adulthood, retained a deep regret for his great uncle, a sign that relations were excellent between them. "He was a very good man. Very strong, very fair." I learned a lot from him. Neile (Adams) McQueen, Steve's first wife, who receied a hospitable welcome from Claude and Eva Thomson when Steve brought her to visit the year before Claude's death, found the old wooden house, the farm, and the people it in, pure American Gothic. Steve's great uncle and aunt were farm people, older people and very strict. Something was right and something was wrong, there was no in between. She saw the tiny room up under the eave Steve had occupied, and when she left, Neile felt she knew where Steve came from and where some of his principles came from.

Claude is buried in the Rehoboth Cemetery in Slater.

"Mac" Thomson and mother

PIKE MC FALL "MAC" THOMSON, born 22 August 1907, near Slater, Missouri, son of Claude W. and Lecho Nellie (McFall) Thomson. When he was very young, his parents separated, and he lived with John and Mary Richardson several years of his childhood. He grew up with the name of Mac, not knowing his real name until 1947, when he was forty years old. He used Mac on his marriage licenses, voting records, and real estate deeds, among others. He married Bessie Richardson and later divorced her. They had four children: Mary Lou, Joanne, Claude, and Lecho. The family lived in Slater and St. Louis, where Mac worked on the Chicago and Alton Railroad. After the divorce, Mac moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he met and married Emily Genevieve Nieman, 10 July 1943. Here he took employment with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a fireman and later an engineer. Mac and Emily had one child while living in Chicago, Beverly Anne. In 1944, they moved to Garrett, Indiana, on Peters Street across from the present day St. Joseph's School, and later on High Street. It was in Garrett that sons Ernest McFall and Clarence William Mac were born. The family later moved to just north of Corunna, about one quarter of a mile, and in 1957, they moved to Randolph Street, Garrett, where he lived the rest of his life. Mac was an avid fisherman, traveling every year to the Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, where he spent his vacations with his family. He retired in 1973, after forty years of service, thirty-seven years of which were with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Mac died 12 September 1977, while fishing in his boat on Lake of the Ozarks near Rocky Mount, Morgan County, Missouri. His remains were cremated and his ashed were sprinkled on the Lake of the Ozarks off the fishing pier at Eagan's Twin Coves Resort, where the family vacationed every year, near Laurie, Missouri.

Mary Lou is known to have married a man named Thompson and had three children, one of which is named Dianne. Joanne married a man named Raines. Claude is known to have been a high school teacher in a Kansas City School. Beverly married Thomas K. Blust. Ernest married and divorced Linda Farry, and remarried to Donna. Clarence Mac married and divorced Norma Cutler, and remarried to Kimberly Clady.

LECHO NELLIE (MC FALL) THOMSON MANEKE, born 18 July 1887, in Bertrand, Gosper County, Nebraska, daughter of William O. and Annie T. McFall. Little is known about her childhood. The family is known to have lived in Nebraska, New Mexico, and Kansas. Lecho had two sisters: May G., born in October of 1888, in New Mexico, and Nadine C., born in April of 1894 in Kansas. Lecho married Claude W. Thomson of Slater, Missouri, and they had one child, Pike McFall Mac Thomson. Lecho and Claude divorced when Mac was a young child. Lecho later remarried to Ernest Maneke and moved to Joliet, Illinois. Lecho suffered a heart attack while waiting at a train depot in Bloomington, Illinois, where she died 8 January 1946. She was buried in Slater City Cemetery, 11 January 1946.

Lecho's father, William O. McFall, was born February of 1859, in Iowa, and worked as a conductor. William's parents names are not known, but his father was born in Indiana, and his mother was born in South Carolina. William's wife, Annie T., was born in October of 1867, in Kentucky, where her parents were also born.

LILLIAN (THOMSON) CRAWFORD, born in Slater, Missouri, daughter of John W. and Julia F. Thomson. Lillian married Victor L. Crawford, and moved to St. Louis, where they had one child, Julia Crawford, who later married William McQueen. William and Julia's marriage did not last long, separating six months after the birth of their son, actor Steve McQueen, full name Terrence Stephen McQueen, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Julia was only nineteen when Steve was born. After her marriage broke up, Julia took her child to Slater, Missouri, to live with her uncle, Claude W. Thomson. Julia and Steve only stayed a short while, due to crowded conditions as Julia's cousin, Pike McFall Thomson, and his family were also living there, doubling up due to the Depression. Julia and child then returned to Indianapolis, for almost three years, only to return to Slater and leave her child with her uncle Claude to be raised for the six years while she moved to Los Angelos, California. She returned six years later and took Steve back to Indianapolis, and three years later they moved to California in the Silver Lake area. The relationship between Julia and Steve is said to not have been a close one. Julia died of cerebral hemorrage, 15 October 1965, at the Mount Zion Hospital in San Franscico, California.

Pfefferkorn Family

JOSEPH PFEFFERKORN, born in 1769 in Weber, France, son of Pierre "Peter" and

Elisabeth (Lauber) Pfefferkorn. He married Barbara "Barbe" Lehmann, born in 1780. They had one son, Josef Pfefferkorn. Joseph died in Schirrhein, Germany, 13 December 1823.

Josef Pfefferkorn was born 15 February 1811, in Schirrhein, Germany. He was a farmer, weaver, and soldiers. He married Anna Marie Muhlheissler, 7 November 1842. Anna Marie Muhlheissler, born 15 January 1810, daughter of Joseph, born in 1787, Soufflenheim, Germany, died 31 December 1828, in Schirrhein, and Anne Marie (Schitter) Muhlheissler, married 22 July 1809. Anne Marie died 16 July 1876. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph, died 11 January 1794, and Margaretha (Hohn) Muhlheissler, died 16 December 1810. Her maternal grandparents were Simon, died 25 April 1810, and Anne Marie (Lehmann) Schitter, died somtime after 1809.

Josef and Anna Marie had one son, Jean "John" Josef, died 14 August 1848, in Schirrhein.

John Pfefferkorn, son of Josef and Anna Marie (Muhlheissler) Pfefferkorn, born 15 May 1843, tombstone says 28 May, in Schirrhein, Germany, canton Strasbourg, Germany, France. His birth registration lists his name in the French, Jean, and his marriage certificate to Carolina Thalmann, 25 September 1871, lists his name in the German, Johann.

Three children of John and Carolina: James, born 20 December 1871, Mary, born 1874, and Louise, born 4 July 1875, were all born in Germany prior to the family's 1876 immigration to America. The Pfefferkorns settled in DeKalb County, Smithfield Township, near St. Michael's Church. After settling in DeKalb County, John and Carolina had seven more children: Regina, John Jr., Carolina, Rose Marie, Anthony, Andrew, and Clementine.

The ancestors of John and Carolina Pfefferkorn came from the Alsace region of modern day France, near Strasbourg. This area has gone back and forth from Germany to France several times. The Pfefferkorns were German-speaking people and members of the Roman Catholic Church.

John Pfefferkorn died of consumption, 5 November 1899, and is buried at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Catherine Carolina (Thalmann) Pfefferkorn, born 23 December 1842, daughter of Franz Anthon II and Magdalena (Breuve) Thalmann, in Oberhaslach, Germany. Her paternal grandparents were Franz-Anthon I and Francoise (Mathieu) Thalmann, daughter of Michel Mathieu. Franz-Anthon II, born 3 September 1812, son of Franz-Anthon I, who was born in 1783, in Oberhaslach, Germany, to Steffan and Marguerite (Aufschneider) Thalmann. Catherine Carolina (Thalmann) Pfefferkorn, died of pneumonia, 7 November 1923, at the age of eighty. She is buried at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Rose Marie Pfefferkorn, daughter of John and Catharine Pfefferkorn, married Henry Joseph Schmidt, 29 October 1907, at St. Michael's Church. They were the parents of five children: Mildred Genevieve, born 3 September 1910; Margaret Agnes, born 27 March 1914; Irene; Robert; and Paul.

Henry Joseph Schmidt, born the oldest of nine children, 22 March 1880, to Henry Joseph and Genevieve Schmidt. Henry was a molder. He died 14 December 1968, and is buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville, Indiana.

Frank Duncan Family

FRANK ALLAN and SIGRID DUNCAN, and daughter Ann, age two, moved to Auburn to establish a dental practice in 1953. Dr. Duncan was returning to private practice after serving as a Captain in the United States Air Force Medical Service, with the 142nd Fighter Squadron at the Itazuke Air Force Base in Kyushu, Japan.

He graduated from Northwestern University Dental School in 1951, with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, and earned his Bachelor of Science and Arts degree at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

It was at Kalamazoo College that he met Sigrid Nelson, who became his wife in 1950. She was graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree and certification in journalism. Following graduation from college, she was employed as a reporter for several years by The Wall Street Journal in the Detroit and Chicago offices. Of this marriage were born three children: Ann, in 1951, Jon, in 1954, and Julia, in 1957. Sigrid taught school in the DeKalb Central System, wrote articles for the Evening Star, and authored *The Diamond Jubilee History of Auburn* for City National Bank's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Dr. Duncan, of Scottish and German descent, was born to Frank A. Duncan, Senior, and Altha (Straube) Duncan in Buffalo, New York. They later moved to South Bend, where Frank was offered employment at The Bendix Corporation Altha was Supervisor of Nurses at Memorial Hospital. Sigrid, of Swedish, Scotch, and Irish descent, was born to John and Ella (Bleakley) Nelson, of Berkley, Michigan. The Bleakley family were early settlers of the Royal Oak, Michigan area. John Nelson (Sigrid's father) was an automotive engineer. He received his degree from the University of Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr. Duncan was awarded honorary alumni status by Indiana University Dental School in 1984, for his outstanding service to dentistry. His dental degree is from Northwestern University. In 1972, he was inducted as a Fellow in the International College of Dentists. He served on the Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners, and the District Isaac Knapp Dental Society in many offices, and as a trustee of the Indiana State Dental Association. He gave clinics at meetings on dental techniques. He is active in community affairs, having served on the Board of Directors and been president of the YMCA, the Session of the Presbyterian Church, the Lions Club, the Elks Club, and currently he is Chairman of the DeKalb County Board of Health, which he has served since 1965.

Daughter Ann Duncan was a DeKalb High School Cheerleader for the Sectional winning football and basketball teams of 1966-1969. She attended Miami University of Ohio, and married Harry Kneifel of Hobart, Indiana, in 1975. They have two sons: Joshua and Nathan. Ann lives in Naperville, Illinois, where she works with her husband, who is vice-president of Heartland Industries.

Son Jon Duncan graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972, where he was president of the class. He received a B.A. degree from DePauw University of Greencastle, Indiana, and a law degree from DePaul University Law School in Chicago, where he practices law with the firm of Miller, Mass, and Josephson.

Daughter Julia Duncan was a DeKalb High School Cheerleader 1971-1975, a member of the Conglomeration Singing Group, Homecoming Queen in 1975. She graduated from Indiana University with a degree in dental hygiene, and practices with her father. Julia married William (Bill) Heimach and lives in Auburn. Bill is employed by Rieke Corporation.

Dennis Kruse Family

DENNIS K. KRUSE, born 7 October 1946, at Souder's Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of Russell W. and Luella M. (Boger) Kruse. His paternal grandparents were Fred and Goldie (Gerig) Kruse. His maternal grandparents were Lester and Lazeal (Witt) Boger.

Kay Adele Yerden, born 12 November 1947, at Allegan General Hospital, Allegan, Michigan, daughter of Maurice R. and Lenore E. (Hazelrigg) Yerden, presently of Lakeland, Florida. Her paternal grandparents are Ivan G. and Elsie M. (Beardsley) Yerden, now of Lakeland, Florida. Her maternal grandparents were Glenn H. and Gladys E. (Taylor) Hazelrigg of Allegan, Michigan, now both deceased. She has one brother, Frank M. Yerden, Santa Cruz, California, and one sister, Constance M. (Yerden) Creviston, Carmel, Indiana.

Kay's paternal great great grandfather, William P. Stowell, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Liverpool, England, and immigrated with his family to Jamestown, New York. After his entrance into the war as a Union soldier in 1863, at the age of seventeen, he was captured by the South and held prisoner at Andersonville, Georgia. He died in 1907 and is buried in Otsego, Michigan.

Recent conversations with her mother have confirmed that Kay is a seventh cousin to Robert Browning, 1812-1889, Victorian Age poet of England. Kay has a first cousin named Aurora Leigh, the title of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's, Robert's wife, longest narrative work. In 1983, Dennis and Kay had the opportunity to visit Westminster Abbey, London, England, where Browning is buried.

Other family history, though presently oral, says Kay's paternal grandfather, Ivan G. Yerden, is a descendant of Horace Greely, 1811-1872, a prominent American newspaper publisher who founded the *New York Tribune*, and that her maternal grandfather, Glenn Hamilton Hazelrigg, was a descendant of Alexander Hamilton, 1755-1804, an American Statesman during the Revolutionary War.

Dennis attended Anderson College and graduated from Indiana University in 1970. He worked for eighteen years as a Realtor and Auctioneer for Kruse Real Estate and Kruse Classic Auction Company. He has been employed by Ambassador Steel Corporation, Auburn, for the past six years, and has been Jackson Township Trustee since 1983. He is currently chairman of the Board of Northeast Indiana Youth for Christ, and is a Board member of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Kay graduated from Douglas MacArthur High School, Saginaw, Michigan, in 1966. She attended Anderson College from 1966-1968, where she studied education and sang in a college touring trio for two years.

Dennis and Kay met in Anderson, Indiana, as students of Anderson College. They were married 22 December 1968, at the County Line Church of God. They have three sons: Dennis K II "Matthew", born 15 November 1974, John Mark, born 26 June 1980, and Timothy James, born 15 October 1984.

The Kruse family attends the County Line Church of God, Auburn, where Dennis teaches Sunday School and is presently serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and is chairman of both the Board of Christian Education and the Church Executive Council. Kay is an active member of the Church Choir and serves on occasion as a soloist and member of various musical ensembles.

The Kruse family enjoys travel, reading, and living in rural Auburn. They have shared a special enthusiasm for the opportunity to open their home for a prayer and discipleship group the past twelve years as an extension of their church life.

DON SHELDON POTTER, born 16 October 1937, in Decatur, Indiana, son of Clarence Atwood and Edythe Emma (Whiteman) Potter. His paternal grandparents were Oliver and Ella (Muth) Potter. His maternal grandparents were Orlando and Mina (Gearhart) Whitman, all from Geneva, Indiana.

Nancy Lee Yarde, born 19 February 1937, southwest of Garrett, Indiana, daughter of John R. and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde. Her paternal grandparents were Frank and Alice (Smith) Yarde. Her maternal grandparents were Lee and Edna (Brace) Wilmot.

Don and Nancy were both graduates of Garrett High School, with the class of 1955. They were married 26 July 1958, in the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren by Reverend Glen Mulligan.

Don attended Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana, from 1956 to 1957. He transferred to Ball State University in 1958 and graduated in 1960. That year he became employed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1965, Don was transferred by Lincoln Life to their New Jersey office, where he worked until 1983. He is now back in the Fort Wayne office as Second Vice President in the Insurance Underwriting Department.

Nancy attended Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, from 1955 to 1956, then transferred to Ball State University and graduated in 1959. She taught first grade in the Muncie, Indiana, school system in 1960-1961. She later became employed as a teacher in the Livingston, New Jersey, Community Schools and remained there until the Potter family returned to Fort Wayne in 1983.

Mr. Potter was an only child. His father, Clarence A. Potter, worked as a railway mail clerk on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, and died in August, 1964. His mother, Edythe Potter, worked at Haffner's Variety Store for many years, and died in October, 1969. Nancy has one brother, Dale Yarde, and one sister, Doris (Yarde) Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter are the parents of four daughters. Their oldest, Shari (Potter) Calabrese, born 25 October 1960, lives and teaches school in New Jersey. Their twins are Julie Ann and Jill Renee, born 21 March 1962. Julie lives and works as a genetics counselor on Long Island, New York. Jill teaches Spanish in New Jersey. Jennifer Elaine, born 7 August 1972, attends Northrup High School in Fort Wayne.

After growing up in Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Potter and their family moved back to Garrett in 1962, where they lived in their Lee Street home until moving to New Jersey in 1965. In 1983, they returned to Arlington Park in Fort Wayne. Over the years, Don and Nancy have kept many close ties to family and friends in Garrett.

BRUCE D. and JILL A. HAMILTON, moved to Auburn in August of 1978 as newlyweds. Both began their married lives as teachers for the DeKalb County Central United School District. Bruce taught at Fairfield Elementary School from 1977 to 1981. In September, 1981, he transferred to McIntosh Elementary School in Auburn, and taught there until June of 1985. At that time, he became principal at Ashley and Fairfield Elementary Schools. During his teaching

Bruce Hamilton Family

years, Bruce coached wrestling at DeKalb Junior High School and at DeKalb High School. Jill served as an itinerant speech, language, and hearing clinician for the district beginning in 1978.

Bruce, born 15 June 1955, in New Castle, Indiana. He was the third of four sons born to Richard and Doris Hamilton. Jill, born in Kendallville, Indiana, as Jill A. Rowlinson, 2 June 1956. She was the eldest of two children born to Paul J. and Donnabelle Rowlinson. Bruce and Jill met in Kendallville as students at East Noble High School. After graduating from high school in 1973, Bruce attended Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, receiving his B.S. degree in Education in 1977. Following high school graduation in 1974, Jill attended Ball State University and graduated with a B.S. degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1978. Both, later, obtained M.S. degrees in Education from Indiana University.

On 22 July 1978, Bruce and Jill were married in Kendallville at the Faith United Methodist Church. The Hamiltons are the parents of two children: April N., born 28 march 1983, and Lisa M., born 2 September 1985.

The family belongs to the First Christian Church, where Bruce has served as deacon and Sunday School teacher. He is currently a Trustee of the Eckhart Public Library and an active member of the Auburn Lions Club. Jill has served the church as a deacon, deaconess, and Sunday School teacher. She is currently the secretary of the Church Board and an active member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

JOHN and EDWARD HINKLE, two grandsons of Mrs. Barker's, purchased eighty acres of land in Troy Township in 1890. John, his wife Emma, and their children, Olivia, Streeper, Laura, and Orrin, moved to the farm. In 1898, John and Emma Hinkle sold their share of the farm to Edward Hinkle. John and his family moved to Ohio.

Edward and his wife, Margaret, and their children: Clarence, Mildred, and Jessie, moved to the Troy Township farm. Margaret and the children spent the rest of their lives in Troy Township. At the time of his death, Edward resided in Edgerton, Ohio. The family enjoyed playing musical instruments and singing. Edward played the violin, as did Clarence. Mildred played the cornet, and she and Jessie both played the piano. Later, grandchildren would share this appreciation of music, playing several different instruments. At one time or another, they played in orchestras and bands.

Orrin Barker, in his nineties at this time, visited his nephews, John and Edward Hinkle, as well as other relatives. At the farm, they spent time reminiscing about their childhoods and comparing their achievements, especially athletic endeavors.

Jessie, the youngest, married George Blaker and lived at what is now 7657 County Road 12. Her husband farmed and she was a homemaker and mother of Marguerite and Lloyd Blaker. Marguerite became a teacher and married Charley Sharp. Charley farmed in Troy Township. Marguerite combined homemaking, raising a family, and teaching in Troy and Franklin Township schools, as well as the Hamilton Community Schools. Their children are Darlene and Steven. Marguerite and Charley are retired in Tennessee.

Mildred married Ray Bell and together they farmed at what is now 1255 County Road 73. She was a homemaker and mother of Wendell. He later farmed and worked in factories. Wendell and his wife, Esther, are the parents of Deborah, Aaron, and Dinah. Aaron has also been a farmer in Troy Township. Wendell manages his farm, although he, Esther, and Aaron live in Auburn.

Clarence Hinkle chose Leeta Eddy, a school teacher, to be his wife and homemaker. He spent his life farming the land his father bought in 1890 and an additional seventy acres he purchased. This land was located at the southeast, southwest, and the northwest corners of the junction of County Roads 8 and 77. Clarence spent leisure moments listening to and sending messages on his amateur Ham radio.

Lois Hinkle, the daughter of Clarence and Leeta Hinkle, married Ralph King. She has lived in either Troy, Wilmington, or Franklin Townships all her life. While still a little girl, her father took her to visit the grave of the aforementioned Mrs. Barker. Her children are John, George, Ruth, and Karen. She combined homemaking, raising her family, and teaching in the schools of Moore and Butler Elementary. She is retired and currently manages both her farm in Franklin Township at 1981 County Road 61, and what was her father's farm in Troy Township.

Her younger daughter, Karen Tuttle Rieke, is a third generation educator, teaching in the DeKalb Central School Corporation. Karen is the mother of Tracy and Michelle. Tracy, along with her husband, Jeff Wilhelm, and daughter, Chelsea, live in Smithfield Township. Michelle is a student at Indiana University, Bloomington.

CHARLES THOMAS SHOUDEL, born 23 May 1894, in Fowler, Indiana, son of Mathias and Clara (Fox) Shoudel. His paternal grandparents were Michael J. and his first wife, Franciscia Schaudel, daughter of Mathew Schaudel and Joanna Catharina Keller. The Schaudel family immigrated to America from Germany in May of 1869. Michael J. and Franciscia had five children: Baltdasar, Magdalene "Lena", Mathais, Catherine, and Joanes "John." Franciscia died in 1865, and Michael J. took Catherina Klein, daughter of Michael and Catherina Klein, as his second wife. Their children were Barbara, Otilla "Dillia", Anna, Michael J., and Mary.

Charles Thomas Shoudel's maternal grandparents were August and Mary Ann Fox, who immigrated from France, in 1850. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, Anna, Frances, Henry Emma, Clara, Charles, Rosa, Agnes, Martha, William, and Theresa. All were born in Indiana.

Marie Gertrude Sobraske, born at Ege, Indiana, 13 April 1898, daughter of Joseph II and Martha Jane (Snider) Sobraske. Her paternal grandparents were Joseph Sobieralski I, of Dobienewek, Poland and Mary Ann Fusz Foote of Alsace, Loraine. Joseph and Mary Ann were the parents of Jacob, Martin, John, Joseph II, and Catherine. Marie Shoudel's maternal grandparents were John Snider and Martha Jane Majors, of Ohio.

Charles and Marie were married 10 October 1934, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Indiana. Charles Thomas Shoudel was married first to a Cora Mansfield and their children were Donald, of Fort Wayne, Carl, of Palmetto, Florida, and Ladonna, of Garrett. After his first wife died, he then married Marie Sobrakse and their children were: Mary Lou, married Earl DeWitt; Martha Jane, married Richard Anderson; and Charles Edward.

Charles Thomas was employed all his life with the City of Garrett. He died 30 June 1972, in Garrett, Indiana. Marie was a housewife and she died in April of 1979. She left a brother, Edmond, of Minnesota, and two sisters: Charolette Aspel, of Garrett, and Katherine Deardorf, of Mishawaka, Indiana.

Charles and Marie were members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett. They are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

CHARLES EDWARD SHOUDEL, born 19 May 1940, at Garrett, Indiana, son of Charles Thomas and Marie (Sobraske) Shoudel. His paternal grandparents were Mathias and Clara (Fox) Shoudel. His maternal grandparents were Joseph II and Martha Jane (Snider) Sobraske, daughter of John and Martha Jane (Majors) Snider.

Barbara Jean Gerber, born 22 September 1940, near Avilla, Indiana, daughter of Peter James and Gladys Marion (Pettit) Gerber. Her paternal grandparents were David Peter and Mary (Simon) Gerber. The Gerber family came from Bern, Switzerland, and they can trace their family back to the late 1600s. The Simon family came from Turin, Italy, and the Italian spelling of Simon is Simeono. Her maternal grandparents were Valentine William and Anna Laura (Ranny) Pettit. The Pettit family comes from Burlington County, New Jersey around 1771, and the Ranny family from Bershire, Sheffield County, Massachusetts.

Charles and Barbara were married 6 October 1962, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, by Father Donald Gillig. They graduated from Garrett High School in the class of 1958.

Charles served four years in the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command, stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. He has been employed at Borg Warner for nineteen and a half years and four years at Auburn Gear.

Barbara has worked in the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Cafeteria since 1974. She is now the Assistant Manager and has been for the past three years.

Mrs. Shoudel has two brothers: James Richard and Carl LeRoy Gerber, of Garrett, and one sister, Belva (Gerber) Mossberger of Garrett.

Charles and Barbara are the parents of three children, all are graduates of Garrett High School. Thomas Michael, born 12 August 1963. Tom is a graduate of ITT in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is employed at Magnavox, Garrett; Jamie Sue, born 19 October 1964, Garrett, Indiana. Jamie is a graduate of International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. She works as an accountant at Zollner Pistons in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Charles Thomas, born 25 November 1965. Charles is a graduate of ITT in

Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is employed as an Architectural Draftsman at Food Marketing in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Shoudels live in Garrett, Indiana. Charles and Barbara have lived here since 1964. They love doing things as a family. All are members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and they are members of the Garrett American Legion Post No. 178. They like to go camping and hiking. The men like their ice fishing and hunting and all are avid sports fans when it comes to football and ice hockey. Tracing their family history and crocheting are just a few more.

Karl and Ilene Sliger

KARL B. SLIGER, born 18 July 1930, at Garrett, Indiana, son of Karl W. and Clara (Miller) Sliger. His paternal grandparents were Ezra A. and Lillie (Waugh) Sliger. His maternal grandparents were Jospeh K. and Gertrude (Zircher) Miller.

Ilene R. Balliet, born 21 October 1933, in Butler Township, Garrett, daughter of Randall R. and Mabel (Kruse) Balliet. Her paternal grandparents were Aaron and Lenora (Moody) Balliet. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Mary (Amstutz) Kruse.

Karl attended West Richland Grade School and graduated from Garrett High School in 1948. He also attended Purdue University. He was a 4-H member for ten years and a 4-H Junior Leader for five years. He was also a member of the Future Farmers of America organization for seven years and State F.F.A. Board for two years. He received the American Farmers Degree in 1951, at Kansas City, Missouri. As a member of the DeKalb County Rural Youth organizations for fourteen years, he served as its president two years and also served on the Indiana State Rural Youth Board for two years.

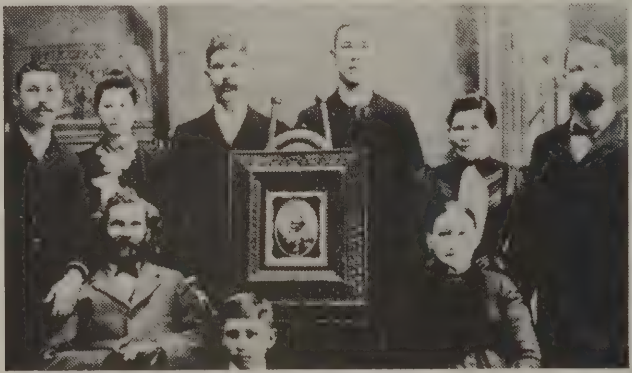
He served two years in the United States Infantry and attained the rank of Sergeant.

He farmed with his father and brothers, Bob and Ken, during high school and until about 1963. At that time, Karl and Ilene purchased their home and farm east of Auburn and moved there.

Karl hired out as a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in September, 1955, where he is still employed as a freight conductor.

Karl and Ilene were married 21 October 1959, in Garrett, Indiana, where they lived until moving to Auburn in 1963.

Ilene attended grade school in Butler Township, Garrett, and graduated from Auburn High School in 1951. She worked as a secretary at Wiley Export in Auburn for seven years until they closed, at which time, she became secretary to the Regional Manager of Midwestern United Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne for six years. After several years at home, she worked one year full time and several years part time for Kruse and Kruse Attorneys in Auburn.



Jonathan Shook Family

JONATHAN SHOOK, born 19 November 1835, in Jefferson Township, Stark County, Ohio. His parents were Jonathan and Mary (Strawser) Shook, Pennsylvania, natives of German descent. At the age of two, he was bound to Frederick Strawser for his board and clothes until the age of sixteen. Jonathan worked for farmers, for wages until he was twenty-one. He then went to Pennsylvania to visit his father, whom he had never seen. He went to his father's blacksmith schop and asked for a night's lodging, not thinking his father would know him, and they had a pleasant visit for four days. Jonathan returned to Ohio, and the next year began to work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fourteen years.

Rebecca Conrad, 1835-1902, was a native of Summit County, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Fisher) Conrad, natives of Pennsylvania.

Jonathan and Rebecca were married 31 August 1854, in Ohio. Jonathan rented a farm until the fall of 1865, when he came to DeKalb County, Indiana, and settled on a farm in Fairfield Township. He owned eighty acres of choice land, and his residence and farm buildings were large and comforable. A Democrat, he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church.

They were the parents of eight children: Elma, born 1855, died 1883, married Charles E. Paxon, daughter Cora; Harriet, born 1857, died 1902, married a Swartz, daughter Wanita; Dr. Nelson J., born 1860, died 1941, married Angilla Swartz, son Nevan; David, born 1962, died 1926, married Mertie Bower, children, Harry, Metha, Benjamin, Angella, Helen; Emory, born 1865, died 1938, married Bertha Orr, Jessie Rudolph, daughter Ila Lee; Benjamin, born 1869, died 1944, married Winifred Murray, sons, Hubert, Donald, Henry, Richard, Howard; Mary Ann, born 1872, died 1900, married John Witt, son Emory; Frank, born 1877, died 1943, married Ida Henney, no children.

Three of the sons were elected for DeKalb County offices. Emory and Frank were both Auditors, and Benjamin was County Coroner.

Benjamin and Winifred Shook

BENJAMIN OSCAR SHOOK, born 8 January 1869, in Richland Township. He was the son of Jonathan and Rebecca (Conrad) Shook. He graduated from Corunna High School in 1887, and taught school for a short time.

Winifred Lyle Murray, born 18 November 1875, in Spencerville, daughter of James Henry and Margaret Donaldson (Langley) Murray.

Benjamin and Winifred were married Thursday, 21 December 1893, in Spencerville, Indiana.

Benjamin attended Miami Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in 1902. He practiced medicine in Wolcottville, with his brother, Dr. Nelson Shook, before coming to Spencerville and St. Joe, where he continued his practice for forty-two years.

Dr. Shook suffered from reoccurring tuberculosis and underwent treatment in Saranac Lake, New York, and Hot Springs, Arkansas. His son, Donald, died of tuberculosis.

Dr. Shook served two terms as coroner, elected on the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Spencerville. He died 13 December 1944, when his automobile was struck by a passenger train at an icy Wabash Railroad crossing southwest of Spencerville.

Winifred died from a heart condition, 27 June 1962. A lifelong resident of Spencerville, she belonged to the Spencerville Lutheran Church and the Spencerville Eastern Star.

Benjamin and Winifred were the parents of Huber Herman, born 1895, died 1979; Donald Langley, born 1898, died 1926; Henry Murray, born 1906, died 1983; Richard LaMarr, born 1913, died 1980; and Howard, who died in infancy.

HUBERT HERMAN SHOOK, born in 1895, and died in 1979, son of Dr. Benjamin O. and Winifred Lyle (Murray) Shook. He graduated from Spencerville High School's fourth annual Commencement on Friday evening, 15 May 1914, at eight o'clock. There were nine graduates is his class. He attended Wittenberg College, where he belonged to the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. To earn money for college, Hubert and his cousin, Murray Erick, raised pickles in the area that is currently the home of Wayne and Marge Shook.

From 1917 to 1921, Hubert was a student at the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati. Following graduation, he held internship at the Cincinnati General Hospital. He served as Assistant Resident from 1922 to 1924 in the department of Internal Medicine.

The Ohio National Life Insurance Company elected him Assistant Medical Director in 1924, and Medical Director in 1925.

He married Esther Hiner in 1919, and was divorced in 1941. He subsequently married Sara Willy. Sara had served in the United States Navy.

Hubert was an avid golfer and expert bridge player. After his retirement, he and Sara retired to Mesa, Arizona. Following Hubert's death, Sara moved to Boco Rotan, Florida.

DONALD EUGENE FRIEND, born 12 April 1926, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Arthur M. Friend and Berniece B. Peters of rural Auburn. On 20 April 1947, he married Leanna M. Freeze, daughter of John M. Freeze II and Florence M. Hite of Garrett. She was born 12 April 1927. They were married in the Presbyterian Church of Garrett.

Donald's paternal grandparents are Charles S. Friend and Daisy L. Squires. His maternal grandparents are Charles L. Peters and Pearl B. Garman. Leanna's paternal grandparents are John M. Freeze I and Clara Keesler. Her maternal grandparents are Oscar Hite and Ida Gerber.

Donald was graduated from Spencerville High School in 1944, while Leanna was a graduate of Garrett High School in 1945. They met at the Silvermoon Skating Rink in Waterloo.

Donald works in the inspection department at Rieke Corporation. He has farmed all his life and owns one hundred acres southeast of Auburn. He is very active in the Masonic Fraternity. He has served as officer and presided over eleven different Masonic organizations at local and state level. He has received many honorary titles and awards, including Past Grand High Priest, Past Governor-York Rite Sovereign College, Knight York Cross of Honor, receiving the Purple Cross and DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Donald and Leanna are the parents of five children: Cynthia S., born 31 January 1948; Michael W., born 7 January 1950; Jerry L., born 24 November 1952; Randall E., born 3 November 1954; and Kathleen A., born 1 November 1959. Kathy lost her life in a traffic accident 1 April 1977. Her cheerful smile and energetic lifestyle are greatly missed.

Donald and Leanna are members of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

CYNTHIA SUE FRIEND, born 31 January 1948, in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Donald E. Friend and Leanna M. Freeze, of Auburn. On 16 August 1969, she married Billy L. Troop of Fort Wayne. He was born 10 February 1946, son of Lewis T. Troop and Betty L. Brandt. They were married in the First Methodist Church in Auburn.

Cindy's paternal grandparents are Arthur M. Friend and Berniece B. Peters of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents are John M. Freeze II and Florence M. Hite, of Garrett. Bill's paternal grandparents are Harold Troop and Clara DeMongoet of Fort Wayne. His maternal grandparents are Floyd Halterman and Marjorie Robins, of Mentone, Indiana.

Cindy was a graduate of Auburn High School in 1966. She was graduated from the Parkview School of Nursing in 1969. Bill is a 1964 graduate of Northside High School in Fort Wayne, and a 1981 graduate of St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. Cindy works at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, while Bill is self-employed in the construction business.

Cindy and Bill have two children: Laura M., born 26 November 1970, and Eric A., born 20 May 1973. They currently live in Fort Wayne. They are members of the Wayne Street First United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

MICHAEL WAYNE FRIEND, born 1 January 1950, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Donald E. Friend and Leanna M. Freeze, of Auburn. On 17 August 1974, he married Maureen L. Loney, of Fort Wayne. Maureen was born 18 July 1953, to Norman N. Loney and Joan M. Bobay, of Fort Wayne. They were married in St. Judes Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Mike's paternal grandparents are Arthur M. Friend and Berneice B. Peters of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are John M. Freeze II and Florence M. Hite, of Garrett. Maureen's paternal grandparents are James W. Loney and Verona A. Reitz of Fort Wayne. Her maternal grandparents are Carl Bobay and Louise M. Franke of Fort Wayne.

Mike was a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School. In 1976, he received a B.S. in Biological Science from Purdue University and in 1981, received his M.S. in Biological Science from Purdue. Maureen was graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, in 1971, and received an Associate Degree in Applied Science in 1973 from Purdue University. Mike works for the Weaver Popcorn Company in Van Buren, Indiana.

Mike and Maureen have three children: Kathleen M. Katie, born 18 January 1977, Julia A., born 16 May 1980, and David M., born 11 May 1985. They currently live in Fort Wayne. They are members of the St. Charles Catholic Church.

Jerry Lee Friend Family

JERRY L. FRIEND, born 24 November 1952, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Donald E. Friend and Leanna M. Freeze of Auburn. On 22 July 1978, he married Lorelei L. Schrock, daughter of Darwin E. Schrock and Barbara L. Hensch, of Wolcottville, Indiana. She was born 4 August 1956, in Kendallville, Indiana. They were married in the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Jerry's paternal grandparents are Arthur M. Friend and Berneice B. Peters of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are John M. Freeze II and Florence M. Hite, of Garrett. Lori's paternal grandparents are Mose T. Schrock and Alice Troyer of Wolcottville, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Clarence Hensch and Catherine Dennis of Fort Wayne.

Jerry was graduated from DeKalb High School in 1971, and attended Ball State University for one year before being drafted into the army. He served in A Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. After leaving the service, he attended classes at Purdue University in Fort Wayne. Since 1978, Jerry has worked at Rieke Corporation in Auburn. Lori is a 1974 graduate of Lakeland High School. She worked at Electric Cord Sets in Wolcottville, for two years, and after getting married, she worked at Essex Controls in Auburn for six years.

Jerry and Lori have three children: Phillip R.,born 19 May 1980; Grant T., born 3 October 1983; and Jeffrey M., born 1 November 1986. They currently live in Auburn. They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Randall E. and Linda Friend

RANDALL E. FRIEND, born 3 November 1954, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Donald E. Friend and Leanna M. Freeze of Auburn. He married Linda K. Zeider, of Garrett, 10 November 1979, at the First United Methodist Church of Auburn. Linda, born 31 August 1958, in Garrett, to William H. Zeider and Carolyn J. Nodine.

Randy's paternal grandparents are Arthur M. Friend and Berneice B. Peters of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are John M. Freeze II and Florence M. Hite of Garrett. Linda's paternal grandparents are Harold W. Zeider and Inza A. Pyatt of Altona, Indiana, Her maternal grandparents are Lafayette W. Nodine and Mildred L. Streb of Garrett.

Randy was a 1973 graduate of DeKalb High School and attended Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Linda was a Garrett High School graduate in 1976, and attended classes at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She is a computer operator for Stanadyne in Garrett.

Randy and Linda have one child, Adam E., born 9 November 1982. They currently reside in Auburn.

They are affiliated with the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Dr. Floyd Coleman Family

FLOYD COLEMAN and EVA moved to Waterloo, Indiana, in January of 1948, from U.S. Army service in Battle Creek, Michigan, to fill a void left by the death of family physician Dr. Ethan Ish. DeKalb County doctors were heavily overworked trying to meet the medical needs of this area. Competition in medical care was minimal. Among the active medical doctors in DeKalb County were Loren Jinnings, Charles Weirich, Charles Novy, Kantzer, and the late Patch A.V. Hines, Harry Covell, Bonnell Souder, Everett Rogers, C.B. Hathaway, and Perry Reynolds. In 1948, the charge for an office visit was two or three dollars and this often included medication.

In 1952, Dr. Coleman volunteered to serve as deputy coroner for Dr. Perry Reynolds of Garrett until he resigned as coroner. Dr. Coleman was then appointed by Governor Henry Schricker to finish the term of office. He was then elected for two consecutive terms as County Coroner.

From 1948 until 1965, the Coleman family grew from three to eight children: David, now a

TWA Pilot, living in Escondido, California, married Janet Miller of Nebraska; Janet Lucas, former Miss DeKalb County, a social worker, living in Portland, Oregon, married John Howard Lucas; Diann McBride, a teacher, living in Kokomo, Indiana, married Tom McBride; Anita Diehl, wife of Pastor Ralph Diehl, Calvary Chapel, Waterloo, Indiana; Brenda Harris, living in Lubbock, Texas, husband Mike is minister of music, Trinity Church; Loretta Smith, wife of Dr. Thomas Smith, Bluffton Clinic, Bluffton, Indiana; Stan Coleman, graduate of Oral Roberts University, taking post graduate work at Tulsa University where he is also serving as associate professor of English, married Christine Cain; Rachel is a student at Oral Roberts University working for a degree in psychology and German and plans to study in Germany this year.

The World War II baby boom was in bloom and for several years Dr. Coleman attended at nearly one hundred thirty deliveries per year until 1968.

In 1958, Dr. Coleman earned his private pilot license and flew J-3's Taylor-Crafts and Stinsons single engine, logging nearly one thousand hours. On one return trip from Detroit at night the navigational equipment in the old Stinson failed and Coleman piloted the plane to the old Auburn airport with the help of TV and radio towers, as well as the city lights. VFR flights often necessitated railroad lines as an aid to navigation.

Among Dr. Coleman's ambitions was to serve in medical mission work. Short terms, two to eight weeks, were spent in British Honduras, Belize, in Central America in association with Youth with a Mission and Nigeria, Africa. Other globe trotting included the Philippines, Hong Kong, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Panama, and Europe.

In 1968, Coleman was first elected to serve in the Indiana State Legislature, representing DeKalb and Steuben Counties, where he served through 1976. Among many bills he authored and introduced, were stable year round time for Indiana, Right turn of Red, and Auto Drunk Driving Laws.

Dr. Coleman and his wife, Eva, were raised to worship in the Acapella Church of Christ, and were instrumental in helping that church be established in Waterloo in 1948, first meeting in the Town Hall. In 1952, that congregation built a new worship house at Washington and Maple Streets, which has become the Waterloo Calvary Chapel, where Dr. Coleman is an elder in the growing church under the pastorate of Ralph Diehl.

JACOB WYRICK, born December, 1812, in Montgomery County, Ohio, to Martin and Ruth Wyrick. Jacob's father died when Jacob was twelve years old. Jacob had two sisters: Barbara, married John Weaver and lived in Dayton, Ohio, where John was a farmer. John and Barbara had four children, two of their boys are doctors in Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio. Katharine married and moved to New Orleans, where her husband was a Captain of a boat. They had no children.

Jacob married Marria Feagler, in 1830, at Dayton, Ohio. Marria was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cullers) Feagler. They moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, Richland Township, in 1936. They were the parents of twelve children: Drisilla, married David Pollis and they were the parents of three children; Joseph, died at the age of twenty-five years; Julia, married John McCague and they were the parents of seven children; Rebecca married Daniel Fretz and they were the parents of three children; Susan married Charles Ling and they were the parents of two children; Elizabeth, died in 1865 at William Zehring's with Camp Typhoid, at the age of twenty-two years; Hiram married Mattie and they were the parents of two daughters; Edward was married and lived in Oklahoma. He had two children; William married Lillie Green and they had two sons; Enna married Jess Quinn and they had one son; Ward married and is the parent of a son and a daughter; Caroline Credelia, born 8 February 1844, DeKalb County, Indiana, married Andrew J. Phelps, 21 November 1868. They were the parents of five children.

JOHN FEAGLER, came to DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1836, with his wife, Elizabeth Cullers, settling in Richland Township. They were the parents of six children: Joshua, Henry, John, Margaret, Susan, and Marria.

Joshua Feagler married Frances "Fanny" Clemer, in Ohio, and lived in DeKalb County, Indiana. They were the parents of six boys: Henry, George, John, Silas, David, and William, who all were married and lived in that vicinity. Joshua pioneered with Jacob Wyrick. Joshua and Frances were buried in Auburn, Indiana.

Henry Feagler married Rebecca Weaver, in Ohio, and moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, where they lived and died. They were buried in Auburn, Indiana. Henry and Rebecca were the parents of six children: William, John, Susan, Elizabeth, and Lorena and Joshua, who died young.

John Feagler married Catherine Beck, in Ohio, and moved to DeKalb County, Indiana. They were buried in the Auburn Cemetery. John and Catherine were the parents of five children: Theodore, Martha, Ellen, Jennie, and Rosa.

Margaret Feagler married Frank Moody. They lived and died in DeKalb County, Indiana, and were buried in the Auburn Cemetery. Margaret and Frank were the parents of four children: Rosa, Lydia, Meranda, and Mary.

Susan Feagler married William Zebring in Montgomery County, Ohio, near Miami Town. They moved to Clay Township, Miami County, Indiana, about 1852. They were the parents of six children: Josiah, Frank, Ervin, Alfred, Elizabeth, and John. William served as a representative from this district. William built a brick house one half mile west of Bennetts Switch, Indiana, in 1864. Susan died February, 1865, with Camp Fever and was buried in the Galveston Cemtery. In 1868, William married his second wife, Lucinda (Burton) Wilson and they had one child, Catherine. William died in 1898.

Marria Feagler married Jacob Wyrick, in Ohio, about 1830. They moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, about 1836. They were the parents of twelve children.

CARL W. DILGARD, born 16 September 1884, died 23 May 1963, to Jonas and Mary (Goodwin) Dilgard, of Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Hoy) Dilgard. His maternal grandparents were David and Sarah (Wiltrout) Goodwin, of DeKalb County.

He attended school in the Waterloo area. He married Imogene Mills, born 6 December 1898, died 9 May 1975, to Harley and Grace Mills of Grant Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

To Carl and Imogene were born four children: Roy E., born 12 August 1919; Alice M. (Dilgard) Hedges, born 26 September 1922; Robert C., born 3 June 1932, and Sandra K. (Dilgard) Deal, born 28 January 1941.

Carl was a carpenter and farmer and Imogene was a housewife. They were of the Protestant religion.

VERNIE RAY MONROE, born 16 June 1895, in St. Joe, Indiana, son of Freeman Michael and Mary Maude (Wise) Monroe.

Agnes Irene Sechler, born 21 January 1898, in Concord Township, daughter of Franklin and Mary (Widney) Sechler.

Vernie and Agnes were married 30 December 1917, in Lansing, Michigan. Agnes received a teachers license from Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, and taught school in a one room schoolhouse at Cheesetown in Concord Township.

After their marriage, Agnes continued to teach school while Vernie served in the Army during World War I, where he was stationed in France until the end of the war. Moving then to Marion, Indiana, he was employed by the Standard Oil Company. From Marion they moved to a farm near St. Joe. Vernie was a farmer until later years when he combined farming and working part time as an electrician with Earl Sommers in Auburn. He then was employed by Fruehauf Trailer Company in Fort Wayne, and retired from there after eighteen years of employment.

Mr. Monroe had a twin sister, Violet (Monroe) Copp, and one brother, Stanley F. Monroe.

Mrs. Monroe had three brothers, Leon Sechler, John Sechler, and Ralph Sechler, and two sisters, Grace (Sechler) Dilley, and Avis (Sechler) Staman.

Vernie and Agnes were parents of three children: James R., deceased, William E., living near Syracuse, Indiana, and Nancy (Monroe) Smith, living near Auburn, Indiana.

All five Monroe family members graduated from St. Joe High School, St. Joe, Indiana.

Vernie and Agnes were members of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Indiana.

Agnes passed away on 4 March 1953.

Vernie married Marguerite (Leighty) Perry, 14 April 1956, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They lived on the M.E. Leighty farm located on the County Farm road near Auburn. Later they moved into the Wesley Park Apartments in Auburn, where Marguerite still resides.

Vernie passed away 15 July, 1985, at the age of ninety.

Gregory and Gail Bratton

GREGORY D. BRATTON, born 9 May 1953, at Ellensburg, Washington, son of Robert and Maryann Bratton, of Renton, Washington.

Gail L. Gerig, born 30 March 1953, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Norman and Mary Lou Gerig, of Auburn, Indiana.

Greg attended school at Hazen High School, Renton, Washington, Anderson College, and

Purdue University. Gail attended school at DeKalb High School. They met at Anderson College. They were married 15 June 1974, at County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

Greg has worked at Purdue in Fort Wayne and Mutual Security Life, at Fort Wayne. He is now at Dana in Fort Wayne. Gail has taught music at Eastside Junior-Senior High School and is now employed at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bratton currently live in Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the County Line Church of God. Their hobbies include water activities and travel. Greg sings with "key" gospel quartet and Gail sings with "Classic Chords" barber shop quartet. They were missionaries in Costa Rica for two years. Both toured with "Sounds of Hope" in Europe, 1982.

Michael Gerig Family

MICHAEL WAYNE GERIG, born 14 August 1956, at Garrett, Indiana, son of Norman L. and Mary Lou Gerig, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Elmer and Mary Gerig, of Woodburn, Indiana.

Luanne Betz, born 22 October 1955, at Hicksville, Ohio, daughter of Everett E. Betz, deceased, and Doris Betz Marshall, of Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Otis and Gertrude Betz, both deceased, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandmother, Ival Britton, lives in Camden, Michigan.

Mike and Luanne attended school at DeKalb High School. Mike attended college at Anderson College and Luanne attended Tri-State.

Mike and Luanne met at high school. They were married 23 June 1984, at Indian Village Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

Mike is employed at Plastic Works, Incorporated, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Luanne at Betz Nursing Home, Incorporated, Auburn.

To this union were born: Adam Michael and Angela Britton, twins, born 8 November 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerig currently live near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the County Line Church of God.

Norman and Mary Lou Gerig

NORMAN L. GERIG, born 2 November 1924, at Terre Haute, Indiana, son of Elmer E. and Mary Ann (Steiner) Gerig, of Woodburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are J.M. and Mary Gerig, of Woodburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Paul A. and Magdaline Steiner, of Woodburn, Indiana.

Mary Lou Williamson, born 8 December 1926, at Noble County, Indiana, daughter of Chauncey J. and Althea (Smith) Williamson, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are General and Lavilla Williamson, of Noble County. Her maternal grandparents are George and Laura Smith, of Albion, Indiana.

Norman attended school at Woodburn, Indiana, Woodburn High School. Mary Lou attended school at Northside High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana. They met at the Bells Skating Rink, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Norman is now employed at State Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Mary Lou is employed at DeKalb High School.

To this union were born three children: Kathleen Ann (Gerig) Bowman, born 28 October 1949, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Gail Lynn (Gerig) Bratton, born 30 March 1953, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Michael Wayne Gerig, born 14 August 1956, Garrett, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerig reside near Auburn, Indiana, and are members of the County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

Norman was an Indiana State Representative from 1976 to 1984, also Clerk of the DeKalb Circuit Court from 1969 to 1976. Past President of Auburn Lions Club, past president of DeKalb County Free Fall Fair Association. Active in the

County Line Church of God, and the DeKalb Gideon Camp. He has owned and/or operated a farm since age eighteen.

Mary Lou has been bookkeeper and treasurer at DeKalb High School since 1967, prior employment was with DeKalb Community Credit Bureau, and active in the County Line Church of God and the Gideons Auxiliary.

VEIR JEREMIAH KEPLER, born 23 December 1891. He was the son of Burton Jeremiah and Harriet (Miller) Kepler.

On 30 April 1914, Veir married Neva M. North, who was born 15 July 1896. They had five children: Harriet, born 10 March 1915. She married Richard Beemer, 15 January 1940. There were no children. Richard passed away 28 October 1963, and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Harriet lives in Las Vegas; Olen, born 16 January 1917, in Hamilton, Indiana. He married Mary Daniels, of Toledo, Ohio, 27 June 1940. Olen and Mary have three children: James, born 3 June 1940, in DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana. He married Sherill Maxfield, on 22 January 1963. They had two children: James, born 9 October 1963, and Christina, born 3 November 1967. James and Sherill are divorced. James remarried Gail; Norman Kepler, born 6 July 1946. He married Patricia Harrington, 30 December 1972, and Robin Kepler, born 7 September 1956; Carlton "Carly" V. Kepler, born 16 November 1918. He married Blanche McClellan, 7 June 1941. Blanche was born 31 December 1920. Carly and Blanche have one son, Gary, and live in Edgerton, Ohio. Gary was born 19 April 1946. He married Suzanne Purdy, 22 August 1971. They have a daughter, Wendy Ann, born 28 September 1974; Carolus Kepler, born 7 February 1920. He married Kathryn Maneval in November, 1946. They have a daughter, Bonnie, born 1 September 1956, married Richard Walters, and they have two children: Christopher and Cara Walters. Bonnie remarried to Robert Collins. Carolus and Kathryn are parted and Carolus lives in Butler, Indiana; Mary Virginia Kepler, born 16 April 1922.

Veir, better known by his family and friends as "Brownie", was a barber in Hamilton, Indiana. In 1925, he moved his family to Miami, Florida. After the great Miami hurricane of 1926, he moved his family back to Butler, Indiana, DeKalb County, where he worked as a barber for Ellis Kissinger until 1930. The depression, at its height, he decided to take his family west to Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas was not a good move for the family. Brownie brought his three sons and youngest daughter back to Butler to raise. He resumed his practice as a barber, and although his earnings were meager, there was always room at his table for the extra kids his children would bring home. The kids Brownie befriended in the mid 1930's did not forget the kindness he bestowed upon them. During the war, Brownie received many letters of thanks for the good times they shared with him and his children.

Veir passed away 16 March 1945, and is buried in the Hamilton Cemtery.

ELWOOD KEPLER, born 4 May 1901, in Steuben County, Indiana. He married Marguerite Carpenter, 1 January 1927. She was born 30 May 1908, in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Rile E. and Ada (Stoy) Carpenter. Elwood and Marguerite have two children: Donner and Dennis.

Donner Kepler, born 30 May 1929, in Steuben County, Indiana. He married Mildred Grace Thomas, 9 March 1957. Mildred, born 15 December 1936, daughter of Frank and Anna (Farley) Thomas, of Montpelier, Ohio. Donner and Mildred have three children: Kelli, born 14 February 1958, in Saranac, Michigan; Kris, born 15 September 1959, in Saranac, Michigan; and Koni, born 2 March 1961, in Saranac, Michigan.

Dennis Kepler, born 21 February 1949, in Steuben County, Indiana. He married Wendolyn Jo Hughes, on 10 August 1974. Wendolyn, born 2 September 1951, daughter of Wendall and Joan (Yoder) Hughes. Dennis and Wendy have two children: Ryan and Jodee.

DANIEL KEPLER, born in Pennsylvania, in 1810. He was reared a farmer and had an active interest in public affairs. He married Hannah (Boyer), 29 December 1829. Hannah was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1818. He moved his family to Stark County, Ohio, with a view to bettering their condition. The farm was located in Greauga Township.

Daniel's two oldest children were born in Ohio, but the other three were born in Pennsylvania. This would indicate they moved back to Pennsylvania for a few years or Hannah desired to give birth in her home state.

In the fall of 1837, Daniel moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, and settled in Franklin Township, later moving to Smithfield Township. An early Sessions of Commissioners book listed Daniel as Chairman in laying out the Jonesville and Auburn State Road.

Upon viewing the deeds in the Auburn Courthouse, Daniel sold eighty acres, 8 November 1845, for the sum of two hundred dollars. In signing off on this property, Hannah used her mark, for she could not write.

In later years, Daniel moved to Steuben County and continued farming. His sons Alfred and Elias developed valuable farms and livestock in DeKalb County. Jeremiah established himself in Steuben County and carried on the family tradition of farming.

JEREMIAH KEPLER, born in Ohio, 3 October 1834. He was the first child of Daniel and Hannah (Boyer) Kepler, both from Pennsylvania. Jeremiah was three years old when his parents moved into DeKalb County, Indiana. Very little is known about his childhood years, but he must have seen a few of the vanishing Potawatomie Indians and the staging events that led to the Civil War.

In 1853 on Christmas Day, Samuel Dunham, Justice of the Peace, joined Susannah Griffith and Jeremiah in marriage. Susannah is the daughter of John and Jemima (Gossage) Griffith, both early DeKalb County settlers.

In Steuben and DeKalb Counties, farming was the leading occupation and a way of life. Jeremiah established his farming career in Steuben County near Fish Lake. He reared six children to maturity. They were Frank, Burton J., Charles, Eliza, Frances E., and Jeremiah B. Caring for the horses and other farm chores kept his children occupied and provided the basic training for future farmers.

When his father-in-law, John Griffith, died, he inherited a share of the Griffith farm. This share was sold immediately to his brother-in-law, Leman Griffith, for the small sum of one hundred and seventy-three dollars. It is believed that the low price was in the spirit of goodwill and to assist in smoothly settling the estate. Two years later, Leman died from a wound he received at the Battle of Chickamauga.

Most of the land Jeremiah owned and farmed was east of Hamilton Lake. In 1870, he sold ninety-seven acres to Simpson Watkins for the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars. This land was later developed by the Watkins' into the well known lake resort, Cold Springs.

You can't stop progress, but Jeremiah knew how to handle certain situation with forethought. An example of this would be his selling the railroad right of way in 1890. He had O.D. Ashley, Railroad Trustee, agree to install fences on both sides, one over bridge wagon crossing and one grade wagon crossing. In addition to the sale price of four hundred dollars, the railroad would have to maintain the crossing in good repair.

Jeremiah had a long and full life in and around Hamilton, Indiana. He died 7 February 1916, at the age of eighty-two. His sons, Burton J., Jeremiah B., Frank, and Charles maintained residence in Steuben County.

MARY VIRGINIA KEPLER, born 16 April 1922, married Roy Johnson, born 26 September 1922, on 5 April 1942. Mary and Roy have seven children: Sheila Johnson, born 15 November 1942, married Donald Urbine, born 24 December 1936, on 25 January 1964. They have three children: Gregory Urbine, born 18 August 1964; Andrea Urbine, born 20 August 1965; and Alycia Urbine, born 3 March 1971; Steve Johnson, born 15 March 1947, married Denise Detter, 26 June 1965. They had three children: Shannon, born 23 November 1965; Michelle, born 30 October 1966; and Heather, born 20 September 1967. Steve and Denise are divorced. Steve married Karen Haenftling, 20 November 1972; Karen born 21 July 1952. They have two children; Dustin, born 6 July 1976 and Stephanie, born 26 December 1978. Michael Johnson, born 19 June 1948, married Kathryn Ann Kroemer, 29 March 1969. Kathryn, born 19 September 1948. Mike and Kathy have three children: Matthew Wayne, born 18 November 1969, Joshua Michael, born 13 September 1973, and Lori Kathryn, born 5 December 1975; Cheryl Johnson, born on 5 January 1951, married Bruce Holtzburg, born 22 February 1949, on 5 April 1969. They had two children: Dedrea and Troy. Cheryl and Bruce are divorced; Mark Johnson, born 19 July 1952, married Tamarah Trump, 21 November 1971. They had one child, Tracey, born 6 September 1972. Mark and Tamarah divorced 10 May 1974. Mark married Karen DeHaven, and they had one child, Brittany, born 11 June 1982. Mark and Karen are divorced. Mark married Paula Zimmerman, 20 June 1986. Paula has one child by a previous marriage, Lucas Hartman; Charles Johnson, born 23 June 1953, is single; Debra Johnson, born 1 January 1955, married Gerald Yoder, born 15 September 1950, on 8 September 1972. Debbie and Gerald have two children: Chadwick Randall, born 18 January 1975, and Jason Michael, born May, 1977.

JERRY LEE YODER, born 6 April 1951, Auburn, son of Everett and Annabelle Yoder, of Auburn. His paternal grandparents are Noah and Mabel Yoder, of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are Albert and Florence Reinhart, of Butler, Indiana.

Paula L. Benford, born 22 August 1952, Kettering, Ohio, daughter of Daniel P. and Cora Maxine Benford, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are David M. and Louise Benford, of Mount Vernon, New York. Her maternal grandparents are from Pennlaird, Virginia.

Jerry attended school at DeKalb Central and college at Purdue University. Paula attended college at Ball State University. They met at Purdue, and were married 12 October 1974, at Helmer United Methodist Church, Helmer, Indiana.

Jerry has worked at Yoder and Yoder Concrete Contractors and is now employed at Cooper as Department Manager. Paula was assistant Children's Librarian, Eckhart Public Library, Auburn, and is now a homemaker.

They are the parents of one daughter, Cynthia Janette, born 22 June 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yoder currently live near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the First Methodist Church in Auburn. Their hobbies include Church activities and working with children and youth.

Everett Yoder Family

EVERETT EARL YODER, born 16 May 1926, at Auburn, son of Noah E. and Mabel B. (DeLong) Yoder, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Elias and Elizabeth (Schlatter) Yoder, of Allen County. His maternal grandparents are Orren Henry and Olive Mae (Treesh) DeLong, of Richland Township, DeKalb County.

Annabelle Reinhart, born 20 April 1926, at DeKalb County, daughter of Albert H. and Florence Viola (Ginder) Reinhart, of DeKalb County. Her paternal grandparents are John H. and Christina (Deubner) Reinhart, of DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents are Philip D. and Martha (McDaniel) Ginder, of DeKalb County.

Everett E. attended school at Auburn High School. Annabelle attended school at Butler High School. They met at the Silvermoon Roller Rink. They were married 8 June 1947, at Mount Pleasant Church.

Everett was a former owner of Yoder Ready Mix and now part owner of the Skatin' Station. He started and drove for YFC Bus Ministry. He is now deceased. Annabelle has been a bookkeeper and is now a homemaker.

They are the parents of four children: Norman Everett, born 11 July 1949; Jerry Lee, born 6 April 1951; Karen Kay (Yoder) Bartlett, born 11 November 1952; and Barbara Jean (Yoder) Ober, born 11 March 1958.

Mrs. Yoder currently lives in Auburn, Indiana. She is a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. Her hobbies include roller skating, traveling, and sports.

TERRY LYNN HOUSTON, born 3 July 1958, at Sanders Hospital, Auburn, son of Kenneth and Judith (Long) Houston, of Auburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Donald R. and Viola (Temple) Long, of Auburn.

Terry graduated from DeKalb High School, in 1976, attended Purdue University, majoring in mechanical engineering. He was listed in the 1976 All American Students.

He is employed at Cooper Tire and Rubber in Auburn, Indiana.

Terry currently lives in Auburn, Indiana. He is a member of the Jaycees and Loyal Order of the Moose.

BRIAN EDWARD RICHARDS, born 21 August 1959, Souder's Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of Edward and Mary Jane (Smith) Richards, of Auburn. His paternal grandparents are Henry and Gertrude Richards, of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are Carl and Olive Smith, of Hicksville, Ohio.

Tracey Dawn Houston, born 19 August 1961, at Sander's Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Kenneth Dale Rommel and Judith Marlene (Long) Houston, of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents are Donald and Viola (Temple) Long of Auburn, Indiana.

Brian attended school at Auburn and graduated in 1978, from DeKalb High School. Tracey graduated from DeKalb High School in 1979. They were married at the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

Brian has worked at Messengers and is now at Cooper Tire and Rubber. Tracey has worked at Magnavox and is now employed at Cooper Tire in the test lab.

To this union two sons were born: Benjamin Edward, born 20 August 1983, lived three days, and Zachery Edward, born 13 December 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Richards currently live near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Their hobbies include golf and they are avid sports fans.

JAMES DILMON KNUPP, born 28 June 1918, at Markle, Indiana, son of Hershel Clarence Knupp and Gretchen Louise (Gossard) Knupp Barrett.

He attended schools in Markle and Fort Wayne. He joined the United States Navy in 1936, being stationed on the U.S. Ship, Minneapolis, until 1940. After his discharge, he gained employment with General Electric Company in 1941, in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1978, with thirty-seven years of service. He has one son, Thomas James Knupp, born 22 March 1942.

Judith Marlene (Long) Houston Knupp, born in Auburn, to Donald Raymond and Viola (Temple) Long, 15 November 1934, the same house where her mother still resides, Dewey Street, Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1952, and then attended as a post graduate. She started working at Dennis Greenhouse at 259 South Center Street, Auburn, owned by Carl and Naomi (Kraft), Dennis, and son, Billy Kaye. She graduated from American Floral Art School in Chicago, owned at that time by the famous floral designer, William Bill Kistler. After working at the greenhouse for eight years, she left to work at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op Credit Union in the office. In 1965, she went to General Electric where she is presently em ployed. Judith was married to Kenneth Dale Rommel Houston and had two children: Terry Lynn and Tracey Dawn (Houston) Richards, both of Auburn.

This marriage was dissolved. Judith married James Dilmon Knupp, 4 December 1971, at Norris Chapel United Methodist Church. She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority and then became interested in machine knitting. She organized "The Knit-Wit Club" in October, 1985, for all interested in machine knits. She has donated time to help at the needlework booth at the DeKalb County Fair. Both belong to the DeKalb County Historical Society and the General Electric Camping Club and the First United Methodist Church.

Jim's grandparents are James Marion and Hattie (Smith) Gossard from Tipton, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Delmon and Clara Marley Knupp, of Markle. Judy's paternal grandparents were Jackson and Lillion (Grosh) Long, of Auburn, and maternal grandparents were Louis and Elizabeth (Dinklaker) Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Knupp now reside east of Auburn. James Knupp died 4 April 1987.

ADAM OBERLIN and MARY JANE REAN, came to Butler from Ohio. They had seven children: Maude, Burton Oberlin lived at home. Martha married a Leas and had one daughter, Ethel (Leas) Albright Vern, who now lives in Waterloo. Martha married twice more to Lowe and Workman. Had two daughters by Workman and one daughter by Lowe. Melinda married Fred Zintz, had two children: Lester and Gertrude. Eber married Clara Healy, daughter of Fred and Lida (Reese) Healy. They had nine children: Eleanora, Howard, Alma, Annabel, Robert, Mary, Martha, and Betty. Six of whom live in DeKalb County. Lott married Dora Healy, daughter of Frank and Lavina (Slentz) Healy. They had five children: Helen, Carl, deceased, Bessie, Zelma, and Noami, deceased. Three live in DeKalb County. David married Maude Healy, daughter of Frank and Lavina (Slentz) Healy. They had seven children: Russell, deceased; Lavina, lives in Waterloo, she married Fred Lewis and they were divorced. She then married Ralph Knostman, of Iowa. Lavina has four children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; Charles, married Pauline McCann, they live in Butler and have two children, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; Leonard, Violet, Maynard, all three live in Michigan and Cecil lives in Almo, Texas.

WILLIAM H. DIRRIM, born in Carroll County, Ohio, 8 July 1820, son of Richard Dirrim, native of Delaware, Indiana. In 1844, William H. moved to DeKalb County.

William H. married Christiana Haughey, daughter of Robert Haughey, 12 September 1839. They had nine children, seven living: Hannah married Isaac Firestone of Williams County, Ohio. They have seven children; Robert R. married Amanda Firestone; Mary married William Goudy, and had six children; Caroline married George Hammond and had two children; William Samuel married Bertha Headley and had one son; Otis Dale. Otis Dale Dirrim, son of William S. married Clella Allomong. They had five children, four living. Christiana Dirrim and Timothy Dirrim; Marion H. married Ruth Thompson, of Georgia. Marion passed away in 1986, at the age of seventy-two. Wayne O. married Iva Dell Lewis. They have two children: June Kay and Susan H. and six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Alice Dirrim married Harold Weinhold. Alice passed away. They had two children; Paul and Gracie and four grandchildren. Helen Dirrim married Max Booth. They had three children: Nicole, Dannille, and Michael, and six grandchildren.

The descendants are many. The Dirrim Family reunion was held for fifty-nine years, records from 1904 to 1961.

Donald and Maxine Lininger

MAXINE RUTH MC CONNELL, born 8 October 1925, in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Walter and Nellie (Nicholas) McConnell. Her paternal grandparents were George Hiram and Alice (Tongue) McConnell. Her maternal grandparents were William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas.

Donald Fredrick Lininger, born 22 February 1921, in Scott Township, Steuben County, Indiana, son of John Frederick and Edith Eleanor (Beebe) Lininger. His paternal grandparents were Francis Marion and Amelia Victoria (Cleveland) Lininger. His maternal grandparents were Ulysses Adelbert and Emma Jene (Claypool) Beebe.

Donald and Maxine were married 7 December 1942, at Ray, Indiana.

Donald was in the Army Air Force. He served overseas two and a half years. After his tour of duty, he worked at Weatherhead in Angola for thirty-three years.

They were both active in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he was a preacher and held the office of an elder. Maxine worked in the Angola School System as dietican for fifteen years.

Mr. Lininger had three sisters: Willa Penick, Velma Deller, and Freda Murden. Mrs. Lininger has two brothers: Donald McConnell, Fremont, Indiana; Dale McConnell, Coldwater, Michigan, and one sister, Helen Hughes, Coldwater, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lininger are the parents of five daughters: Marietta (Lininger) Snyder Tredway, rural Angola; Linda Kaye (Lininger) Castle, Angola; Cheryl Anne (Lininger) Sullivan, Powell, Angola; Edith Eleanor (Lininger) Potts, rural Fort Wayne; and Janine Lininger, rural Angola.

Mr. and Mrs. Lininger built their home on the back acreage of his Lininger grandparents' farm, northeast of Angola. Mr. Lininger died 19 April 1985.

Forrest Nicholas with his bees

FORREST RAY NICHOLAS, born 12 November 1902, in a log house, northeast of Garrett, Indiana, in Keyser Township, son of William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas. Dr. Clevenger came through deep snow to deliver him. When Forrest was two years old, the family moved east a half mile to the African School house into Richland Township. In the log house a ladder served as the stairway to the upstairs is remembered by Forrest. His paternal grandparents were Salvin and Marrietta (Beaird) Nicholas. His great grandparents were George and Susanna (Snyder) Beaird and great great grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Haltz) Snyder. His maternal grandparents were Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend and his great great grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Sanders) Deter and Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend.

His school days started in a one room schoolhouse, Sixteen School, and graduated from the eighth grade from West Richland School, southwest of Corunna with Jay Olinger as his teacher. He taught him enough to make a living without high school education.

Forrest and Adah Fay Goe were married 6 December 1928, at the parsonage of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, by Reverend Cornelius. Both are members of the Garrett Church of the

Nazarene. He has been a Sunday School teacher of junior boys or adults for about forty years.

Forrest was employed by Ray Harris, contractor, reconstructing U.S. 6 between Kendallville and Waterloo. He was paid fifteen dollars for a ten hour day, and furnished the tractor and fuel to operate it. He had tried farming, dairying, hogs, sheep, and never found the success beekeeping had given him. Mr. Nicholas started out as a small beekeeper, owning twenty-two colonies. The bee inspector found disease in twenty of the colonies. These diseased bees had to be burned, leaving him nearly out of the bee business. At one time, he was the largest beekeeper in the state with approximately two thousand colonies, which were placed in sixty different locations. The yield in a good year was one and a half tons of beeswax and about seventy-six tons of honey. The honey after processed is placed in fifty-five gallon barrels and sold to a wholesaler or from self service from the honey farm. He built his own honey house and shop equipment.

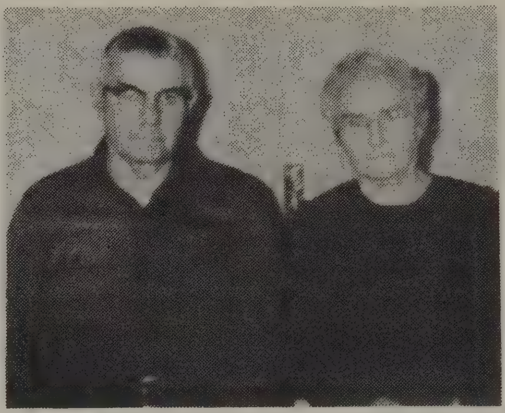
In 1938, he was a state bee inspector and received four dollars a day. Some days he started at 6:00a.m. and ended at 1:00a.m. the next day.

Mr. Nicholas has a sawmill which was a dream since his grandfather, Salvin, had one on this same farm. This has been a hobby which has been beneficial to his bee business. His great grandfather, George Beaird, was a carpenter and coffin maker. The coffins were made of walnut lumber. George Beaird's two daughters, Marrietta (Beaird) Nicholas and Henrietta (Beaird) Jones, polished the coffins with beeswax and a hot iron and lined the interior. The logs for the coffins were hauled to Spencerville and sawed with a water-powered sawmill. A stick the length of the deceased was brought to determine the size of the coffin for which he received seventy-five cents to make the coffin and perform the duties of an undertaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas live in the house built by George Beaird more than a hundred years ago. Grandfather, Salvin Nicholas, operated a steam engine thresher. He threshed oats for two cents and wheat for three cents a bushel.

ADAH FAY GOE, born 24 May 1906, Pittsburg, Indiana, daughter of Ira Eugene and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe, of Carroll County. Her paternal grandparents were James, from Green County, Ohio, and Elmira (Williams) Goe. Elmira's father was born in England. Her maternal grandparents were William and Annetta (Stokes) Hatter.

Adah and Forrest Nicholas were married 6 December 1928, at the parsonage of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene by Reverend Cornelius. Forrest and Adah are members of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene.


Forrest and Adah Nicholas

Adah had four sisters: Ruth (Goe) Cray, deceased; Mary (Goe) Smith; Leah (Goe) Hay; and Esther (Goe) Blevins, all of the Auburn area.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas have two children: Susanna (Nicholas) Johnson, rural Auburn, and Gerald Nicholas, rural Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas operate their beekeeping business together. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in December, 1978.

NELLIE MAY NICHOLAS, born 24 October 1898, south of Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of William and Amanda (Friend) Nicholas. Her paternal grandparents were Salvin Garrett and Marrietta (Beaird) Nicholas. Her maternal grandparents were Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend.

Walter McConnell, born 23 November 1892, in DeKalb County, son of George Hiram and Alice (Tongue) McConnell. Alice came from England. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Snider) McConnell.

Walter and Nellie were married 4 December 1919. Mr. McConnell had two brothers: John and James, and three sisters: Cora Martz, Nora Monroe, and Florence Nicholas.

Mrs. McConnell has one brother, Forrest Nicholas, rural Auburn, and three sisters: Iona, deceased, in infancy; Ruby Selby, and Faye Bolinger, of rural Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are the parents of four children: Donald McConnell, Fremont, Indiana; Helen Hughes, Coldwater, Michigan; Maxine Lininger, Angola; and Dale McConnell, Coldwater, Michigan.

Walter was in World War I in the Rainbow Division that was made up of volunteer men for the Army. They served in France and Germany.

His helmet saved his life as there was a dent where a bullet hit. Masks were used by this division for protection against gas used by the enemy.

Mr. McConnell died 7 February 1967, and Mrs. McConnell died 3 February 1982.

VERNON ROY JOHNSON, born 31 May 1920, in Chehalis, Washington, son of Floyd and Selma (Moomaw) Johnson. His paternal grandparents were Clyde and Flora (McKinney) Johnson. His maternal grandfather was Will Moomaw.

Vernon and Susanna Nicholas were married 27 August 1949. Both are members of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Johnson has one sister, Evelyn Zook, Wenatchee, Washington, and five brothers: Elden F., Iowa; Wayne A., LaPorte, Indiana; Lowell C., Marion, Indiana; Frank, Syracuse, Indiana; and Darly, Georgia.

Four children were born to Mr. Johnson: Ray Junior Johnson, Shirley (Johnson) Drew, Keith Johnson, and Karen (Johnson) Cape.

Mr. Johnson attended North Manchester High School, North Manchester College, and Bethany Biblical Seminary of Chicago. While in North Manchester High School, he played in the band and played the French Horn in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Symphony. Mr. Johnson remembers riding a horse to school, while living in Oregon.

Mr. Johnson enjoys flying light airplanes and has his own private airstrip.

Gerald and Doris Nicholas

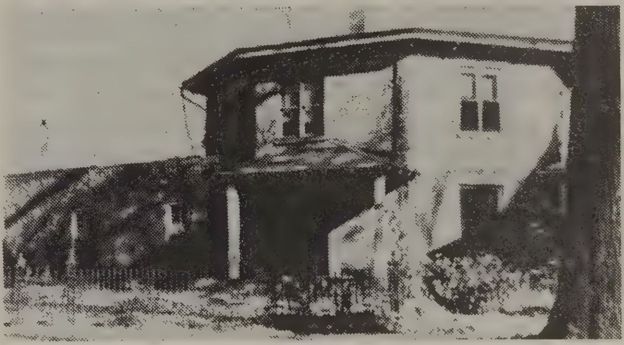
GERALD J. NICHOLAS, born 7 October 1935, in the home remodeled from the African Schoolhouse, northeast of Garrett, in Richland Township, son of Forrest Ray and Adah Fay (Goe) Nicholas. His paternal grandparents were William and Amanda (Friend) Nicholas. His maternal grandparents were Ira and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe.

Doris Nadean Riggs, born 25 October 1940, in Hicksville, Ohio, daughter of John and D. Irene (Sechler) Riggs. Her paternal grandparents were John and Edith May (Pickey) Riggs. Her maternal grandparents were William George and Beulah (Headly) Sechler.

Gerald and Doris Nadean were married 20 June 1959, at the Mt. Pleasant Church, southwest of Butler, Indiana. Gerald served in the Army in Texas.

Gerald has been a farmer and a beekeeper. Doris Nadean is employed by the DeKalb Central School.

Gerald has one sister, Susanna (Nicholas) Johnson. Mrs. Nicholas has one sister, SusAnn (Riggs) Smith Ludecker, rural Butler, and one brother, John William Riggs, rural Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas are the parents of three children: Wanda Lea, rural Butler; William G., Waterloo; and DeLilah Jean, at home.



Octagon House

ROBERT WILLIS MOCHAMER, son of Hubert Clair and Eleanor (Beehler) Mochamer, born 30 August 1925, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were George and Eva (Moore) Mochamer. His maternal grandparents were David C. and Clemina (Troup) Beehler, of Garrett. He has a sister, Joan Collins, and a brother, Jack, a lawyer in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Robert received his education in Auburn Schools. While still in high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in October, 1944. He was stationed in Foggia, Italy, 451 Bombadier Group as turret gunner in B-24's. He flew thirty-four missions and was shot down 24 December 1944. After being rescued, he was sent to the Isle of Capri for a rest period then returned to Auburn, Indiana. He entered school and graduated with the class of 1946. He attended International Business College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On 26 July 1947, Robert married Bessie Jean Grogg, his high school sweetheart, born 9 June 1928, daughter of Alva Franklin and Ada Rebecca (Smurr) Grogg. She has three brothers: Edward and Eddie, the latter deceased, twins; Alva, and a sister, Ruth. Her paternal grandparents were

Daniel and Elizabeth (Holtz) Grogg. Her maternal grandparents were William and Sarah Magdaline (Morr) Smurr. Grandma Smurr owned and lived in Auburn's famous Octagon brick house, at 110 North Indiana Avenue, which Forrest Gerig later owned and demolished for a parking lot next to his funeral home. This was a great historic loss to the town of Auburn as it was the only one of its design in this area. Bob and Bess lived with Grandma, in the second floor, during their early married life.

After leaving Auburn, Bob and Bess have lived in Elkhart, South Bend, Des Moines, Iowa, where Bob was Traffic Manager for Trucking Firms. He is now working in South Bend for Holland Freight.

They are the parents of six children: Dianne Jean, born 29 March 1948, married Daniel Hoffman, 29 October 1967. They live in Elkhart and are the parents of Scott, born 20 June 1971, and Christel, born 23 December 1972.

Roberta Ann, born 6 September 1950, married to Dr. Richard Hansen, DVM, 12 June 1971, and are the parents of Jeff Alan, born 16 October 1977, and Corey Todd, born 24 January 1980.

Connie Sue, born 25 October 1954, married Brian Haltz, 26 July 1976. They live in Des Moines, Iowa, and are the parents of Chad, born 4 December 1981, and Megan, born 5 December 1984.

Lynn Ann, born 8 June 1963, and Todd Alva, born 30 June 1965, live at home.

The family are members of the St. Paul Methodist Church of Elkhart. They now live in Elkhart. Their hobbies include antiques, mainly cars and miscellaneous home items.

DONALD E. DERROW, born 22 March 1931, at Auburn, Indiana, son of J. Earl and Ida Derrow, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Charles and Cora Derrow, of Auburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are George and Mary Kinsey, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Nancy Western, born 31 January 1931, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Harry J. and Ethel N. Western, of Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Thomas and Ellen Western, of Coburg, Ontario, Canada. Her maternal grandparents are Frank and Alnora Nimmons, of Butler, Indiana.

Donald and Nancy attended school in the Auburn school system where they met. Donald attended college at Indiana University and Indiana University Dental School. Nancy attended college at Illinois Wesleyan University. They were married 30 March 1952, at Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Donald is now a dentist in Auburn, Indiana. Nancy is now employed at the Waanders Bookmark, Auburn, Indiana.

Donald and Nancy are the parents of four children: Diane (Derrow) Payne, born 27 September 1954, married Larry Payne. He is a dentist and they live in Tyler, Texas, with their two children: Mallory and Sheridan; Alison (Derrow) Howe, born 1 February 1958, married Don Howe and they live in Chicago, Illinois; Claudia, born 26 March 1963; and Donald Stuart, born 14 June 1965.

Dr. and Mrs. Derrow currently live in Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

HERBERT ZEIGLER, born 13 June 1937, at Edon, Ohio, son of Clarence and Meda Pauline (Bolinger) Zeigler, of Hamilton, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are George Earnest and Georgia Neomia (Abbott) Zeigler, of Edon, Ohio. His maternal grandparents are Marion Joseph and Edna Irene (Sewell) Bolinger, of Hamilton, Indiana.

Joyce Rosenberry, born 26 July 1938, at Butler, Indiana, daughter of Millard and Katherine (Dunkle) Rosenberry, of Hamilton, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Clarence and Ada (Campbell) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Coy and Bina (Walborn) Dunkle, of Edgerton, Ohio.

Herbert and Joyce attended school at Hamilton, Indiana. Herbert attended college at Tri-State University.

They met at high school and were married 20 October 1957, at United Methodist Church, Hamilton, Indiana.

Herbert has worked at Auburn Rubber Company and Selman Heating and Plumbing, Angola, Indiana. He is now with Dana Corporation, Auburn, Indiana. Joyce has worked at Messengers, and is now at Dana Corporation, Auburn, Indiana.

Herbert and Joyce are the parents of one daughter, Heather, born 29 January 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zeigler currently live in Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include golf and bowling.

IRA BRANDON, was a carpenter, who helped build several buildings in Auburn. One of them was the downtown Lutheran Church. In the late 1890's, he took his wife and four children: Larry, Ruth, Charles Merrit, and Hugh, to Brainard, Minnesota. There he worked with his brother-in-law, Ira Watt, building creameries. His son, Worden Brandon, was born while they were in Minnesota.

During this time, the news of the Alaskan Gold Rush began to stir the interest of Ira, so that he took his son, Charles Merrit, on an exploratory trip to the Klondike region of Alaska. He was completely taken with the excitement of finding gold. He returned to Minnesota to leave his five young children there, and took his wife along as cook to go back to the Klondike to pan for gold. They were gone approximately a year. They did not find enough gold to pay their expenses. They did find a large garnet which was later made into a necklace for their eldest son's wife, Mildred, who married Larry, as a wedding present.

After returning from Alaska, the family moved back to Auburn to their cement block home which Ira's father, Isaac, had built for them. Ira and his wife, Millicent Ann Watt, spent their life moving between the Auburn area and Brainard, Minnesota. It is said that they moved back and forth seventeen to eighteen times, traveling by train.

Their son, Hugh, and daughter, Ruth, both married, lived in Minnesota. Hugh and his wife, Ethel, did not have any children. Ruth married Joseph Mraz and had four children: Betty, Barbara, Joe, and Josephine. Hugh was an insurance salesman.

Charles Merrit and his wife, Naomi, did not have any children. He was a Protestant Chaplain in the Army and retired in California, where he ministered in the Episcopalian Church. Worden, born 12 August 1899, married Ruth Price, of Waterloo, 6 August 1921. He was an accoutant at the Auburn Automobile Company for a number of years and then worked at the Citizens Lumber Company, doing carpentry work. They had three children: Kathleen, deceased; Richard, of Syracuse; and Janice Quinlan, of Lima, Ohio. Worden died 19 September 1975.

LARRY BRANDON, married Mildred Lucille Wilson. They had two children: Alice Barbara Brandon, who was known by her middle name, and John Wilson Brandon. The family ran the Brandon Dairy located on their farm, just north of town which is now Betz Nursing Home. They had a registered Jersey dairy herd. They bottled and sold their milk in town along with the butter and cottage cheese, made by Mildred. John and Barbara delivered the milk each morning before going to school. They were members of the First Christian Church in Auburn, where Larry taught Sunday School and was an elder.

When the Farm Bureau was beginning in Indiana, he signed up and soon became interested in organizing a Bureau in Grant and Union Townships. He served as trustee of Union Township 1922-1930, and was elected President of DeKalb County Farm Bureau in 1927. Larry decided to run for State Senate on the Democratic ticket and was elected in 1932, and re-elected in 1936. He retired from the Farm Bureau, having served during the years as president, secretary-treasurer, and director of the organization department. Following retirement, he remained interested and active in the affairs of the organization. Larry died 8 September 1977.

Barbara Brandon never married. She was a DeKalb Central School teacher, retiring as a kindergarten teacher at East Auburn Elementary School. She taught her first year of school in a one room schoolhouse out in the country. She also taught in the Waterloo and Ashley schools. She began teaching kindergarten in the basement of her and her parents' home on the Brandon Road, in 1954. After several years, she became the kindergarten teacher at the DeSoto Elementary School until it was closed. She was then transferred to East Auburn School until she retired in 1975. She then took care of her invalid mother and her father until their deaths in 1976. She now lives with her brother and his wife on West Otter Lake, in Steuben County. She was an active member of the First Christian Church in Auburn, and later in the Calvary Worship Center, south of Auburn.

JOHN W. BRANDON, married Wava Corine Schmidt, on 25 December 1938. He farmed the family farm north of Auburn until 1953, when he bought his own farm southwest of Corunna in Richland Township. He and Wava had six children: Dana, Larry, Nancy, Barbara, John S. and Timothy.

John W. worked as a tool and die maker in several factories and retired from the Rieke Corporation from their machine building department in 1981. He maintained the farm south of Corunna until he sold it to his two youngest sons, John and Tim. Later Tim sold his half of the farm to John, who is still operating it.

John W. and Wava now live on West Otter Lake in Steuben County. They are active in the Angola Assembly of God Church.

Dana Sue Brandon, born 16 November 1940, married Dale A. Smith, born 20 June 1937, on 14 February 1960. They reside on the Smith farm west of Waterloo, on County Road 28. They have two children: Duane Lynn Smith, a CPA in Atlanta, Georgia, and Douglas Edwin Smith, at home. Dale is a farmer as well as a bus driver for the DeKalb Central School District and a factory worker at Rieke Corporation. Dana works at

Magnavox in Auburn.

Larry Leroy Brandon, born 21 June 1942, married Wilma Andrea O'Dell, born 23 March 1945, on 5 September 1965, and had two children: Annisa Gail, born 23 March 1966, and Mark Andrew, born 4 August 1971. Larry married Peggy Clark, born 4 October 1945, on 5 July 1986. He is a minister in the Christian Church and chaplain of the Kokomo General Hospital.

Nancy Ruth Brandon, born 19 July 1944, married Darrel Gene Myers, born 20 July 1941, on 7 June 1969. They had two children: Benjamin Jonathon, born 1 June 1970, and Sarah Elizabeth, born 25 July 1972. Darrel works in maintenance at Lectron Incorporated, of Hamilton. Nancy taught school in the DeKalb Central School District, teaching at West Richland, the last year it was open and at Fairfield Elementary School. Since marrying, she has done occasional substituting. Darrel and Nancy lived in East Brewton, Alabama, from 1976-1984. Since returning to Indiana, they have resided on County Road 12, in Franklin Township.

Barbara Joan Brandon, born 6 October 1946, married David John Ault, born 30 April 19--, on 3 June 1967. They have four children: Timothy Neal, born 15 July 1968, John David, born 3 June 1969, Kimberly Ann, born 4 January 1974, and Lesley Suzanne, born 12 August 1976. David is a pastor in the Lutheran Church pastoring churches in Spencer and Riplinger, Wisconsin. Barbara is a nurse in cancer research in the Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, Wisconsin. They reside at R.R. 1, Spencer, Wisconsin.

John Steven Brandon, born 30 August 1956, and was married 6 October 1979 to Lu-Anne Marie Danalds, born 10 may 1957. They have two children: John Wilson, born 13 October 1983, and David Cloyd, born 1 September 1985. They live on the family farm on County Road 32 in Richland Township. Lu-Anne tests milk for DeKalb and Steuben County dairy farmers and helps John on the farm.

Timothy Lavon Brandon, born 20 August 1957, married 2 August 1980, to Lori Ann Lease, born 14 September 1961. They have two children: Matthew David, born 28 March 1983, and Andrew Neil, born 19 October 1975. They live northwest of Garrett on County Road 5. Tim is a supervisor at Guardian in Auburn.

PHILIP MATTHEW COOL, born 5 September 1952, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Philip and Suzanne Cool, of Auburn. His paternal grandparents are Philip and Vernie (Housel) Cool, of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are Edward J. and Maude (Morris) Somers, of Auburn.

Philip Cool Family

Kelly Sue Brown, born 2 April 1961, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Jim and Suzanne (Schramm) Brown, of Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Philip and Beulah (Gloy) Brown. Her maternal grandparents are Charles Rein and Thelma Iola (Cherry) Schramm, of Auburn, Indiana.

Philip attended school at DeKalb High School and College at Indiana University-Purdue University. Kelly attended school at DeKalb High School. They met at McDonald's in Auburn, and married 30 June 1979, at the First United Methodist Church, in Auburn, Indiana.

Philip has worked at Classic City Automotive, Auburn, and is now Assistant Manager at Big A. Auto. Kelly has worked at Souder's Health Care and is now employed at the Methodist Nursery School.

They are the parents of two children: Kirsten Suzanne, born 9 June 1980, and [illegible] Sarah, born 3 June 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Cool currently live in Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the First United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include hunting, guns, and movies.

MELISSA COOL, born 26 November 1957, at Souder's Hospital, Auburn, daughter of Philip and Suzanne (Somers) Cool, of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents are Philip and Vernie (Housel) Cool, of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents are Edward and Maude (Morris) Somers, of Auburn.

Melissa attended high school at DeKalb High and Indiana Business School, Digits. She is currently employed at North American Van Lines, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She has one child: Megan Suzanne Geeting, born 6 June 1980. Megan's father is Dennis Eugene Geeting, of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents are Don and Mary (Sebring) Geeting, of Crooked Lake, Angola, Indiana. Her

Melissa Cool and Megan

maternal grandparents are Philip and Suzanne Cool, of Auburn.

They attend the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

PHILIP COOL, born 30 June 1923, at Souder's Hospital, Auburn, son of Philip and Vernie (Housel) Cool, of Jackson Township, Auburn. Philip served in World War I. His paternal grandparents are George and Della (Cupp) Cool, of Jackson Township. His maternal grandparents are Elza and Sadie (Snyder) Housel, of St. Johns, Garrett, Indiana. Philip had one sister, Mary Jo (Cool) Steward, deceased.

Suzanne Somers, born 1 October 1925, at Auburn, daughter of Edward J. and Maude (Morris) Somers, of Auburn. Her paternal grandparents are Thomas and Louisa Somers, of Auburn. Her maternal grandparents are William and Ida (McDowell) Morris, of Danville, Illinois, and Auburn, Indiana. Suzanne had two brothers: Howard Morris and Thomas Edward Somers, both deceased.

Philip attended school at Auburn McIntosh High School. He served in the United States Navy, World War II, on a mine sweeper in the Atlantic for three years and ten months. His rating was Motor Machinist Mate First Class.

Suzanne attended school at McIntosh High School. They met at high school and married in Richmond, Virginia, 10 April 1943.

Philip has worked at the Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads, he died in October of 1971. Suzanne has worked at Gerig Furniture and is now retired.

Philip and Suzanne are the parents of three children: Thomas Edward, born 6 September 1950; Philip Matthew, born 5 September 1952; and Melissa Ann (Cool) Geeting, born 26 November 1957.

Mrs. Cool currently lives in Auburn. She is a member of the Methodist Church. She has five grandchildren.

THOMAS E. COOL, born 6 September 1950, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Philip and Suzanne M. (Somers) Cool, of Auburn. His paternal grandparents are Philip and Vernie Cool, of Auburn. His maternal grandparents are Edward J. and Maude Somers, of Auburn.

Iris E. Preas, born 17 April 1950, at Wharton, Texas, daughter of Orville Francis and Elsa (Lindig) Preas, of Sweeny, Texas. Her maternal grandparents are Max Christian and Frieda (Meyer) Lindig, of Hye, Texas.

Thomas attended school at DeKalb High School, Waterloo, Indiana, and college at Indiana University and Texas A & M University. Iris attended school at Sweeny, Texas. They met at Houston, Texas, at a spaghetti warehouse, married 22 November 1980, at Bay City, Texas.

Thomas has worked at Houston, Texas, and is now at Chenton E.N.S. Limited, London, England. Iris has worked at Gulf Corporation, Houston, Texas, and is now a homemaker.

Thomas and Iris are the parents of two children: Jack Philip, born 26 September 1983, and Catherine Anna, born 7 February 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cool currently live in London, England. Their hobbies include tennis, travel, and reading.

Pleasant Memories

FRED W. KNOTT, born 1 February 1877, son of Samuel and Roxanna Euphemia (Parker) Knott. His maternal grandparents were Danford and Parmelia Parker. He was one of five children: Deo, Lena, Sammy, and Flint. Fred's mother, Roxanna, went to California in a covered wagon when she was a child.

Fred taught school in DeKalb County for ten years. He married Cora Heitz, in 1905, daughter of John H. and Lydia (Groves) Heitz. They moved to Auburn, where he became Cashier at

City National Bank. Fred later became a Lincoln National Life Insurance Salesman.

Cora and Fred became parents of four children: Wilma (Knott) Wildeson; Frieda; Opal (Knott) Bowman'; and Robert. In 1923, Cora died of influenza. She left a husband and four young children.

Fred married Nellie Ober in 1928. They enjoyed a good Christian life together for twenty-five years.

Fred was active in politics and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and the Presbyterian Church. He died 15 May 1966, at the age of eighty-nine.

Fred enjoyed writing poetry. He said, "I start to write and it just seems to come out like a poem." Since he taught school, enclosed is one of his poems about school.

PLEASANT MEMORIES

In my fancy I now seem to see
A building of ancient hue;
It was built long ago for you and me
To provide for the purpose then due.
It was not a mansion of great design,
Neither tall nor wide nor long,
But there was something within its confine
That made it both broad and strong.
For in it was moulding the lives of the youth
For the days and the years yet to be;
I did not then know it, but forsooth,
It was doing the same for me.
It was there that I learned to read and to write
And with others to work and to play;
I also found when I tried to do right
There was help for me on my way.
There were others there in that quaint retreat
Some younger, some older by far,
Both boys and girls to make it complete
And their names I recall what they are.
There was John and Mary and Alice and Guy
And others, you know what they are;
All Happy and learning as the days went by
Glad days that away seem so far.
And the games that we played indeed were quite fine
They were blackman, and marbles and tag;
We also played ball but the preference of mine
Was post office when none cared to lag.
Though the building I mean may no longer be standing
In memory the picture is fine,
And I plainly see myself now landing
In that Old School House of Mine.
Fred W. Knott, Author
1 June 1945

ROBERT JOHN KNOTT, born 23 August 1913, at Auburn, Indiana, son of Fred W. and Cora (Heitz) Knott. His paternal grandparents were Samuel M. and Roxanne E. (Parker) Knott. Robert's great grandparents were Danford and Parmelia Parker. They took his grandmother, Roxanne, and her brother, Wilson, on a wagon train with several other families from Huntertown to California, in the year 1855. They stayed two and a half years and came back by boat. His maternal grandparents were John H. and Lydia (Groves) Heitz.

Eloise Lavon Hogue, born 27 October 1917, at Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on the family farm. The daughter of Francis Whitter Hogue, born 4 November 1892, DeKalb County, died 13 December 1984, and Zella (Marsh) Hogue. Francis and Zella were married 15 July 1912. Her paternal grandparents were Francis Albert Hogue, born 12 February 1849, Allen County, Indiana, died 22 November 1934, and Hannah (Kugler) Hogue, born 31 December 1860, Noble County, died 31 July 1933, both buried in Cedar Chapel Cemetery. Her maternal grandparents were Julius Equlius Marsh, born 1858, in Cambridge, England. He came to America when he was five and settled in Ohio. He died 9 September 1926, and Minnie May (Bell) Marsh, born 26 January 1865, died 6 May 1918.

Robert and Eloise were married 24 December 1936, at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, southwest of Garrett, Indiana.

Robert was employed on road construction, farming, and retired as a commissioned agent from S & S Oil Company after thirty-one years, in 1977.

Robert served as Democrat Precinct Committeeman of Butler Township for many years.

Eloise worked at the Auburn Rubber Company in Auburn, for nine years, and then graduated from Ravenscroft Beauty School in Fort Wayne and had her own shop until retiring in 1978. Both are members of the Cedar Creek Church.

To this union were born four children: Fred, of LaOtto, served seven years in the Air Force and is now owner of LaOtto Excavating; James, of rural Garrett owned his milk route for many years and is now an independent trucker; William, of LaOtto, owns LaOtto Excavating and is serving his second term as Butler Township

Trustee, as did his great grandfather, Samuel Knott; Judith, of rural Garrett, worked at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, for many years as a doctors' assistant and is now employed at a restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Knott have lived on the Hogue farm on County Road 5 since 1939.

Mr. Knott has three sisters: Mrs. Wilma (Knott) Wildeson, of Naperville, Illinois; Frieda Knott, of Auburn; and Opal Bowman, of Waterloo, Indiana. Mrs. Knott had a sister, Florence Pearl, that died during the Flu Epidemic in 1918. They also have eight grandchildren.

JOHN HOGUE, born 30 April 1814, in Bath, Steuben County, New York, died 28 October 1896, DeKalb County, Indiana, moved to the wilds of DeKalb County, Indiana, on lands entered by him in the year 1836, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John married Cornelia Pray, 20 February 1842. Cornelia, born 26 January 1817, Smithfield Township, Madison County, New York. He died 25 January 1899, DeKalb County, Indiana. John and Cornelia are buried in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Several ledgers that John used to keep his accounts in were left to the family. He farmed, worked on the Fort Wayne and Lima Plank Turnpike, State Road 3. He was hired to work for B. Baker, 29 December 1840, for fifteen dollars per month and board. He must have been a foreman on this job as he hired many men to work for him. Some men had yokes of oxen and some were paid for wagons, too, four days for $1.25. Making oxen yokes were seventy-five cents. He bought logs for the road, thirty-five logs, thirteen feet long delivered, $17.50.

In one of his ledgers, he has kept the costs of building Number Four Schoolhouse, in Butler Township, Holbrook Corner of County Road 68 and 5.

He gave some of his land to build the Hogue School.

John's descendents have a scholarship from Adrian College in Michigan. He had given two hundred dollars and one member of his family can attend each session perpetually.

Later he went to Loup City, Nebraska, and went into the banking business. This didn't prove very successful, and they came to Indiana. Cornelia, his wife, took her favorite pink rose bush to Nebraska. When they moved, they brought it back and the descendents still have it in their yard.

They were charter members of LaOtto Wesleyan Church and were active in the underground railroad.

JULIUS EQULIUS MARSH, born in 1858, at Cambridge, England. He came to America from England when he was five years old. His mother was buried at sea. His father remarried in Ohio. When he was twelve years old, his father and stepmother had dissentary and were very sick. The father thought they were going to die, gave Julius ten dollars. He told him to put it in his shoe and go to Cedar, Indiana, south of Garrett, and live with some of the English people that had come over and were friends from England. He worked for them and grew up and owned his own farm in DeKalb County, raising horses and training them.

His first wife died and he married a neighbor girl, Minnie Bell. She was a seamstress.

JOHN H. KRICK, born in Paulding, Ohio. Grace A. (Nartker) Krick, born in Glandorf, Ohio, daughter of Frank and Mary (Wellins) Nartker, of Kendallville, Indiana. Grace's parents came to Kendallville from Ohio. They owned the Nartker Cafe in Kendallville for a number of years.

John attended school at Paulding, Ohio. Grace attended school in Kendallville, Indiana. They met at her mother's restaurant in Sturgis, Michigan. They were married 25 April 1925, at Angola Catholic Church.

At one time, John owned a business, dye block and meat block. He is now resurfacing. John and Grace came to Auburn in 1939, from Kendallville. Grace had the Temple Cafe until 1950, which is now the Auburn House. She also had the Auburn Rubber Company Restaurant until the Company closed.

To this union six children were born: Jack, born 1926; Valeria (Krick) Betty, born 1928; Jaynie, born 1929; Margaret (Krick) Zehner, born 1932; Thomas, born 1936; and Richard, born 1937.

John and Grace Krick were members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn, Indiana. John died in December of 1977, and Grace died in December of 1984.

ELIAS KLOPFENSTEIN. In 1887, Elias and Anna (Amstutz) Klopfenstein bought one hundred sixty acres on the Allen-DeKalb County Line. Anna had come to Leo from Alsace-Lorain, France, at the age of sixteen. The voyage took fifty-nine days. Elias and Anna were married in April, 1871.

To this union were born: Herman Klop fenstein, who graduated from International College in Fort Wayne, where he later taught. He also taught common school in many DeKalb

County one room schools. He and his father ran an implement store in Auburn, at the turn of the century. He was an executive at Flint and Walling, Kendallville, when he died at age twenty-six.

Lydia, born to Elias and Anna Klopfenstein. She married Albert Geier, who came from Adams County. They bought the farm from her parents in 1901. Their farm ran a maple sugar camp in the Spring, cut wood and hauled in with the bobsled. They also had neighborhood butchering days, milked cows, and raised chickens.

To this union was born Lula Geier, who grew up on the County Line. She married Jesse Schlatter in 1920. He came from Harlan, Indiana. They bought the farm from her parents in 1926. They farmed all their life. Jesse had one of the first combines in the area, which was quite an improvement over the threshing rings which went through the neighborhood. They milked cows and hauled milk to County Line Cheese, which was a half mile up the road. They used to have neighborhood get-togethers for ice cream parties, getting the ice from Dunton Lake, which was north of the cheese factory. They also had oyster suppers.

To this union was born, Lila Schlatter, who married Harold Springer and they bought the farm from her parents in 1954. Also born to the Schlatter family was Marcella, which made the third generation to be born at the home on the County Line. She grew up on the County Line and attended Comesky School in Jackson Township, which was a one room school with eight grades. Velma Rainer and Mrs. Forest (Alice) Gerig were the teachers the first year. She went to the Leo High School where she graduated. She married Lynn Fuller in 1948, and moved on a dairy farm in Wilmington Township where Marcella still resides. She has been a 4-H leader, on the Extension Board many years and offices of the County Extension Homemakers for ten years and active in politics, attended the County Line Church of God where she has been active in the women's group serving on the State Board a number of years. She now works for the Indiana Department of Education Division of School Food and Nutrition.

Rick Fuller was born to this union in 1952. He married Nila Shockley. They have three daughters: Meredith, Natalie, and Rickelle. Nila is a registered nurse and works at DeKalb Hospital. Rick works at Vulcraft and farms. They reside near St. Joe. Also born in the Fuller family was Rex, in 1958. Rex married Sherry Strawn and they have two sons: Courtney and Blake. Sherry works at Eastside High School and Rex works at Vulcraft and farms.

HAROLD J. SPRINGER, son of Noah J. and N. Glin (Milliman) Springer, born in Cedarville, Indiana.

Lila (Schlatter) Springer, born in Leo, Indiana, on the anniversary of her maternal grandparents, Albert and Lydia Geier. Lila attended Camisky Number Nine Country School in the elementary grades. Harold and Lila are graduated of Leo High School.

Harold and Lila were married at the Brush College Church,now the County Line Church of God.

Before his marriage, Harold hauled milk at the Pet Milk Company, Garrett. Later he was employed at the General Electric Company, Fort Wayne, and was working there when inducted into the Army, February, 1943. He served with the Fifth Army, thirty-fourth Division, one hundred sixty-eighth Infantry. He landed on Salerno Beach and served throughout Italy and was a jeep driver. When at Mount Cassino, he witnessed the bombing of the monastery. He was discharged in November, 1945.

After his army discharge, he engaged in farming, later becoming a truck driver. For twenty years, he has been employed at Holland Motor Express, Fort Wayne, driving locally.

Lila graduated from International Business College, Fort Wayne, and works as a secretary in the Export Department, of the Wayne Pump Company. The company made gas pumps until they switched to making motor shells for the war effort. She now works at Auburn Post Office.

To their union were born two sons: Larry, born in Fort Wayne, married Teresa Newcomer, and they have two daughters: Laurie and Amy; and Brian, born in Garrett, Indiana, married Rhoda Rose and they have three daughters: Brianne, Brittany, and Brenna.

Harold enjoys hunting and fishing. Lila's hobbies are crafts and collecting various articles. Both enjoy traveling and their travels have taken them to Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, and Central America. Lila spent three weeks in Sao Paulo, Brazil, working on a church work camp. They attend County Line Church of God, pastored by Al Black.

ARTHUR CHARLES BARTLETT, son of Charles Frederick and Dorothy Jean (Susick), born in Auburn, Indiana, 11 July 1950. His paternal grandparents were Albert John and Annie (Banfield) Bartlett, of Detroit, Michigan. His maternal grandparents were Arthur Herman and Dorothy (Salvador) Susick.

Arthur received his schooling at St. Clair Shores and Adrian, Michigan. Advanced schooling at Tri-State University, Angola, Indiana, and Butler University at Indianapolis. While in Angola, he met Karen Yoder, at Pokagon State Park, whom he married 25 August 1974, at the First United Methodist Church, of Auburn, Indiana.

Karen Kay, born 11 November 1952, daughter of Everett E. and Annebelle (Reinhart) Yoder. Her paternal grandparents are Noah E. and Mabel (DeLong) Yoder, of Auburn, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Albert and Florence (Ginder) Reinhart, of Butler, Indiana.

Karen went to school in Auburn, Indiana, and Purdue University. Karen has worked at the Community Hospital, Indianapolis, and is now a homemaker. Arthur is currently employed at Firestone Industrial Products. They reside at Noblesville, Indiana.

They are the parents of two children: Charles Everett, born 3 January 1978, and Gregory Paul, born 22 June 1980. The family are members of the Our Lady of Grace Church.

JAMES STERLING STEPP, born 13 March 1953, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Bert E. and Mary Ellen (Sterling) Stepp. His paternal grandparents are Cibert and Carrie Ethel Stepp, of Wells County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Joseph Sterling and Edith (Strohl) Sterling Slagle, of Wabash County, Indiana.

Karen J. Copenhaver, born 27 March 1959, at Wilmington, Ohio, daughter of J. Kenneth and Roberta Copenhaver, of Wilmington, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are James E. and Betty Jane Copenhaver, of West Virginia. Her maternal grandparents are William S. and Anna B. Cooper, of New York, New York.

James attended school at Richland Township and DeKalb High School and college at Fort Wayne Bible College. Karen attended school at Wilmington High School and Mount Vernon College.

They met at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and they were married 10 October 1981, at Wilmington, Ohio.

SAMUEL JOSEPH STEPP, born 5 March 1950, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Bert E. and Mary Ellen (Sterling) Stepp, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Cibert and Carrie (Karns) Stepp, of Wells County, Indiana, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Joseph Sterling and Edith (Strohl) Sterling Slagle, of Wabash County, Indiana, both deceased.

Suzanne E. LaMotte, born 11 June 1949, at Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Charles J. and Eleanor LaMotte, of Chicago, Illinois.

Samuel attended school at Richland Township and DeKalb High School and college at Purdue University, at West Lafayette, Indiana. Sue attended college at Northern Illinois University. They met at Purdue University. They were married 15 June 1974, at St. Patricia's Catholic Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Samuel has worked at Putnam County High School, Greencastle, Indiana, and Iroquois Career School, Watseka, Illinois. He is now with the Black Hawk Technical Institute, Janesville, Wisconsin.

To this union were born four children: Amy Patricia, born 14 April 1975; Laura Kristin, born 23 December 1977; Deborah Cathleen, born 17 June 1979; and David Charles, born 9 February 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stepp currently reside in Brodhead, Wisconsin. They are members of the Catholic Church. Their hobbies include antique tractors, reading, sewing, and crafts.

PAUL EUGENE STEPP, born 2 March 1951, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Bert E. and Mary Ellen (Sterling) Stepp, of DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Cibert and Carrie (Karns) Stepp, of Wells County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Joseph Sterling and Edith (Strohl) Sterling Slagle, of Wabash County, Indiana.

Beth Ann Brewer, born 13 February 1951, at Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Robert and Loiseen (Miser) Brewer, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Oliver and Lois Miser, of DeKalb County.

Paul attended school at Richland Township and DeKalb High School, and college at Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania. Beth attended school at Waterloo and DeKalb High School, and college at Indiana University. They met while in high school. They were married 26 August 1972, at the First United Methodist Church, of Auburn, Indiana.

Paul is now a State Farm Insurance Agent, in Angola, Indiana. Beth is a teacher at Prairie Heights School.

Paul and Beth are the parents of one son, Erin Brewer, born 12 August 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Stepp are members of the Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, Indiana. Their hobbies include reading, music, and collecting.

BERT STEPP, son of twelve children, born 26 December 1921, in Wells County, Indiana, to Cibert and Carrie (Karns) Stepp. He has a twin

Bert Stepp Family

sister, Berteen Minnich, who lives near Berne, Indiana. Bert's great grandfather, Abraham Stepp, drove an ox cart from Rockingham County, Virginia, to Indiana, in 1838-1840. He packed the family's belongings in a Sycamore log about five feet high and four feet across. Bert now has this log in his barn. His paternal grandparents are John and Marietta (Swearingen) Stepp, of Henry County, Indiana, then Wells County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are George W. and Marjorie (Harris) Karns, of Wells County, Indiana.

During World War II, Bert served with the Eighty-fourth Division Combat Infantry in the Europe Theater of Operation. He received the service medal with Bronze stars for action in the Bulge and Rhineland Campaigns. He says he would not have survived except for Divine Intervention. After discharge from the service, Bert attended Indiana Institute of Technology and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for Tokheim Corporation, in Fort Wayne, for thirty-two years and is now retired.

Mary Ellen Sterling, born 21 November 1926, in Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana, daughter of Joseph Clyde and Edith Pearl (Strohl) Sterling, of Wabash County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Alfred and Leah (Wildermuth) Sterling, of LaFontaine, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Daniel O. and Sylvia (Williams) Strohl, of LaFontaine, Indiana. She attended a consolidated school in LaFontaine, Indiana, for twelve years then graduated from the nursing school at Ball State, Muncie, Indiana, in 1947.

She has been employed as a Registered Nurse in hospitals in Wabash, Fort Wayne, and Auburn, Indiana. Mary now works as a field nurse for Miller's Home Services in Auburn. Her father met a tragic death in a farm accident when she was three years old, and her sister, Ruth, was nearly five years old. Her mother, a good manager with a lot of emotional stamina, was able to survive the Depression of 1929 and pay for the farm they had bought. Mary's mother married Lowell Slagle in 1932, and had two sons: Don, of Wabash County, Indiana, and Everett, of Pella, Iowa.

Bert and Mary were married 9 August 1949, at Lincolnville United Brethren Church, of Wabash County, Indiana. They are the parents of four children: Samuel Joseph, born 5 March 1950; Paul Eugene, born 2 March 1951; James Sterling, born 13 March 1953; and Jonathan, born 28 June 1956.

Bert and Mary Ellen moved from Waynedale, Indiana, to DeKalb County in June of 1959. They both had farm backgrounds and wanted to raise their four sons in the country. They currently live near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, Garrett, Indiana. Their hobbies include reading, shopwork, gardening, quilting, and baking.

JONATHAN STEPP, born 28 June 1956, Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Bert E. and Mary Ellen Stepp, of DeKalb County. His paternal grandparents are Cibert and Carrie Stepp, of Wells County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are Joseph Sterling and Edith (Strohl) Sterling Slagle, of Wabash County, Indiana.

Jon attended school at Richland Township, and DeKalb High School, and college at Indiana University, Fort Wayne. He is now manager of Evangel Press, Nappanee, Indiana.

Jon is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, Nappannee, Indiana. His hobbies include reading and running.

ROBERT L. MASON, born 2 March 1919, to Henry and Mary Ellen (Myers) Mason. His paternal grandparents were William and Esther Celestia (Baer) Mason. William immigrated to America with his parents, Abraham and Ann (Quince) Mason, in 1855, on the ship Jenny Lind from Lincolnshire, England. His maternal grandparents were from Huron County, Ohio.

Robert had a sister, Helen Juanita, born 15 February 1916, wife of Lyle S. Leas. Robert's father was killed in a tragic tractor accident, 5 April 1935. His mother remarried on 14 April 1945 to Edmund Muhn. She died 1 October 1959 and is buried beside Henry, her first husband, in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Robert married 19 October 1941 to Maxine Griswold, daughter of Earl S. and Rena B. (Parker) Griswold. Her paternal grandparents were George and Bertha Griswold. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary Jane (Fuller) Parker.

Robert and Maxine are the parents of one daughter, Sandra Kay, born 20 October 1947, wife of Gerald Wilson and grandparents of three: Brock Wilson, born 23 January 1970; Amy Wilson, born 8 February 1972; and Scott Wilson, born 14 August 1973.

Walter and Clementine Stump

WALTER D. STUMP was born on 14 July 1886, near Wolf Lake in Washington Township, Noble County, Indiana. His father was Daniel D. Stump and his mother was Jessie (Smith) Stump. Daniel was born in Canada in the early 1860's, being one of twelve children of Noah Stump. Noah Stump and his family moved to Elkhart County, Indiana, where Daniel met and married Jessie Smith, whose father was a dunkard minister. Daniel and Jessie moved to Noble County into a log house on the farm which was the birthplace of Walter, Albert, and Charles Stump. Albert became a prominent lawyer in Indianapolis until his death, after serving in World War I and later graduating from Indiana University School of Law. Charles remained on the farm and was engaged in farming all of his life.

Walter Stump attended Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, and taught school in Noble County to secure the funds to continue his education. He then attended and graduated from Valparaiso University Law School. Shortly after he was married, 29 April 1911, to Clementine Hartsock, who was a resident of Washington Township, Noble County, and lived about one mile west of the home of Walter's parents. Walter and Clementine had attended Tri-State College at the same time, shortly before and after their marriage.

After Walter obtained his law degree, he and Clementine settled upon Auburn as the location where Walter would begin the practice of law, and they would make their home. In the inquiry as to the exact site where he would begin his practice, Walter contacted P.V. Hoffman, a long time practicing lawyer in Auburn. Hoffman invited Walter to form a partnership for the practice of law, which offer was accepted and the firm of Hoffman and Stump was established.

Shortly afterward, the clouds of the First World War became ominous and the War soon became a reality. Imbued with a sense of patriotism that has never been excelled, Walter became instrumental in forming Company K, made up of men from DeKalb County, and Walter was selected their Captain. From early 1917 and through most of 1919, Walter served in the 137th Field Artillery Regiment in training and in action in France. He was honorably discharged as a Captain.

After World War I, Walter was actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law in Auburn, mostly as a sole practitioner but for a short time, shared an office with Lloyd Gatten and with Clarence McClintock.

On 7 March 1942, three months to the day after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the extreme patriotic love of his country caused Walter D. Stump, at fifty-five and a half years of age, to close his law office and again answer the call to duty in the armed forces of the United States. He served in the African and Italian campaigns with decorated distinction until his honorable discharge as Lieutenant Colonel 13 March 1946.

He returned to Auburn and reopened his law practice with the intention of forming a partnership with his son, Harold, upon his son's release from duty with the United States Marine Corps in World War II. Walter was urged to fill the ticket for the office of Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court. He responded by becoming a candidate for the office in the election of 1946. He was elected Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court and served two six-year terms. He declined to run for a third term and became a partner of Phillip Butler in the law practice until his failing health and death 6 February 1962.

Throughout his lifetime, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was active in many civic groups. He was frequently invited to speak on nonpolitical occasions and enjoyed the distinction of being an eloquent and effective public speaker, particularly on patriotic and religious themes.

Clementine (Hartsock) Stump was born near Fostoria, Ohio, 27 August 1886, daughter of

Elijah and Mary Hartsock. She was one of eight children, the last of whom, Leora Carpenter, died in the fall of 1986. Her family moved to Washington Township in Noble County, Indiana, while she was quite young. They settled one mile west of the family farm of Daniel D. Stump, the father of Walter D. Stump, with whom she was joined in marriage 29 April 1911. She finished public school and took two years of secretarial classes at Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana. Clementine and Walter D. Stump were the parents of one child, a son, Harold D. Stump.

Clementine Stump was a charter member of the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary Post 97, a member of the Rebekah Lodge and of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also active in several ladies' groups in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. Clementine Stump died 9 July 1970.

Harold and Letha Stump

HAROLD D. STUMP, born 28 October 1917, in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana. His father was Walter D. Stump and his mother was Clementine (Hartsock) Stump. He attended public school in Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School in 1935. He attended Indiana University, receiving an AB degree in 1939, and a JD degree from the Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington in January, 1942.

His genealogy appears in the resume of the family of Walter D. Stump in this sesquicentennial history.

After receiving his JD degree, he became a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was assigned to the field offices of Washington, D.C., Des Moines, Iowa, and New York City, in which capacity he served until 5 May 1944, when he resigned and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After basic training, he was drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina, Marine Base for three months when he requested and was assigned to the 12th Marine Regiment of the 3rd Marine Division. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II with the 3rd Marine Division through the conquest of Iwo Jima. At the surrender of Japan, he was assigned to the 3rd Amphibious Corps, a multi-faceted military unit formed and based at Tientsin, China, fifty miles southeast from Peking, to slow the advance of the Chinese Communist forces in the effort to drive the Chinese Nationalist forces out of China. After being in Tientsin until May of 1946, he was returned to the States and honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in July, 1946.

He returned to Auburn to practice law with his father, Walter D. Stump; however, since his father was a candidate for Judge of DeKalb Circuit Court in 1946 and elected to such office, Harold began the private practice of law in the office of his father as his father assumed the bench. He practiced law in Auburn until the 1958 election when he was elected to the bench as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court, succeeding his father, who declined to seek the office for a third term. During the period of his law practice, Harold was appointed as the first Judge of the newly created City Court of the City of Auburn, which office he held until he was elected Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court. He was thereafter elected to five successive terms of the DeKalb Circuit Court with his term ending 31 December 1988.

He was very active in civic, welfare, youth, and many other community groups until his election as Circuit Court Judge reduced the number of activities in which he could appropriately participate. He was one of the principal organizers and supporters of Region II of Foster Care Services, Incorporated, serving the Indiana Counties of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley in Northeast Indiana.

On 5 May 1968, Harold D. Stump was married to Letha Mae (Grogg) Smith. Letha is the daughter of Oscar D. and Laura (Pepple) Grogg and was born in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 8 August 1914. She was one of seven children of Oscar and Laura Grogg. The names of her siblings are Jay Grogg, Edith Custer, George Grogg, Howard Grogg, Albert Grogg, and O. Dale Sam Grogg. Her paternal grandparents were Peter Grogg and Mary (Baker) Grogg of DeKalb County and her maternal grandparents were George Pepple and Catherine (Dunn) Pepple, also of DeKalb County. Oscar D. Grogg operated the brickyard and kiln northwest of Auburn, where the bricks were made that were used to build the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett.

Harold and Letha Stump have one adopted daughter, Dianna Sue Stump (now Rhoads), born 13 July 1950. Dianna finished public school at DeKalb Central High School and obtained her LPN certificate from the Ball Hospital, Muncie, Indiana. She now lives in Mandeville, Louisiana. Letha has a son, Delano Troyer, born 7 April 1934. After completing high school, he served in the Korean War and upon his return from the war, he was employed at International Harvester for thirty years. He is presently in the construction trade and resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Harold has a daughter, Caroline Stump (now Tomanica), born 14 October 1947. Caroline graduated magna cum laude with an AB degree from Western Michigan University, and after obtaining her Masters degree, taught school in the Schaumberg, Illinois, High School for thirteen years. She returned to DeKalb County and is employed in the Steuben County Department of Public Welfare. Harold and Letha have three grandchildren: Ryan, Michelle, and Angela Rhoads, and Letha has three additional grandchildren: Allen, Roxanne, and Laura Troyer.

Letha Stump was employed in the offices of the engineering department of International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for nineteen years, and later worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for three years prior to her marriage to Harold Stump. She has remained active in voluntary programs at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Harold and Letha were involved in raising, training, and showing of Tennessee Walking Horses for several years. Their hobbies include fishing, traveling, and nature studies. They are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, and reside on the bank of Cedar Creek on Morning Star Road just outside of the city of Auburn.

My Life. (MABEL KISER)

"I was born January 3, 1896, in Delaware, Ohio, the fourth child of William C. Hill and his wife, Blanche Steed. Before I was a year old, my mother died and I was adopted by Samuel J. Kiser and his wife, Jennie Johnson. My foster parents lived on a farm near Powell, Ohio, at that time, but during the Panic of 1899, they sold the farm and went to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, the home of Mother's family.

"We eventually settled in Jeanette where my father worked at the carpenter trade. I started to school in Jeanette and almost completed the fourth grade there before we moved to the farm east of Waterloo which I now own. We made this move in 1906, and that fall I started attending the 'Ridge' school, east of Waterloo. My first teacher there was a young man named Ben Miller. He now lives between Waterloo and Auburn on what was known as 'one of the Rohm farms.'

Mabel Kiser Homestead

"In 1910, my parents became dissatisfied with the new teacher at the Ridge and began paying my tuition to the Waterloo Town Schools. My seventh and eighth grade teacher was Isaac Cosper, a resident of Auburn according to the last news I had of him. I graduated from Waterloo High School in 1915, at which time Alfred L. Moudy was Superintendent of Schools.

"I entered Indiana University the fall of that year. In 1916, my parents were divorced and Mother moved to Bloomington to make a home for me.

"It was during the World War in 1918, and while I was still in college that I met by surviving brother and my sister for the first time. The second child of my natural parents, Albert Hill, had died of a contagious disease while a ward of the Children's Home at Delaware, Ohio. My older brother, William Carl Hill, was married and was living in Delaware. He died in 1946, following an operation. My sister had been adopted by a family living in Columbus and her name had been changed to Mary Nuell Wagner. She died December 26, 1949, at Torrence State Hospital near Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

"I graduated from Indiana University in 1919, and went to Frankfort to teach French in the high school there. I taught at Frankfort for seven years, during which time (1923) Mother died.

"In 1926, I went to Paris to study at the Sorbonne, taking a new course planned for the benefit of foreign teachers of French. Most of the students were Americans or Germans, but there were a few Dutch and a Norwegian, a teacher at Oslo, with whom I became rather well acquainted.

"While in France in 1926 and again in 1930, I lived with an elderly woman of aristocratic family and excellent education whose inheritance had been almost wiped out during the war and the depression of 1926. Madame Colmard was of Norman blood but had lived many years in Paris on the fringe of court social circles. When I knew her, she was living in complete retirement on the Left Bank. We became close friends and under her influence I became semi-Parisian myself.

"When I returned from France the first time, I learned that I had been assigned to teach French in Harrison Tech High School in Chicago, on the basis of my test grades on the last teachers' examination. I got the news from my Frankfort High School Principal. So I boarded a train at once without unpacking my suitcases and arrived in Chicago on Labor Day. The following morning, I reported at the Harrison office with almost a conviction that I was following a mirage. The clerk whom I approached however said: 'Yes, Miss Kiser' and ushered me into the office of Mr. Frank L. Morse. This busy man shook hands with an almost speechless me, welcomed me to Harrison and handed me a sheaf of programs and other documents. Then he sent me out to meet my first class. Thus abruptly, I began twenty-one years of teaching in the Chicago school system.

"I retired at the end of 1947 to take over from my father the management of my farm. He had sold out about 1920 and in 1935, I had bought it back for a retirement home for him and for me. My father was ninety-three when he left the farm and went to town to live. In 1954, he entered the Methodist Memorial Home at Warren, Indiana. Eighteen months later he died there at the age of one hundred and one.

"For a time after, I retired from teaching, I tried to continue with diversified farming, but I found it too much for me to manage both physically and financially. A long illness (Subacute Rheumatic Fever) depleted my working capital and I found myself unable to keep up the repairs on my buildings. I gave up first my poultry, then my herd of registered polled Shorthorn cattle. Last year, I sold my flock of sheep, except four pets.

"When I asked for the guardianship, I still had two milk goats, a buck and a kid in addition to the four sheep and I had a small kennel of registered collie dogs. The sheep and goats were sold and the dogs were either sold, given away, or leased to other kennels."

The above was written by Mabel Kiser and read at her funeral in June, 1986.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS JOHNSON, born 19 June 1948, at Auburn, Indiana, to Leroy K. and Mary Virginia (Kepler) Johnson. His father is deceased and his mother lives in Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Pauline (Stevens) Johnson, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Vier Jeremiah and Neva (North) Kepler. Neva lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Michael received his education at Harlan and Woodburn, Indiana, and college at Indianapolis.

He met Kathryn Ann Kroemer at Cold Springs, Hamilton Lake, and married her 29 March 1969. Kathryn, born 19 September 1948, daughter of Dolan Edward and Mary Louise (Abram) Kroemer, of Hobe Sound, Florida. Her paternal grandparents are Edward and Susie (Smith) Kroemer, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Henry Adolph and Wilhelmina (Linder) Abram, of Fort Wayne. Kathryn attended school at New Haven, Indiana.

They are the parents of three children: Matthew Wayne, born 18 November 1969; Joshua Michael, born 13 September 1973; and Lori Kathryn, born 5 December 1975.

Michael is employed at Taylor Martin Paper, Incorporated, and Kathryn at Social Security Administration in Auburn. The family are members of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

John Wing Family

JOHN SANFORD WING, born 20 April 1871, in Putnam County, Ohio, the son of Austin and Electa Sanford. He was one of twelve children.

Claudie Mornington McCoy, born 10 December 1878, in Funkstown, Maryland, daughter of William O. and Barbara E. McCoy. She had a twin sister and they were of a family of twelve children. She moved with her parents to Miller City, Ohio, in 1882. On 30 November 1899, she was united in marriage to John S. Wing, to which union were born two children: Columbia (Wing) Myers and Gaylord Wing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wing and family moved to a farm about four miles southwest of Hamilton, on 17 November 1905, where they grew potatoes and onions.

They were members of the Church of God at Ashley and long time Grange members. John was a Mason and Claudie was a member of the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters.

Mrs. Wing died 23 March 1938. Mr. Wing, in later years, sold the farm and moved to Waterloo. He died 30 June 1953.

Quentin and Columbia Myers

LESTER QUENTIN MYERS, born 4 December 1901, on the family farm about two miles southwest of Hamilton in Franklin Township, son of Thomas E. and Minnie May (Lautzenhiser) Myers. His paternal grandparents were Amaziah and Melissa (Wolf) Myers. His maternal grandparents were Ezra and Elizabeth (Reichman) Lautzenhiser.

Columbia Rose Wing, born 23 February 1901, at Miller City, Ohio, daughter of John S. and Claudie (McCoy) Wing. Her paternal grandparents were Austin and Electa (Sanford) Wing. Her maternal grandparents were William O. and Barbara (Eichleberger) McCoy. She, her mother, father, and brother, moved to a farm about four miles southwest of Hamilton in Franklin Township, 17 November 1905.

Quentin and Columbia were married 11 January 1922, at Auburn, and resided in the second set of buildings on the Myers family farm, where he helped his crippled father with the farming. At one time, Quentin and his father showed their registered Shorthorn cattle at the fairs. Also earlier, Quentin had taken a winter short course at Purdue University. He continued farming throughout most of his life. His father died in 1943, and a few years later his mother moved into Hamilton. A son, Donald, and family moved on the farm. During the 1960's, Quentin worked at McCray Refrigeration Company at Kendallville as a welder, where he retired.

Mr. Myers had been a Mason and Mrs. Myers was a long time member of the Eastern Star, a member of the past Matrons and Franklin Township Home Economics Club. They also belonged to the Hamilton Grange, #2109, and were members of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Mr. Myers had a sister, Thelma (Myers) Emerson, and a brother and sister who both died in infancy. Mrs. Myers had one brother, Gaylord Wing.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers were the parents of four children: Donald B., Hamilton, deceased; Alice (Myers) Simper, Hamilton; Priscilla (Myers) Gnagy, Hamilton; and John Thomas, Richmond, Indiana, where he is a manufacturing representative.

Mr. Myers died 8 August 1974 and Mrs. Myers died 6 August 1977.

ALICE MARIE MYERS, born 12 August 1930, daughter of Lester Quentin and Columbia (Wing) Myers. Her paternal grandparents were Thomas E. and Minnie May (Lautzenhiser) Myers. Her maternal grandparents were John Stanford and Claudie M. (McCoy) Wing.

Alice married Gene Simper, 9 February 1950, Elkhart, Indiana. Gene Louis Simper, born 17 February 1930, Osceola, Indiana, son of Herbert E. and Edith (Anderson) Simper. To this union were born five children: Cheryl Ann, born 29 July 1950, married Fred Ortin, 10 July 1971, one daughter, Diana Michelle, born 27 September 1972, and second marriage to Steven Pingry, 20 January 1979, one son, Brian James, born 12 August 1980; James Allen, born 7 February 1952; Kenneth Eugene, born 24 October 1953, married Barbara (Ventzke) Nous Keith, 3 June 1978, children: Michael Nous, born 3 March 1962, David Nous, born 9 July 1964, Brian Nous, born 1 July 1966, Laurie Nous, born 9 November 1969; Debra Kay, born 30 april 1955, married Patrick Berry, 27 July 1974, children: Brent Allan, born 21 January 1974, April Lyn, born 7 April 1980; Jonell Marie, born 15 November 1956, married Gary Hartman, 12 September 1981, children: Tyler William and Amy Christine.

POLLY WOLFE, lived an active life until past ninety years of age and then died suddenly of a stroke. In this family there were six children, who lived to adulthood: William, Allen, Samuel, Melissa, Matilda, and Lucinda. All six children, except Lucinda, who married a man named Hendricks and lived in or near White Pigeon, Michigan, married and lived their entire lives in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Matilda married a man by the name of Rohrabaugh.

The Wolfe family came to DeKalb County, Indiana, from Ohio, around the mid 1800's. They were River Brethren, a religious sect almost as strict in many beliefs as the Mennonites. Like most Pennsylvania Dutch, German pioneers of that time, the Wolfe family had many superstitions and believed in co-ordinating many of their daily activities with the proper time of the moon.

MELISSA WOLFE, daughter of Polly Wolfe, married Amaziah Meyers, a Civil War veteran. They were the parents of five sons: James, Samuel, Jacob, Andrew, and Thomas.

When the youngest son, Andrew, was little more than an infant, Melissa decided to leave her husband and return to DeKalb County. The oldest son, James, continued to live with his father and his father's relatives where Amaziah remained until his death. He was buried in a cemetery a few miles northwest of Milford, Indiana.

With her other four sons, Melissa made the trip of more than fifty miles with a team of horses hitched to a wagon loaded with household goods and a cow tied behind.

Back in DeKalb County, Melissa rented a small house several miles northwest of Waterloo on the edge of what then was wooded, swampy area. A great number of turtle doves perched in the trees and Tom said that as long as he lived the call of turtle doves reminded him of how, as a small boy, the sound made him feel lonely and sad. The boys must have been alone much of the time, for Melissa had to make their living by working for others in any way she could, sewing, cleaning, or field work, such as shocking grain. Often it was a meager living. One winter, Tom remembered, there was practically nothing to eat but cornmeal, cooked or baked in various ways.

As soon as the boys were old enough to do any kind of work for others, they were hired out, usually for no money, just room and necessary clothing.

Some years after Tom's mother brought her family back to DeKalb County, and after either a divorce from her husband or his death, Melissa married her first husband's cousin, Levi Myers. This second husband was a quiet, even-tempered, gentle man, respected and loved by his stepsons and later by his grandchildren. Besides a stepfather, Tom and his brothers also acquired a stepsister, Amanda, who married Herman Hamman, a farmer, machinist, and sawmill operator living in Smithfield Township, northwest of Waterloo.

Tom Myers Family

THOMAS "TOM" ELSWORTH MYERS, the son of Amaziah, a Civil War Veteran, and Melissa (Wolfe) Myers, born 17 March 1867, on a farm between Leesburg and Milford, in Kosciusko County, Indiana. He was the third son, James and Samuel being older. Jacob and Andrew were his younger brothers.

Tom went to live with the Oscar Taylor family. Here there were many hours of hard work, for Tom was expected to "earn his keep," but neither Oscar nor his wife, Elizabeth "Libby" were unkind to him. Elizabeth cooked and served big, hearty meals and urged all to eat. In fact, her often repeated saying was "If you don't eat, you can't work." After several years with the Taylor family, Tom again lived with his own family on their farm east of Taylor's Corner School in Franklin Township, DeKalb Coaunty. Here Tom and his brothers did the farm work in summer and, especially with his brother Sam, spent most of the winter months logging.

Recreation for Tom during his teen and twenty years was of the usual rural variety of that time, spelling bees, singing schools, and other such get-togethers. Tom's sister, Amanda, played the foot-pumped organ and sang. Tom also sang and together they attended many of the old time sing-alongs held in rural one room schoolhouses. Probably it was at one of these musicals or spelling bees that Tom met his future wife, Minnie Lautzenhiser, who taught school in both Smithfield and Franklin Townships.

Tom's education had been limited to the few years he had been able to attend a nearby one room rural school. He must have been good in mathematics and, no doubt encouraged to do so by Oscar Taylor, who now had a bank in Hamilton, Indiana, and perhaps by Minnie as well, Tom decided to get more formal education. He entered Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, and earned the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science in the spring of 1897. That summer he also attended a Chicago business school, enrolling in a short course in banking procedures.

Plans, however, are often changed by conditions outside our power. It was the Panic of 1897-1898, now called a depression or recession, that cast Tom in the role of a farmer, instead of a banker. Considering Tom's enjoyment of the outdoors, of growing crops and of livestock, and of his independent nature, one feels that he was happier as a farmer than he could have been as a banker.

On 31 October 1897, at the age of thirty, Tom married Minnie Lautzenhiser, his "intended" for several years.

Although it must have been very difficult for him to do so due to back injuries which he suffered in a fall from the top of the barn, Tom farmed with horsedrawn machinery for many years. He added to the original seventy-six acre farm by first buying a four acre corner which the road had cut off from his quarter section of land and a number of years later by purchasing the eighty acres which lay between his farm and Minnie's family's farm to the east.

Always looking for ways to make improvements and growth in his farming procedures, in 1916, Tom bought a silo and a number of feeder beef steers. During the erection of the silo, Tom, while he himself was pulling together the top hoop on the silo, because his help didn't want to climb that high, fell from an improperly spiked scaffolding and broke a leg. Most of that winter, Tom spent in bed, but later recovered sufficiently to continue to help with farm work. During that winter, however, since responsible help seemed impossible to find, his son, Quentin, dropped out of high school in his sophomore year, which ended his formal education except for one winter course at Purdue University.

In his later years, Tom suffered from the heart condition, Angina. Although his physical condition caused him to become less active, his mind remained alert. He enjoyed reading newspapers and farm magazines and listening to radio reports until the night that he died quietly in his sleep, 16 August 1943, at the age of seventy-six.

MINNIE MAY LAUTZENHISER, born 31 October 1872, died 25 May 1957. Her mother was Elizabeth (Reichman) Lautzenhiser. The Lautzenhiser homestead is located south of Hamilton, Indiana.

Minnie first attended elementary school at Franklin Township Number Three School, known as Dutch Gap School. Later she attended the closer Franklin Township Number Two School. Following elementary school, Minnie attended the three-year Hamilton High School until her graduation in 1891. At this second annual commencement of this high school, Minnie gave an oration entitled "Self Activity in Education."

Regularly on Sundays, she attended the Hamilton Methodist Church, which then stood on the hill by the cemetery. Here one of her best remembered Sunday School teachers was George Willennar.

In preparation for teaching, Minnie attended Tri-State College for a summer term of twelve weeks and after passing the examination, which was then required annually for a teacher's license, she began her six years of teaching in the one room rural schools of DeKalb County, in both Franklin and Smithfield Townships. Since the school in the latter township was too far from home to walk the distance each day, Minnie boarded for five days each week in the home of the Township Trustee, James Blake, and his wife, who became life-long friends. During these days, the DeKalb County Superintendent of Education was C.M. Merica, who must have been well satisfied with Minnie's teaching as attested to in a very favorable recommendation for another position, should she ever want one.

On a stormy Halloween evening, in 1897, on her mother's forty-fifth and her twenty-fifth birthday, in the farm house where she was born, Minnie May Lautzenhiser and Thomas Elsworth Myers were married, 31 October 1897.

For the first year of their married life, Minnie and Tom lived with Minnie's grandfather, Jacob Lautzenhiser and his unmarried daughter, Hannah, on their farm two or three miles northeast of the Lautzenhiser homestead. Here Minnie cared for Hannah, who was suffering from a near fatal case of erysipelas in a leg, and Tom farmed for the aged Jacob.

In the fall of 1898, Minnie and Tom bought a farm which had earlier been owned by Isaac Lautzenhiser, an older brother of Ezra, about a mile west of the Lautzenhiser homestead. Here they began farming with a team of horses, a cow or two, and a sow.

To Thomas and Minnie Myers were born four children: Maynard, born 26 February 1899, died 7 April 1899; Lester Quentin, born 4 December

1901, died 8 August 1974, married Columbia Wing. They had four children: Donald, Alice, Priscilla, and John; Thelma, born 7 November 1908, died 13 June 1986, married Allen M. Emerson, 19 August 1932; Twylah, born 11 February 1911, died 18 May 1911.

Within two years tragedy struck. A son was born and died less than two months later and Tom fell while repairing a hay track in the top of the barn, injuring his spine and leaving him to some degree crippled for the remainder of his life.

For forty-five years, Minnie and Tom lived on the farm of seventy-six acres when purchased in 1898, and to which four acres and eighty acres were later added. Here Tom died on 16 August 1943. Minnie's life ended on 25 May 1957.

PERRY L. HOUSER, 4218 Governor's Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1924. He worked for International Harvester Company, Fort Wayne, from 1925-1937, then transferred to International Harvester in Chicago, general offices in charge of company-wide tool standardization; became active in National Standards work, chiefly in mechanical products area. In 1941, he went to Washington, D.C. to assist in preparing the United States industry to meet military and civilian production requirements of World War II. He was assigned to United States Service Forces as Captain in the Army Ordinance and assigned to work with Army-Navy Munitions Board in expansion of industrial production facilities such as machine tools, cutting tools, etc., to meet military and civilian requirements. He was discharged from the Army in 1946, with a rank of Colonel and returned to International Harvester, Chicago, as general Supervisor of manufacturing standards research. He was called to Washington, D.C., as deputy director, Machinery Division, National Production Authority, to assist with production of supplies for the Korean War. He returned to International Harvester, Chicago, as head of tool standards research. He completed the "Executive Program" college course, in the evenings, at the University of Chicago. He accepted a position as president of Metal Cutting Tool Institute with offices in the Chrysler Building, New York City. He retired as president of Metal Cutting Tool Institute, in 1973.

In 1946, he was awarded the United States Army "Legion of Merit" medal for meritorious service. In 1953, he was awarded "Standards Gold Medal" of American Standards Association, New York City. In 1974, he was presented with the American National Standards Institute's "Meritous Service Award" for more than thirty years of service in the field of mechanical products standardization in United States and abroad.

He and his wife, Lela, have two daughters: Mrs. Sharon Horn, of Elmhurst, Illinois, and Mrs. Pamela Ruhnke, of Fair Oaks, California.

Frances and Dorothy Shugart

FRANCES SHUGART and wife, Dorothy (Houck) have lived in Auburn since their marriage, 4 August 1926.

Frances received his education in the Auburn schools. Dorothy, from Defiance, Ohio, went to school there, including Beauty School.

Frances worked for years for Waite Widney in the plumbing and heating business. Later, Frances specialized in Refrigeration and Heating and worked independently until his health caused early retirment in 1967.

Dorothy has been active in volunteer civic work especially in scouting and DeKalb County Fair work. She was affiliated with Entre Nous Literary Society and Methodist Church.

Frances and Dorothy are the parents of one son, Dr. Robert R. Shugart, born 4 October 1929. Robert was an outstanding student in the Auburn schools, DePauw University, Northwestern Medical School and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He specialized in orthopedics and is a surgeon in this field, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Robert also served in the United States Air Force.

Frances and Dorothy are the grandparents of six: Kathryn, born 25 December 1957; Dr. Robert M. Shugart, born 17 November 1959, who is presently at Mayo Clinic in Rochester; Karol, born 21 October 1960; Karen, born 9 June 1963; Susan, born 31 August 1965; and Beth Ann, born 20 September 1969.

Frances was dedicated to his business and as enthusiastic in his hobbies of fishing and hunting. Also he was a fifty year member of the Masonic Lodge, of Auburn.

Dorothy served as DeKalb County 4-H Leader for thirty-five years and received for her Leadership in Boy Scouting the Silver Fawn award for distinguished service on 5 December 1973, and was given the First Community Service Award in 1957.

JAMES B. DRAGGOO, son of William and Eliza (Angel) Draggoo, born 14 September 1842. His brothers and sisters were George, David, William, Jacob, Louisa, Martha, Jane, and Frances. James' paternal grandparents were Frederick and Martha Draggoo. His maternal grandparents are unknown at this time.

James' family were early settlers of DeKalb County, living near St. Joe, where he received his early training. He enlisted in the Union Army, 27 February 1864, and honorably discharged 12 January 1866, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married 29 April 1866, to Delilah Ervin, daughter of Jonathan and Cornelia (Armstrong) Ervin. Delilah, born 7 September 1851, in Stark County, Ohio, moved to DeKalb County in early life with her parents at the age of six. Delilah and her brother, Elmer, lost their mother by death. Later her father married Harriet. To this marriage were born James and Richard Ervin.

James B. and Delilah were the parents of sixteen children: Mary Cornelia, Frank E., Lodema E., William E., Delbert, Cora Bell, Harriet Jane, John L., Orange Bruis, Bertha May, Ervin, Sadie Eliza, Orpha Pearl, Ruth Ann, and Lloyd James. All grew to maturity except Ervin.

With the exception of three years spent on a farm near Metz, Steuben County, Indiana, his entire life was spent in DeKalb County. Dr. Draggoo was a member of the DeLong Post Number sixty-seven, G.A.R., of Auburn, Indiana.

James B. died 14 October 1929, and Delilah died 20 November 1917.

RUTH ANN DRAGGOO, born 6 January 1893, to James B. and Delilah (Ervin) Draggoo, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were William and Eliza (Angel) Draggoo. Her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Cornelia (Armstrong) Ervin. Her paternal great grandparents were Frederick and Martha Draggoo.

Ruth Ann lived her early years with her parents until she married Kent Provines, 18 April 1914.

Kent and Ruth Ann were farmers. They raised five children: Hubert, born 9 October 1915; June, born 12 June 1917, wife of Carl Deihl, living near Waterloo, Indiana; Val Jean, born 18 September 1918; Bruce, born 1 October 1921; and Eleanor, born 13 March 1926.

Kent died 12 September 1965.

SHIPPLY WILSON, family came from near Lima, Ohio, and settled west of Sedan, Indiana.

Shipply married Susannah Frees. They came to Ohio by Erie Canal and to Indiana by oxen and wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had three daughters: Hannah Margaret, wife of Thomas Dilgard, a native of Ashland County, Ohio, before settling in DeKalb County, Indiana. Mrs. Dilgard taught school in Fairfield Township. Their children were: David E. and Wilbur M. Dilgard; Carrie Wilson, wife of Daniel Steckley. They had five children: Arthur, Hattie, Alvin, Carl, and Walter; Alvina Wilson, wife of Winn Rosenberry. They had one daughter, Lillian, wife of Fred Morrison. She was a talented musician and taught piano.

ERNEST DEETZ, married Rebecca Guilting and they had a family of five boys and two girls. In 1815 or 1816, Ernest and his family came to Ohio, settling on one hundred sixty acres of farm land near Shanesville. He lived there until 1826, when he died and was buried on the farm.

HENRY E. DEETZ, son of Ernest and Rebecca (Guilting) Deetz, born 29 April 1803. When thirteen years old, he moved to Tuscarawas County, Shanesville, Ohio, with his parents. He lated moved to Holmes County, where he married three times and fathered thirteen children. His third wife was Mary Ann McCasslin. Henry and Mary had settled in DeKalb County in 1853 on eighty acres of farm land in Fairfield Township, where they were members of the German Reformed Church. Henry E. Deetz, died 7 May 1870, and is buried in the Fairfield Center Cemetery.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "FRANK" DEETZ, born 21 April 1857, in DeKalb County, the youngest child of Henry and Mary Deetz. Benjamin spent his childhood helping his parents on the family farm.

Mary Ann Snellenbarger, born 8 March 1861, daughter of Fred and Julia (Ferny) Snellenbarger, in Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Deetz and Mary A. Snellenbarger, married 2 November 1882, in Noble County. They were the parents of one daughter, Maudina

Benjamin Franklin Deetz Family

Mae, who married Edward Hohman.

Benjamin disliked farming and eventually entered into his own carpenter business in the Noble County area. Mary and Benjamin relocated in Kendallville at a location across from City Hall on the corner of Rush and Main Streets, where they resided the remainder of their lives. The home has since been torn down and replaced with a gas station.

Benjamin Deetz died 10 March 1931, and his wife, Mary (Snellenbarger) Deetz died 2 November 1921. Both are buried in the Lakeview Cemetery located in Kendallville, Indiana.

HENRY H. DEETZ, born 25 January 1853, in Holmes County, Ohio, son of Henry E. and Mary (McCasslin) Deetz. The family came to DeKalb County when Henry H. was about a year old.

He was united in marriage with Elmira Ellen Gonser, 15 February 1881. Elmira was born in 1858. They were the parents of two children: Jesse Belle, born 1882, died 1885, and Jay Emory, born 19 October 1886, died 1954.

Henry H. Deetz wasa well known farmer of Fairfield Township. He served as assessor of Fairfield Township several terms, for a period of twenty-four years. He was only twenty-five years old when he started as Township Assessor in 1878. He also served as County Assessor for a term of four years. In politics, Mr. Deetz was a Democrat.

Mr. Deetz was a member of Mentor Lodge Number 591, I.O.O.F. of Auburn, and of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Corunna.

He retired from farming and lived with his son about eighteen months before his death in 1935. He was eighty-two years old at the time. Elmira died 7 July 1933. They are buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

JAY EMORY DEETZ, born 29 October 1886, died 1954, son of Henry H. and Elmira (Gonser) Deetz. Jay is the grandson of Henry E. Deetz, an early settler of DeKalb County, mentioned in the 1885 history.

Jay taught school and had business offices in Peru and Auburn. He was united in marriage to Gladys Mae Achemire, 24 December 1908. Gladys was born 31 March 1887, died 25 October 1971, daughter of Daniel and Urilda (Sharp) Achemire, of Ashley.

Jay and Gladys were the parents of four children: Virginia, born 30 March 1914, married Paul Edwin Zonker, 4 November 1932, and were divorced in 1944. They had three children: Barbara Sue, born 27 November 1936; Julia Ann, born 27 September 1941; and Nancy Lou, born 26 October 1943. Virginia later married Karl August Meyer, 26 March 1949; Robert E. Deetz, born 17 November 1915, died 9 January 1983, married Helen Tarlton, born 26 January 1918. They have one daughter, Linda, born 21 June 1943; John Wesley Deetz, born 23 September 1920, and was killed at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, on the ship, California, 7 December 1941, and is buried in Hawaii; William Eugene Deetz, born 9 March 1924, died 17 October 1981, married Barbara Smith, and they were the parents of four children: Debbra, John, Jeff, and Angie.

Karl and Virginia Meyer

VIRGINIA DEETZ, born 30 March 1914, in Fort Wayne, daughter of Jay Emory and Gladys Mae (Achemire) Deetz, of Peru, Indiana. She was the granddaughter of Henry H. and Elmira (Gonser) Deetz, of Corunna, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Daniel and Urilda Lucinda (Sharp) Achemire, of Ashley.

Karl, born 20 May 1910, in Fort Wayne, son of Fred D.G. and Marie (Hallelman) Meyer. His paternal grandparents are Fredrick and Margaret (Alschwade) Meyer.

Karl and Virginia were united in marriage 26 March 1949, at the West Fairfield Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna.

Karl attended Emmanuel Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, and Valparaiso University. He has worked at McCray's Factory of Kendallville, General Electric of Fort Wayne, and was employed at Litton Factory, at Kendallville, Indiana, and farmed ninety-five acres of land. Karl died 13 February 1986.

Virginia worked at Messenger Corporation, Auburn, Indiana, and did housework. She had three daughters by her first marriage: Barbara Sue (Zonker) Riesen Koeller, born 27 November 1936; Julia Ann (Zonker) Clark, born 27 September 1941; and Nancy Lou (Zonker) Kugler, born 26 October 1943.

Karl and Virginia resided in rural Corunna, Indiana, and were members of the West Fairfield Lutheran Church, Corunna, Indiana.

Karl enjoyed farming, crafts, fishing, and playing cards, while Virgina enjoyed raising peacocks, sewing, and crafts.

DANIEL ACHEMIRE, born in 1850. He and Urilda Lucinda Sharp were married in Ashley. They were the parents of four children: Mina Achemire, born 12 May 1875, married Asa Brandon, born 10 January 1868. Their daughters are: Ethel Brandon and Marie, born 1898, married Raymond Snyder, 24 October 1924. They had a son, John, and a daughter, Jeraldine.

Phyllis Brandon, born 14 March 1902, married John Notestine and were the parents of seven children: Betty, wife of Boyce Charles; John Jr, married Evelyn Parker; Richard and Robert, who married twins; Earl; Glen; and Donna May, married David Foote.

Bernice Brandon, born 16 November 1906, married Lawrence Block.

Harry Achemire, son of Daniel, born 1876. He was united in marriage to Elta Vantippa (Hayward) Ling, 19 May 1901. Harry was an architect and helped build the YMCA and the McIntosh High School, in Auburn.

Gladys Achemire, daughter of Daniel, born 31 March 1887, married Jay Emory Deetz.

Myrtle Achemire, daughter of Daniel, born in 1897. She was united in marriage to Erna Wilhelm, 22 September 1915. Their children are: Thelma, wife of Joe Costanza; Dorthy, wife of Carl Hemsoth, who was a teacher at Ashley and a principal at Kendallville for twenty-five years; and Everett Wilhelm.

Daniel Achemire had two brothers: William and Joe. Joe Achemire had daughters: Mandy, married Jim Dewore; Polly May, married Henry Etter; Cindy; and Elisabeth, married William High, of Ashley.

Urilda Lucinda Sharp, wife of Daniel Achemire, born 10 November 1855, died on 16 November 1906.

Daniel's second wife was Anna Aldrich (Thomas) Bolley.

Ed and Andra Shenk

ED SHENK, born 14 December 1913, Auburn, Indiana, to Frank and Agnes (Thibant) Shenk, of Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Urias and Rebecca (Stonestreet) Shenk.

Edward married Andra Frazier, 17 August 1937, in Allen County, Indiana, Eel River Church, first to be married in the church. Andra, daughter of Hiram and Emma (Beck) Frazier, born 22 November 1915. Her paternal grandparents were George Washington and Sarah Jane (Devett) Frazier, natives of Pennsylvania. She was born and raised on her father's farm in Eel River Township, Allen County, Indiana.

To this union were born two children: William, married Sharon Claxton. They are the parents of Charles and James; and a daughter, Karen, wife of Mr. Moore. They have three children: Darby James, Nancy, and Paige.

Ed and Andra live in the home they began in, located now on DeKalb County Road 3.

Ed engaged in automotive repair until World War II, when he went to work at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, becoming a foreman of Flight Test. He obtained air and engine licenses in 1943. He has been at the present address except for two years, 1979-1981, when he operated the DeKalb County Airport.

The rifle belonged to John F. Shenk and was crafted by him. It was approximately 31 caliber. The barrel was started of Flat Steel two inches by 3 inches wide and half inch think. Any skilled blacksmith, such as Mr. Shenk, was capable of making this as well as many other items needed by pioneer families. The trigger mechanism was purchased from England before they became available in America. The stock and ornamentation was fashioned by the maker to suit him. Mr. Shenk's two sons, Henry and Urias, were also blacksmiths. This highly skilled profession was very important to pioneer settlers and for years later. Urias was the grandfather of Edward Shenk, who holds the gun and is the current owner.

The construction of a rifle like this can be seen at the gunshop in Colonial Williamsburg.

Lura Thimlar

LURA (FRY) THIMLAR, daughter of R.A. Fry and Ora Carrington, born 25 August 1891, Hicksville, Ohio. She and Walter Thimlas were married 10 April 1910, at Leo, Indiana.

To this union were born two sons: Howard and Robert, and two daughters: Harriet and Sally.

Howard Thimlas married Joyce E. Frazier, daughter of Wilder E. and Minnie E. Hughes. Howard and Joyce are the parents of Christine and Steven. Christine married David Gallegher. Steven lives in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick.

Harriet is the wife of George Stebring. They have no children. She graduated from the Auburn High School and worked for many years at Schaab Clothing Store until it went out of business. Both Harriet and George are retired. He is a volunteer at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum.

Sally is the wife of Henry Engle of Auburn, and Robert lives in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Lura Thimlar will be remembered by many of Auburn residents when St. Patrick's Day rolls around. Every March 17th, for thirty-two years, Mrs. Thimlar celebrated the traditional Irish Holiday by creating a colorful chapeau, dressing up in green accessories and strolling through downtown stores, wishing everyone a "Happy St. Patrick's Day." Her mother began this tradition when she was twenty-three years old. She was noted for the "Wearing of the Green" in Hicksville, Harlan, and Auburn for fifty years. Lura took up the tradition in 1940, and continued until 1972, her last. She died in July of 1972. Her husband died in 1941.

RICHARD DEAL LIEB, born 5 February 1925, at LaGrange, Indiana. Anita Joane Kleeman, born 9 June 1937, at Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Karl John and Maude (Myers) Kleeman, deceased. Her paternal grandparents were John and Sophie Kleeman, of Garrett, deceased. Her maternal grandparents were George and Emma (Rohm) Myers, of Auburn, Indiana, deceased.

Richard attended school at LaGrange and Kendallville, Indiana, college at Indiana University of Dentistry. Anita attended school at Auburn High School. They met in Auburn and married 4 February 1956, at the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Richard is now a dentist in Auburn, and Anita is a homemaker. They are the parents of three children: Margaret Ellen, born 20 November 1957; Kathryn Elizabeth, born 26 August 1959; and J. Paul, born 29 May 1962.

Dr. and Mrs. Lieb currently reside in Auburn. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Their hobbies include music, crafts, and sewing.

William Wilder Family

WILLIAM CLYDE WILDER, son of W. Lehr and Berneice (Hart) Wilder, born 23 June 1934, at St. Joe, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were William Washington and Dora (Shiver) Wilder. His maternal grandparents were Clyde Eugene and Gladys (Baltz) Hart, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Mr. Wilder attended school at Spencerville, graduating from High School in 1957, also St. Frances, where he received an M.S. degree in 1963.

The Wilder family are members of Coburn Corners Church of Christ, where he met Sarah Evelyn Fulmer, whom he married 2 June 1962.

Evelyn, daughter of Frank and Nola A. (Frey) Fulmer of St. Joe, Newville Township. Her paternal grandparents are Jacob and Sarah (Armbruster) Fulmer. Her maternal grandparents are Lucullus and Isavelle (Pace) Frey of Clarksville, Tennessee. Evelyn attended Riverdale High School in St. Joe, Indiana.

Bill has been a teacher for the past twenty-nine years. Evelyn worked as a bookkeeper in Louisiana, and Fort Wayne Newspapers.

They are the parents of two children: Lisa Marie, born 25 February 1966, and married Matthew Weston Frank, 30 May 1986, son of Dale and Ardeth Frank of Columbia City, Indiana; and William David, born 10 May 1969.

ALVA S. GROGG, son of Alva Franklin and Ada Rebecca (Smurr) Grogg, born 15 June 1924, at Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Daniel Peter and Elizabeth (Holtz) Grogg, of Auburn. His maternal grandparents were William Smurr and Sarah Magdaline (Morr) Smurr.

Alva received his education in the Auburn Schools. After graduating from high school, he served in the Navy for four years. After completing his Navy tour of duty, he owned and operated a grocery store and service station for thirty-eight years.

While in high school, he met Ruth Leticia Mitchener. They were married 18 January 1947. Ruth, born 11 July 1924, is the daughter of Lloyd Aldon and Dorothy Mae (Ferguson) Mitchener. Her paternal grandparents were Calvin and Sina (Stamets) Mitchener. Her maternal grandparents were Prime and Lettie Ferguson. Ruth attended college at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing.

Alva and Ruth are the parents of four children: Tim Allen, born 4 December 1947, married Mary Ann Jackson, 24 June 1972. He received a B.A. degree from Indiana University, an M.A. degree from Furman University, and a Law degree at Hamlin University. They have two daughters: Heidi and Heather. Tim is now Superior Judge at Columbus, Indiana.

Ted Alan, born 29 December 1952, married Mary Jean Williams, 17 May 1986. He received a B.A. from Wabash College and Indiana University Graduate School. At present he is controller for Abel Energy, Evansville, Indiana.

Tara Alane, born 12 July 1956, received a B.A. from Indiana University and is presently a Sales Manager of C.A. Reed Company, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Tamara Alicie, born 29 January 1963, received a B.S. degree from Indiana University, and is presently personel, Gaske Company, Elkhart, Indiana.

Alva and Ruth are members of St. Marks Lutheran Church. They are retired now and reside at their farm home east of Auburn, Indiana.

EDWARD GROGG, son of Alva F. and Adah (Smurr) Grogg, born 14 March 1909. His paternal grandparents are Peter H. and Mary Jane (Baker) Grogg. His maternal grandparents are William and Sarah (Morr) Smurr.

Edward was reared in Auburn, Indiana, receiving his early education in the local schools. He had a twin brother, Edgar, who married Florence Wachter, in 1936, died 19 July 1965. He also had another brother, Alva, and two sisters, Ruth and Bessie. Alva, born 15 June 1924, married Ruth Mitchener in 1947; Ruth, born 1 January 1917, married Robert George; Bessie, born 9 June 1927, married Robert Mochamer. Edward W. Grogg married Ruth M. Smith, in 1935.

Edward's pioneer ancestors of DeKalb County were Daniel Grogg and Elizabeth Holtz, who came to DeKalb County, in 1843. Daniel and his two brothers homesteaded one thousand six hundred forty acres on a section of land west of Auburn. The brick house he built still stands at the intersection of I-69 and County Road 40.

Edward and his wife reside in Auburn, Indiana.

ROGER CLARK MYERS, born 22 March 1932, to Glen Lloyd and Gladys Opal (Lucas) Myers, of DeKalb County.

Roger married 10 March 1954, in Hayes County, Texas, to Patricia Joan Miller, born 25 April 1933, daughter of Nicholas Lewis and Julia Matilda (Buchs) Miller, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Both Roger and Joan received their schooling in DeKalb County.

Roger is employed at Rieke Corporation in Auburn. Joan is a homemaker and does community volunteer work.

They are the parents of four children: John Roger, born 10 January 1955, in Hayes County, Texas; Marilyn Joan, born 6 September 1960, in Steuben County, Indiana; David Michael, born 14 March 1963, DeKalb County; Mary Ann, born 22 June 1968, DeKalb County. Also a grandchild, William Patrick Brannon, born 11 June 1983, son of Marilyn Joan.

The family are members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Auburn, and reside on County Road 427, Auburn, Indiana.

EDWARD G. WHERLEY, born in Mount

Eaton, Wayne County, Ohio, 4 October 1853, died at the home of his daughter, in Mishawaka, Indiana, 12 May 1940, aged eighty-six years, seven months, and eight days.

He was the son of Rudolph and Mary Ann Wherley. At the age of three years, he came to DeKalb County. On 28 February 1891, he was united in marriage to Emila DeLong. To this union were born two daughters: Mrs. Ethel (Wherley) Thomson, of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Mrs. Hazel (Wherley) Howard, of Waterloo, Indiana. They have four grandchildren: Edward Thomson, Mishawaka, Indiana; Lowell E., Eldon and Merlin Howard, of Waterloo, and one great grandchild: Richard Thomson, of Mishawaka. One sister: Mrs. George Shuster, of Waterloo, and one brother: George Wherley, of Waterloo, Indiana, along with many other relatives and friends.

CHARLES H. HOWARD, born 17 February 1893, Edgerton, Ohio, son of William Clayton and Alice (Hathaway) Howard, of Auburn and Waterloo. His paternal grandparents were Charles Wesley and Sarah Ann (Hurd) Howard, of Edgerton, Ohio.

Hazel T. Wherley, born 23 September 1899, Sedan, Indiana, daughter of Edward S. and Emila (DeLong) Wherley, of Sedan, Indiana.

Charles attended school at St. Joseph, Michigan, and Auburn, Indiana. Hazel attended school at East Richland, Sedan, Indiana.

They were married at the Methodist Church, in Waterloo, Indiana.

Charles worked at Auburn Auto, Howard Service, and Auburn Hardware. Hazel was a homemaker.

Charles and Hazel are the parents of three children: Lowell Eugene, born 23 March 1923, Waterloo, Indiana; Eldon Dean, born 25 December 1925, Waterloo, Indiana; and Merlin Johan, born 12 June 1931, Sedan, Indiana. Charles Howard died 6 January 1981.

WILLIAM C. HOWARD, born in Perrysburg, New York State, 26 September 1868, and passed away at his home in Waterloo, Indiana, 11 February 1947, aged seventy-nine years, four months and sixteen days, son of Charles Wesley and Sarah Ann (Hurd) Howard.

He came to make his home in Edgerton, Ohio, while very young. On 21 November 1890, he was united in marriage to Alice Hathaway. The couple resided in St. Joseph, Michigan, in 1898, and from there, they moved to Auburn, in 1908, where he took up his duties as foreman for the Auburn Auto Company for twenty-two years. In 1939, they came to Waterloo, where he spent his remaining days.

To this union were born two sons: Walter, born 30 September 1891, and Charles Howard, born 19 February 1893, of Waterloo, and a daughter, Tessa, born 6 August 1896, preceeding him in death. Mr. Howard had five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, all of Waterloo, and two brothers: Roy, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Glen, of Elkhart, Indiana.

CHARLES WESLEY HOWARD, born 22 March 1833, at Schenectady, New York, died Sunday, 22 January 1911, at the age of seventy-seven years and ten months.

He was united in marriage with Prudence Wing, in 1856. To this union were born two children: Myra, married Orval Hotchkiss; Kittie married John Stapleton. After ten years of marriage, Prudence died.

Charles married Sarah Ann Hurd, 1 January 1867. Sarah, born 21 September 1841, died 20 October 1919, daughter of Nathaniel Waite and Hulda Ann (Shepard) Hurd. Nathaniel, born 11 November 1811, in Stockbridge, Oneida County, New York, died 18 June 1892. Hulda, born 10 April 1819, in Massachusetts, died 8 July 1902. Hulda has thirteen brothers and sisters.

Charles and Sarah were the parents of four children: William Clayton, born 27 September 1867, married Alcie Hathaway, 26 November 1890, and had three children: Walter, Charley, and Tessa; George Hurd, born 1 August 1874, married Pearl M. Wines, 14 September 1905, their chidren are: Opal L., born 13 August 1906; Clyde E., born 7 August 1908; Owen G., born 4 April 1911; Florence M., born 26 March 1914; and Donald R., born 4 April 1922. Ray, born 1 January 1878, married Adah Beatie, 28 November 1901, their children are: Zelmah, born 2 July 1903, and Verial I., born 4 April 1908; Glen, born 23 November 1879, married Lola Zeigler, 20 June 1902, and has one son, Wayne, born 22 September 1912.

Sarah died 20 October 1919. Charles is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

HARMON WISE, born 18 August 1831, to Christopher and Leathy (Wilson) Wise, of Greentown, Stark County, Ohio. He had two brothers: Wilson and Franklin, and two sisters: Mary A. and Elizabeth.

He married Mary Stine, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Janes) Stine. To them were born eight children: Emory Allen, Charles F., Eva, Mary Ada, Carrie May, Frances, Christopher, and William Otto.

The family moved to DeKalb County, April, 1866, locating on a farm in Fairfield Township, which is still owned by a descendent, Orris Wise, a great grandson.

Mr. Wise died 3 January 1901, aged sixty-nine years. Mary died in 1928, aged ninety-six years. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

EMORY ALLEN WISE, son of Harmon and Mary (Stine) Wise, born 17 July 1854, at Greentown, Stark County, Ohio. He was the oldest of eight children. When he was twelve, he came with his parents to DeKalb County, Indiana, where he lived until his death 11 December 1930.

He worked for the New York Central Railroad in the Signal Division. He was a charter member of the K of P Lodge of Corunna, also a member for many years of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He married Elizabeth Becher, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Snider) Becher, on 23 December 1880. To this union were born two sons: Earl and Frank.

He died 11 December 1930 and Elizabeth died in 1937. Both are buried in Corunna Cemetery.

EARL H. WISE, son of Emory Allen and Elizabeth (Becher) Wise, born 6 February 1885, at Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Harmon and Mary (Stine) Wise. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Lydia (Snider) Becher. Both grandparents were natives of Stark County, Ohio, and came to DeKalb County, Indiana, in the 1860's.

Earl lived his entire life in Corunna. He attended public school there and at Tri-State College in Angola.

He was a painter and paperhanger by trade, but in his later years, became interested in radio and electrical contracting. He was a member of the K of P Lodge, at Corunna for forty years. His hobbies were principally in the field of sports. He was a member of the Corunna Baseball Team in his early years, and manager, coach, and sponsor of the team in the late 1920's.

Earl married 22 October 1904 to Josephine Mason, daughter of Thomas and Diane (Hathaway) Mason. They were the parents of one son, Orris Allen, born 10 July 1907.

The family never affiliated with any particular religious denomination, but were followers in the Christian faith. They were members of the "Rovers and Roverines" which was an active religious group for a period of time in Corunna. As the name indicates, the members "roved" from church to church in Corunna. Earl held offices on both the Town Board and the Board of Education.

Mrs. Wise was an avid lover of flowers, which she grew and shared with friends and relatives. Another hobby was Family History, which she enjoyed and shared with her daughter-in-law, Troas, who is a genealogist.

Earl died 16 March 1953, and Josephine died 14 November 1968. They are the great grandparents of three: John Earl Wise II, Brian James Wise, and Amy Elizabeth Wise, whose father is their grandson, John Earl Wise, son of Orris and Troas (May) Wise.

ORRIS ALLEN WISE, born 10 July 1907, at Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana, where he lived with his parents for twenty-three years. He received his schooling in the Corunna and Auburn public schools, graduating from the Auburn High School in 1925. He attended Purdue University and Ball State College before going into the Electrical Sales and contracting business in Auburn. He continued in this business until 1941, when he entered the Signal Corps of the Army as a radio engineer. He was stationed at Red Bank, New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; Newark, New Jersey; and Rochester, New York, during the first part of World War II. In 1943, he accepted a position at Collins Radio Company, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After the war, he worked a short while for a radio wholesale company before returning to the Civil Service, this time with the Navy; Inspector of Naval Material in positions which included supervisor, technical assistant, and inspector-in-charge. His hobbies were amature radio, sports, and traveling. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge in Cedar Rapids, a former member of the K of P Lodge of Corunna, Indiana, and a member of Triangle Fraternity at Ball State. He became a member of the Methodist Church of Corunna in 1923, but transferred by letter to the First Baptist Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

He married Martha Troas May, 24 January 1931. To this union was born one son, John Earl.

Troas, born 1 June 1908, in Ashley, Indiana, to John A. and Rozetta (Cox) May. Her paternal grandparents were John B. and Cornelia (Sherman) May. Her maternal grandparents were Isaac Newton and Anna (Stamets) Cox.

She received her early education in Montpelier, Ohio, Pierceton, Indiana, and high school in Corunna and Auburn, graduating in 1926 from McIntosh High School in Auburn. She attended Hillsdale College and graduated from Indiana University in 1930. She taught in the Ashley High School for five years before retiring. She has been active in literary organizations, college groups, historic and genealogical activities.

The family has lived the past several years in DeKalb County, where they returned from Cedar Rapids to care for their ailing parents and Mrs. Wise's sister.

Mr. Wise died 2 August 1986, and Mrs. Wise lives in Auburn.

JOHN EARL WISE, born 13 March 1943, in Auburn, Indiana, to Orris Allen and Troas (May) Wise. His paternal grandparents are Earl H. and Josephine (Mason) Wise. His maternal grandparents are John A. and Rozetta (Cox) May. His May lineage came be traced to Luke May, a Revolutionary War Patriot. The immigrant, John May, from England, who came to America in 1630.

John's family moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when he was three months old. He received his early education in the local schools. His continued education was from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and Indiana University.

On 28 June 1964, he married Patricia Ann Wild, a native of Cedar Rapids, daughter of Robert and Janis (Larson) Wild.

John was professionally engaged in photographic business until they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he worked for the Des Moines Register as a photographer. He later returned to Cedar Rapids, where he became manager of a photo store.

To this union were born three children: John Earl II, born 14 January 1966; Brian James, born 2 May 1969; and Amy Elizabeth, born 4 September 1970. John II is in the Navy, Brian is a senior, and Amy is a junior in Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

This marriage was terminated in 1981. John now lives in Auburn, Indiana, with his present wife, Mary, and two stepchildren: Dallas "Tana" and Beth, both students at DeKalb Central High School, DeKalb County, Indiana.

He is now employed in the office of Robert D. Anweiler, CPA, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The family are affiliated with the First Methodist Church, of Auburn, Indiana.

HENRY BECHER, born in Stark County, Ohio, 7 February 1820, to Jacob and Elizabeth (Essig) Becher, died 6 March 1904.

He married Lydia Snyder, 23 May 1852. To this union were born six children: Jacob, born 2 March 1853, died 3 August 1917. He never married; Elizabeth S., born 31 August 1854, died 1937, married Emory Allen Wise, 23 December 1880, DeKalb County, Indiana. They resided in Corunna. Mr. Wise worked for the New York Central Railroad. To this union were born two sons: Frank and Earl; John H., born 31 July 1856, died 1917, married Catherine Shaffer. He was working on the section gang on the New York Central Railroad near pumping station west of Corunna, when he was struck and killed by an express train. Mr. and Mrs. Becher had two children: a daughter, died in infancy, and Howard, married Hazel Bower. They had no children of their own but adopted a boy; Julia, born 30 November 1858, died 21 September 1868, never married; Simon Peter, born 21 May 1859, died 1933, married Carrie Wise, sister of Emory Allen Wise, husband of Elizabeth. To them was born a son: Russel, who died at age eight as the result of scarlet fever; Susanna, born 13 April 1862, died 25 September 1881, unmarried.

Henry, Lydia, Jacob, Julia, and Susanna are buried in the Sixteen Cemetery. John, Elizabeth, and Simon Peter are buried in Corunna Cemetery.

THOMAS MASON, born 2 March 1846, Lincolnshire, England, son of John and Mariah (Hilton) Mason. The family came to America 1 April 1851, on the Ship "Jenny Lind" entering the port at New York Harbor. He had three brothers and one sister, also born in England, John William, who was killed in a mill accident while in Ohio, Joseph, who married Agnes Jones, and Mary, who married James R. Crummy.

The family went to Ohio, before migrating to DeKalb County, Indiana, before 1870. They settled in Richland Township, north of Garrett, later became part of Keyser Township. Here Thomas lived until he was married to Diana Hathaway, 9 September 1880. She was the daughter of Lucian and Elizabeth (Swanders) Hathaway, also of English ancestry and settlers of DeKalb County, Indiana.

To this union were born nine children: Elizabeth Maria, born 19 June 1881, died 5 October 1964, married Clarence Grogg, 24 December 1902. To this union were born two daughters: Mary Ailene, born 20 September 1906, died age three months, and Helen, born 1 July 1909, married Wilbur Fryer.

Eliza "Lida" Ellen, born 23 September 1882, died 8 April 1974, married Arthur Ober, 18 December 1904. Two daughters were born to this union: Pauline, born 12 March 1912, married Harry Guilford, 18 July 1984; Novella, born 10 May 1917, died 2 September 1963, married John C. Diehm, 25 September 1943. They had one daughter, Sandra Deanna, who married Larry Beltz, and two grandsons, Daren and John Diehm.

Josephine, born 20 June 1885, died 14 November 1968, married Earl H. Wise. They had one son, Orris Allen, born 10 July 1907, died 2 August 1986, married Troas May, 24 January 1931, one grandson, John Earl Wise, and three great grandchildren: John Earl II, Brian James, and Amy Elizabeth.

Milo, born 15 February 1887, died 10 May 1961, married Bitha Luttman, 5 November 1909. To them were born Bernadine, Roseland married Clayton Thorn, 7 October 1931; Thomas Eldred, born 23 June 1916, married Elizabeth Ann Greibel, 9 September 1943; and Maxine, born 26 June 1920, married Lawrence Chorpenning Jr., 14 December 1940, and had two sons: Kerry Lynn and Michael Jay.

Rosa Arvillia, born 9 September 1895, died 25 May 1979, married Harley Reynolds, 14 May 1910. They had six children: Gerald, born 25 May 1911; Olen, born 1 January 1913, died 9 June 1957; Hilda, born 14 June 1915, married Edwin Perkins, 2 September 1934; Jenetta, born 9 January 1917, married Kenneth Cramer, had two children; Donald, born 25 December 1920, married Bette J. Garver, one adopted daughter; Max, born 9 January 1930, married Donna Lee Haynes.

Percy O., born 16 December 1895, died 1986, married Wilmay Summey, had one son, Richard, born 12 October 1926, died 24 November 1975, married Phyllis Joan Butler, 12 November 1944.

Tom and Diana had five other children: Mary Alula, Eddy and Edna, twins, died young.

All lived in DeKalb County where their children were raised to adulthood, except Percy who resided in Kendallville, Indiana.

Diana died 17 October 1897, after which Thomas, with the help of the two older girls, cared for the children. Later he moved to Corunna, Indiana, where he remained until his death, 2 March 1922, on his seventy-sixth birthday.

JOHN A. MAY, born in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 10 April 1873, died in Auburn, Indiana, 13 October 1933, son of John Bemeut May, born 7 August 1837. His paternal grandparents were George B. and Mary (Knight) May and Cornelia (Sherman) Hinman May. His father can trace his ancestry to Luke May, who served in the Revolutionary War. The May family came to America in 1640, from England and settled in Massachusetts. Migrating to New York, Ohio, and to DeKalb County in 1865, where his father and mother met and were married. His mother, Cornelia (Sherman) Hinman, born 15 December 1845, daughter of Benjamin and Eunice (Edie) Sherman. She married Henry Hinman, who was killed in the Civil War, leaving her a widow with a small daughter, Mary. Cornelia died in 1900.

John lived most of his life in DeKalb County, receiving his education in the local school and by self education. He spent hours after the working day, reading. His favorite book was the Bible. He was required to go to work when fourteen to help with the family's financial burden. Only the oldest children had extra formal schooling advantages. An older brother, William, attended college and was an inspiration to him. He confessed his faith and became a member of the Church of Christ. Besides the brother, William, there were James, Harriet, Ollis, Ora, and Carl.

He was by occupation a Hardware Merchant, tinner, and plumber, and a self employed business owner. He began his hardware apprentice under Frank Hoover, of Ashley, in 1894, at a beginning salary of $5.00 per week.

He married Anna Rozetta Cox, on 8 June 1897. She was born 16 October 1877, in LaGrange County, Indiana, the only daughter of Isaac Newton and Anna (Stamets) Cox. Mrs. May died at the age of ninety-five, shortly after her birthday.

To this union were born two daughters: Marjorie Ann, born 30 November 1903, who never married, and Martha Troas May, born 1 June 1908, who married 24 January 1931, to Orris Allen Wise, son of Earl and Josephine (Mason) Wise. A son, John Earl Wise, born 13 March 1943, is their only child. He is the father of John Earl Wise II, Brian James Wise, and Amy Elizabeth Wise.

ISAAC NEWTON COX, son of William and Nancy (Van Auken) Cox, born 16 October 1851, died 14 February 1932, in DeKalb County. William and Nancy came to Indiana in 1851, settling on a farm in Smithfield Township, which Isaac Newton "Newt" Cox purchased from William's heirs upon the death of his parents. He had lived with his parents, after his marriage to Anna Stamets, and farmed with his father. He continued farming until he retired and moved to Ashley. His son, Arthur, continued to farm until he moved to Bloomington, Illinois. Besides Arthur, Newt and Anna were the parents of Elon, Emmett, Anna Rozetta, and Harry Harrison.

Elon, the oldest child, born 1873, lived to the age of nineteen, when he died suddenly of severe hemorrhaging. He is buried at Cedar Lake Cemetery, as are his grandparents, William and Nancy Cox.

EMMETT ELSWORTH COX, second son of Newt and Anna Cox, born 14 January 1875, living at home until he married Cora Blanche McCague, 28 June 1906, daughter of James P. and Nancy A. (Bowman) McCague of Waterloo, Indiana. They first lived in Corunna, where both were employed. Later Emmett went into the heating and plumbing business with his father-in-law, at which time they moved into the James P. McCague family home, which was on a hill at the corner of North Washington and Mill Streets in Waterloo, Indiana. They lived there until their deaths, Emmett in 1940 and Blanche in March, 1953. They were active members of the Waterloo Methodist Church. They had no children.

ANNA ROZETTA "ZETTA" COX, only daughter of Isaac Newton and Nancy Cox, born 16 October 1877. Anna was in the first graduating class of Ashley High School. She was married 8 June 1897, on her parents' twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, to John A. May, son of John B. and Cornelia (Sherman) May, early settlers in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. After her marriage, she lived in Ashley, a new town in DeKalb County, located on the Wabash Railroad. She and her husband lived in several locations during their married life. After the death of her husband in 1933, she bought a home in Waterloo. Here she lived until her death in 1972, at the age of ninety-five. She had two daughters: Marjorie Ann and Martha Troas, wife of Orris A. Wise.

Zetta and John are buried in Circle Cemetery, as are her parents.

ARTHUR COX, born 15 July 1881, at the family home in DeKalb County. Their farm was the home of three generations, the last being Arthur.

When Arthur left farming for sales and transportation of chickens to the eastern states, he and his family moved to Bloomington, Illinois. In his retirement years, he returned to Ashley, Indiana, where he lived for several years. Because of illness, he left Indiana to live with his oldest daughter in Chicago, Illinois, where he died 23 February 1945.

Arthur married Tillie Finken, of Bryan, Ohio, 16 November 1907. Her parents were William and Julia (Lease) Finken. They had three children, all born in DeKalb County. Harold, born 21 November 1908, died 15 May 1916, never married. He worked several years at Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan; Virginia, born 15 May 1916, married Earl Feicht of Bloomington, Illinois. They are living at Palatine, Illinois. They have one daughter, Sue, wife of Dennis Waliczek. They are the parents of three sons: Gary, Gregory, and Glenn; Betty Jean, born 17 February 1918, died 5 December 1970, married Al Luckenback, also deceased. Betty Jean had no children.

Arthur and Tillie and son are buried in Bryon, Ohio, Cemetery.

HARRY HARRISON COX, youngest son of Isaac Newton and Anna (Stamets) Cox, born at the Cox homeplace 19 April 1891, died 27 January 1964.

Harry owned and operated a restaurant in Hudson, Indiana, for many years before moving to Pierceton, Indiana, where he was in the hardware business with his brother-in-law, John A. May. When they sold the business, he moved to Michigan, near Bronson. He and his family lived in Gary, where he worked in the steel mills. Later returned to Ashley, where he purchased and operated a hardware store.

He married Grace Greenwood, of Ashley, 29 July 1913. She was the daughter of Eugene and Mary Louise (Hefferbert) Greenwood, born 20 July 1884, died 22 July 1972. Grace was a talented seamstress and in her early years specialized in Millinary at two different hat shops in Ashley. During the later years in Ashley, she was a constant partner to her husband in the Hardware Business.

Harry and Grace have one child, Beth Elaine, born 22 July 1924, whom they adopted while in Michigan. Beth's mother died when she was born, at which time she came to live with her foster parents. Beth is an outgoing person and brought much joy to her family, relatives, and friends. She married Russell Shumaker, of Ashley, son of Seth and Madolyn (Morr) Shumaker. Beth and Russell have two children: Gloria Jean, born 5 December 1954. Gloria is married to Michael D. Hanley and they have two children: Shawn Michael, born 25 February 1983, and Kari, born 18 December 1986. Gloria works for Lincoln Life Insurance and lives in Churubusco, Indiana. Their son, John Wayne, born 18 May 1956, married Tammy Jordan. They have one son, Samuel, born 19 October 1985. They live in Waterloo, Indiana.

Beth and Russell graduated from the Ashley High School and they presently live in Ashley, Indiana.

LYDIA ANN McCONNELL, born in Canton, Stark County, Ohio, 1 April 1853, daughter of John H. and Elizabeth (Snyder) McConnell. When Lydia Ann was six months old, she and her

Fred Hardy and children

parents went by covered wagon to the site upon which the city of Garrett now stands. This would be in October of 1853.

Lydia Ann married John Henry Buss, 25 December 1870, in Auburn. John and Lydia were the parents of three children: John Christian, born 2 March 1872, died 4 August 1872, aged six months and two days; Edward Franklin, born 10 January 1873, died 14 August 1886, aged thirteen years, seven months, and four days; and Eva Elizabeth, born 5 March 1875, died at the Foster Memorial Home, in Huntingtin, West Virginia, 25 July 1954, aged seventy-nine years, four months, and twenty days. She was buried in Ironton, Ohio. John Henry Buss, died 29 July 1876, aged twenty-four, ten months, and eleven days.

Lydia Ann (McConnell) Buss married James D. Burch on 23 September 1880, in Auburn, Indiana. To this union was born Sadie (Burch) Skirvon, at Garrett, Indiana, 24 July 1881.

Lydia died in Ashland, Kentucky, 1 December 1939, aged eighty-six years and eight months. She was living with Aunt Sadie and family in the Burch home. James D. Burch died 5 September 1916, in Ashland, Kentucky. John Henry Buss and his two sons, John Christian and Edward Franklin, are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, in Auburn, Indiana.

Eva Elizabeth Buss and Fred E. Hardy were married in Ashland, Kentucky, 27 June 1899, at 7:00p.m. in the Burch home, by Reverend A.B. Leonard of the M.E. Church. Fred and Eva had five children: Martha Eveline, born 21 October 1900, in Portsmouth, Ohio, died 22 October 1900, in Portsmouth, Ohio, and buried in Ashland, Kentucky; James Lyle, born 27 May 1902, in Elwood Place, Cincinnati, Ohio, died 6 June 1902, and was buried in Ashland, Kentucky; a son was stillborn at Ashland, Kentucky, 9 December 1903, and was buried at Ashland, Kentucky, alongside the other two children; Fred Earnest, Jr., born 24 March 1907, at Ironton, Ohio; and Clarence McConnell, born 24 June 1911 at Ironton, Ohio, died 27 August 1967, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Fred E. Hardy, Sr., born 23 January 1875, at Burlington, Ohio. His parents were William Loyal and Myra (Kilbourne) Hardy. He died 20 August 1937, in Ironton, Ohio, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

WARREN H. HARVEY, born in Garrett, Indiana, 9 May 1901, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Harvey, of Garrett. Warren had one brother, Dale, and two sisters, Mrs. E.A. Crow and Mrs. Paul Bateman. Warren graduated from high school in 1919. He then entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He graduated in 1924, with the rank of Ensign. He was assigned to the Pacific fleet and later was trained for flying at Pensacola, Florida. He had been a pilot since 1926, and was promoted to First Lieutenant, then to Lieutenant, and then to Lieutenant Commander.

The marriage of Warren Harvey and Rebecca Keen took place at Joliet, Illinois, 11 July 1929. Rebecca's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Keen of Garrett. To this union were born two daughters: Ann and Jean.

Warren was assigned to the naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 1936, and led the first search by air for the famous lost flyer, Amelia Earhart, in 1937, thereby gaining national attention. He was reassigned to the west coast base at San Diego in 1939, and lived there with his family. He was attached to the airplane carrier, Saratoga.

Lieutenant Warren H. Harvey was on a business trip in Washington, D.C. at the time of his death. He died of a heart attack in the shower after playing a game of squash. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

JOHN D. MEANS, born 1924 to Calvin and Fanny (Dulaney) Means. His paternal grandparents were John W. and Rebecca (Farver) Means. John had two sisters, Leah and Margaret Ann, and one brother, Harry A.

He married Deloris Warstler. They are the parents of four children: Marlene Kay, born 1946, wife of Hal Williams; Roger Allen, born 1950; Dian Sue, born 1955; and Cindy Ann, born 1961. John has become interested in family history and is at present researching his Means connections. His lineage begins with Squire Means, who had ten children. John D. descends from Squire's son James and Isabella Means.

John D. lives in DeKalb County, near Auburn, Indiana.

Judge Link Home

JUDGE DANIEL M. LINK, born 4 November 1872, son of Joseph and Laura (Walborn) Link. The family resided in Garrett and Syracuse, Indiana, Michigan, and Kansas, before returning to Auburn, when Mr. Link was still a small boy. He had a sister, Maud, and brothers: George, Dr. Claude, and Alva.

Mr. Link graduated from Auburn High School and went to Chicago where he was a police reporter for the City Press Bureau, Inter Ocean Press and later the Chicago Tribune. While employed as a reporter, he attended Northwestern University, receiving his law degree in 1893. He was admitted to practice in his profession in 1894. In 1897, Mr. Link was named attorney for Auburn. He directed the city's legal affairs when Auburn was incorporated as a city in 1900. As the city's first attorney, he served four years.

During his legal career, he was admitted to practice in all courts in Indiana and Illinois, including the Supreme Courts of the two states. He also was admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts, United States Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court.

He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. On 23 November 1911, at Fort Wayne, he was elevated to thirty-second degree Mason and on 17 September 1918, was selected as one of the country's few thirty-second Masons. The ceremony was performed at Boston, Massachusetts. Daniel was chosen to this honor for outstanding services to the lodge and distinguished service to the public.

During World War I, he was the first County Chairman of the DeKalb Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Daniel was married 29 April 1897 to Blanche Shilling, daughter of Lyman B. and Libby Shilling. She died 4 July 1945, in Oden, Michigan, at the family summer home. Blanche was active in many organizations in Auburn. A member of the Ladies' Literary Club for many years, she was also in the Ladies' Reading Club. During World War I, she was active in the Red Cross surgical dressing work and associated with the Ration Board.

To this union were born two children: a son, Thomas Marshall Link, who married Charlotte Fell. They had no children. A daughter, Marion, married Frank Milliken, and had three children: Frank, Jr., John, and Ann.

Judge Link died 10 April 1954, at his home at 810 North Main Street, Auburn, Indiana. He and his wife are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

CHARLES R. COLLINS, born 5 September 1934, in Fort Wayne, to Millard L. and Vera (Studebaker) Collins. His paternal grandparents were Charles M. and Ruby (Heerdeen) Collins. His maternal grandparents were Isaac and Ella (Stover) Studebaker.

Charles R. married Rita A. Shively, of Huntington, Indiana, born 27 December 1936, daughter of Roger and Margaret (Jordan) Shively. Her paternal grandparents were Thomas and Myrtle Shively. Her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Geneva Jordan.

Charles received his education in Whitley County and Indiana Institute of Technology. Rita attended schools in Fort Wayne and Manchester College. Charles worked at Broadview Lumber Company for thirty-five years and is now President of the company. Rita is now employed at Dr. F.A. Duncan, D.D.S., in Auburn, Indiana.

They are the parents of three children: Marc K., born 6 August 1955; Gregory A., born 24 August 1957; and Pamela A., born 2 June 1961.

The family are members of the First Christian Church, Auburn, Indiana. They enjoy many hobbies, such as tennis, bridge, piano, reading, refinishing furniture, and sewing.

THERESA ROSE KINTZ, born 1 December 1917, was adopted by her maternal grandparents, Grant U. and Carrie Carolyn (Kirchner) Crary. A sister, Geneva Mae Kintz, was also adopted by these grandparents.

The Crary family moved to Auburn Junction into a double house owned by Doctor Yarian, where now is the electric power station on Grandstaff Drive.

Across the road was a sauerkraut and dill pickle factory, always producing a bad odor. People came from all around to purchase the kraut and pickles, which sold for twenty-five cents a bucket. Just south of this was a canning factory of vegetables. The Crary family had their produce canned there for seven cents per can.

Theresa received her education in Auburn schools, walking from Auburn Junction in all kinds of weather.

The family later moved to Garrett, Indiana, where Theresa met and married 22 July 1933, Charles E. Kruger, born 8 October 1913. He died 2 June 1974. Charles was employed by Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company for thirty-five years. A son, Warren, has also worked for the same company thirty years, having been hired by his father.

Charles and Theresa were the parents of four children: Richard Wayne, born January, 1934, in Garrett, Indiana, married Thelma Bartles, daughter of Harold and Viola (Church) Bartles. They had three children: Susan, wife of Clark Bergdall; Sandra, wife of Randy Surfus; and Robert Allen Kintz, married Wendy Goldie.

Virginia Carol, born 16 March 1936, at Garrett, Indiana, married Max Bock, son of Walter and Helen (Hook) Bock. They have two children: Sheri Dawn, wife of Kenneth Cutler, Jr., and Denise Robin, wife of Johnny Wayne Carroll I.

Warren Gene, born 21 February 1937, at Garrett, Indiana, married Rebecca Sue Shultz, daughter of Wallace and Betty (Glass) Shultz. They have four daughters: Laura Louise, wife of Dennis Eakert; Molly Ann, wife of Gus Morrow; Jennifer Dianna, wife of John Antrup, who is in the United States Army; and Amy Beth, wife of Paul Pierce.

Janice Elaine, born 13 April 1939, married Robert Nodine, son of Lafayette and Mildred (Streb) Nodine. They have two children: DeWayne J., Ensign in the Navy and a graduate of Purdue University, now with the United States National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration; and Valerie Kay, wife of Craig Ludwig, also in the Navy.

VIRGIL BASSETT, son of Virgil John and Flossie (Keeler) Bassett. He is the grandson of John Edward and Charlotte Edna (Callender) Bassett and William and Daisy (Meek) Keeler. He was born the eldest son on 11 December 1929, with brothers: Merle and Richard, and a sister, Dessie (Bassett) Biddle. He graduated from St. Joe High School.

He married 11 November 1956 to Linda Joyce Ransburg, daughter of Reuel V. and Evelyn (Shufelt) Ransburg, residents of Steuben County. She is the granddaughter of John F. and Mattie M. (Zeller) Ransburg and Eugene M. and Etta Josephine (Hughes) Shufelt. Linda graduated from Pleasant Lake High School and Elkhart University as a lab and X-ray technician. Linda has one brother, Dan Ransburg, who lives in Hudson, Indiana.

They are the parents of Jeffrey, born 28 December 1957, married Karen Krick, 21 April 1979; David, born 25 June 1961; twin daughters who died in infancy in 1963; and Patricia, born 19 October 1965, married Bryan Scott Warstler, 22 September 1984.

Virgil worked at Fruhauf Trailer, Warner Gear, Dana Corporation, and Mid-City Typewriter. Linda had worked in various doctors offices in South Bend and Fort Wayne, and in the Sacred Heart Hospital and Garrett Hospital. Since 1973, they have owned Bassett Office Supply in Auburn. Virgil has been Inspector of Weights and Measures for DeKalb County since 1973.

They are both active in St. John's United Church of Christ in Hudson. Virgil is a member of Auburn Rotary Club and Linda has served as a 4-H leader and a member of the ChatterBelle Extension Club.

They enjoy traveling and have hosted many exchange students in their home through the Rotary Exchange and Tri-State University and can claim to have a friend on every continent.

Mary Bowman — 100 year farm

JOHN R. WALKER, born in York County, Pennsylvania, in 1808, and was there reared and married to Catherine Krumrine, who was born in Maryland in 1810. John R. Walker's father, Nicholas Walker, was a distiller, learning the business in his youth. He was a native of England. Catherine Krumrine was of German extraction.

John R. Walker moved to DeKalb County in 1844, purchasing one hundred sixty acres of land in Smithfield Township. The deed to this property, which is still held in the Walker family, was signed by President Van Buren on sheepskin parchment. This land, when purchased, was as the Indians had left it, with no improvements, with a very small patch of land cleared. Mr. Walker, with his family, cleared and cultivated the soil.

They were the parents of seven children, one dying in infancy. The others were: Mrs. Sarah Vogtman, Amanda McEntarfer, Manuel, and Humphrey, who died in boyhood, and Eli and

George, who remained all of their lives on the home farm and the land purchased across the highway. However, George, in his later years, after having to give up farming, moved to Waterloo.

George Walker was born in 1848 and after his marriage to Anna Ashelman, daughter of John Ulrich Ashleman and Maria (Everhart) Ashleman, pioneer famiy from East Auburn, they remained on the original farmstead, taking care of his parents and farming the land.

To George and Anna Ashleman Walker were born the following children: John Henry, born March of 1872; Alice Walker, born 20 November 1873; George William, born 2 March 1877; and Charles, born 3 December 1880.

Alice Walker Speer was born November, 1873, and married Charles C. Speer, who was born 25 December 1872. They were married in September, 1889. One son, George W. Speer, was born in June of 1900. He and Bertha Schiek were united in marriage in 1925. They are the parents of three children: Douglas was born January of 1931, and is an interior decorator with the IRS living in Jacksonville, Florida. Shirley Speer Henry was born in 1935, married Dick Henry, a well known mortician from Battle Creek, Michigan. Philip Speer was born in January 1944 and married Linda Lemper. They reside one mile south of Auburn on Route 427. C.O. Speer, with his son, George, founded the C.O. Speer and son Insurance Agency.

C.O. Speer and his wife had one daughter, Mary Alice, who was born in 1904, and married Waldo M. Bowman, who was born in January, 1900. He was the son of C.S.A. Bowman. Mr. Bowman was a railway mail clerk. They have three children: Marvin Eugene Bowman, Chemical Engineer for Corning Class. He was born in March of 1927, married Judy Stopf, who was born in February, 1931; Mary Lou Tuck, R.N., was born in May of 1931, and married Grayson Tuck, president of Safe Way Barge Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Roberta A. Bowman, jazz singer, born April, 1936. She was married to Richard Mills, and a second marriage to Larry E'Nama. She resides in Orlando, Florida.

Mary inherited a share of the Walker farm located in Smithfield Township, section 35. She registered this as a one hundred year ownership in the same family. The picture shows her displaying the certificate given to her. The original deed was signed by President Van Buren.

ISAAC SPEER, son of Robert and Ruth (McBride) Speer and spent his early childhood on a farm five miles east of Auburn, pioneered in 1850 by his parents, who came from Pennsylvania. The family consisted of four boys and one girl. Isaac was thirteen years old in the year 1850. The ground was cleared of trees and planted by all members of the family.

In the year 1859, Isaac Speer applied for the Cedar Lake School and was accepted. Here he taught for two terms, at the same time attending the Seminary conducted by Professor John Moore at Waterloo. In 1861, Isaac was married to Caroline Rempis; she died from "spotted fever" in 1864, and Isaac enlisted in the Civil War. At the close of the War, he returned to Waterloo and later married Phoebe Coats.

They had three children, of which two lived, Flora (Speer) Lollar and Charles O. Speer. Mr. Speer's son-in-law, Ezra Lollar, was superintendent of the Waterloo school for a number of years.

Isaac Speer and son conducted a grocery store in Waterloo from 1880 to 1900 on the northwest corner of Wayne and Marion Streets. Later this building was sold and moved west on Marion to become the first Ettinger Funeral Home. A fine new brick store was erected on this corner now occupied by the Feller Furniture Store. An item of interest: one of the employees of Mr. Feller, Dorsey Speer, is a great grandson of Robert Speer, being a direct descendent of one of the brothers of Isaac Speer. Isaac Speer died in 1921, at age eighty-four.

He married Alice Walker and they had two children: George and Mary. Father and son had a district agency, C.O. Speer and Son, representing several insurance companies. This agency served the Waterloo area many years, offering all types of insurance.

ROBERT SPEER, born in Asbisonia, Huntington County, Pennsylvania, 23 August 1811, son of James and Mary Ann Speer. They were born in or near Belfast, Irelan, and came to America in childhood.

Ruth Speer's parents, Charles and Elizabeth McBride, were born in Ohio, and lived most of their days in Knox County, Ohio.

In the spring of 1850, Robert Speer and family moved from North Liberty, Ohio, to DeKalb County, Indiana, and located on a tract of two hundred forty acres of land on which no timber had ever been cut. Here all members of the family, four boys and one girl, assisted in clearing the land and bearing all the privations subject to pioneer life. Here they received in the county school a start in a small amount of schooling offered.

In the fall of 1856, Robert rented the farm to Simon Wineland for one year, and the family moved to Fulton and McDonough Counties in Illinois, where they farmed for one year and then returned to the farm in Indiana.

Ruth Speer died in 1876, at the farm home. She was born 25 May 1812. Robert and Ruth were married by Reverend Francis Popham, 10 April 1834. Five children were born to this union: John Wesley, born 10 December 1834, died 26 December 1934; Isaac, born 21 May 1937, died 29 January 1921; William Henry, born 7 July 1839, died about 1890; Mary Elizabeth, born 2 September 1842, died 20 March 1908; Elzy Wilson, born 10 January 1844, died 3 March 1903; Robinson Elmer, born 21 December 1846, died 23 September 1919.

After the death of Ruth, Robert married 16 March 1879, to Mrs. Jane Lawrence. She died 18 September 1908. Robert Speer died 8 March 1902.

DORSEY E. SPEER, born 2 August 1924, in DeKalb County, east of Auburn, the first son of Trevor Devon and Alice (Webster) Speer. His paternal grandparents were John and Cora (Boren) Speer. His maternal grandparents were John and Maude Helen (Moon) Webster, of Iowa. Dorsey's great grandfather was William Henry Speer, son of Robert and Ruth Speer, whose parents, Robert's, were James and Mary Ann Speer, born in or near Belfast, Ireland, and came to America in their childhood.

Ruth Evelyn (Emerson) Speer was born in Auburn, 15 September 1925, daughter of Robert Burdette and Gertrude (Brown) Emerson. Her paternal grandparents were Robert Burns and Mabel (Austin) Emerson. Her maternal grandparents were William and Dora Brown, of Dale, Indiana. Her paternal great grandfather was Warren Austin, who served as DeKalb County Clerk around 1908.

Dorsey and Ruth were married 25 December 1946 at Auburn. Dorsey graduated from Auburn High School in 1942, and then served three years as a radioman in the Navy Airforce. He served on the Auburn City Council for sixteen years. Dorsey, his father, and his grandfather all received their first eight years of schooling at Pyles school near Auburn. Ruth graduated from Auburn High School in 1943.

Mr. Speer has two sisters, Marma Jean Rodebaugh, of Garrett, Indiana, and Dolene Gause, of Fort Wayne, and one brother, Leland D. Speer, of Garrett, Indiana. Mrs. Speer had one sister, Mabel Jean Lee, who is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer are the parents of three children: Mrs. Warren (Jerilyn) Walburn, rural Auburn; Dorsey E. Speer, Jr., of Waterloo, Indiana; and Mrs. Greg (Deborah) McClure of Auburn, Indiana. They have five grandchildren: Tara Dawn McClure, Darrin Walburn, and Kati L., Kari F., and Rachel Y. Speer.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer have lived in Auburn their entire married lives and at their present address for twenty-four years. Mrs. Speer is retired after working twenty-nine years as an operator for Indiana Bell Telephone Company. Dorsey was employed at Dilgard and Cline for twenty-three years, sold mobile homes for two years, sold cars for twelve years and is now working for Feller Furniture and Funeral Home of Waterloo, Indiana.

STEPHEN A. BOWMAN, born in Keyser Township, DeKalb County, Indiana one-half mile west of where the County Farm is now located, 1 November 1865, and was the son of Joseph and Ida (Brand) Bowman. Joseph Bowman, who was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, was the grandson of Jacob Bowman, who came from Germany in 1772. Joseph's son Samuel, came to Stark County, Ohio in 1817, where he became the father of a large family of children, one of whom was Joseph, who came to DeKalb County in 1839, entering eighty acres of government land where Stephen was born in 1865. Stephen lived on the farmstead until he became an orphan at age fourteen and came to live with his half-sister, Mrs. George Denison, who resided on a farm a short distance southeast of Waterloo. This enabled him to complete his high school in Waterloo when this school was in its infancy. In 1884 he took employment with J.S. Slaybaugh and learned the handle-making business. The following year 1 August 1885, he started handle-making on his own, his cash capital amounting to $5.00. At first all handles were made by hand and Mr. Bowman's first year's output was about one hundred and fifty dozen. The growth of the business was phenomenal after machinery took the place of hand-work. Production increased to ten thousand dozen per year. His business was first conducted in an old sawmill but in 1886 he moved into a building northwest of the Lake Shore crossing on Grant Street. Many of his machines were invented by Mr. Bowman and his son and others improved them. One patented machine is now an item in an Indianapolis museum. It was an important industry of Waterloo at one time. Mr. Bowman served as Clerk of Waterloo for eleven years and was also an active member of the Library Board.

In 1882 Stephen Bowman entered the Indiana National Guard as a private, and in 1900 he was appointed colonel by Governor Marshall.

In September 1887 he was united in marriage with Cora Fisher, daughter of Solomon and Harriet (Rhodabaugh) Fisher, a former clothing merchant of Waterloo. Mrs. Bowman was born in Waterloo, January of 1865. To this union were born eight children, all of whom graduated from the Waterloo High School. Harry Fisher, born 1889, an electrical engineer for Hunt Ferris Company, Harvard, Illinois, had two daughters; Paul A. born May 1891, who took up the business of handle-making, he married Beulah Bookmiller, having one son Charles Bowman. Fred Bowman, born November 1893, married to Bernice Overmeyer, a former salesman for Lee Hats, salesroom in the Palmer House, Chicago. Joseph Bowman, born March 1896, married Edith Widdicomb, two children, worked for Goodrich Tire Akron, Ohio. Twin sons, Waldo and Wilbur, born January 1900, Waldo married Mary Speer, was a retired railway mail clerk, are the parents of three children, all graduates of Waterloo High School, they are Marvin Eugene of Los Angeles, California; Mary Lou Tuck of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Roberta of Orlando, Florida. Wilbur Bowman married and is living in Kenosha, Wisconsin, two children. Harriet Bowman, born March 1906 married Maurice Wagner, one son, Jack, married, living and teaching in Auburn. Daisy Mae born April 1911, married Waldo Crooks, two daughters. Col. Bowman died 26 August 1933.

JAMES HENRY MURRAY, born in Seneca County, Ohio, 7 November 1839, died 14 January 1923 in his home in Spencerville, Indiana. He was the youngest son of James and Nancy (Herrin) Murray. James and Nancy Murray had four children. Widowed in 1840, Nancy moved her family to Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, Indiana, in 1854.

In 1860, James Henry Murray moved to Spencerville, Indiana, and bought a saw and grist mill with his stepfather, John Zimmerman. At the death of John Zimmerman, James and his brother Thomas bought the remaining interests and became partners. Thomas operated the saw mill until his death 6 January 1911. James operated the grist mill called the Spencerville Milling Company producing "Pearl Drop Roller Flour", the pride of St. Joe Valley.

Margaret (Langley) Murray was born in Charlestown, Virginia, 6 May 1840. She was the daughter of John Frances and Elizabeth Langley. She was one of eight children. Maggie came to Indiana in 1868, with her mother. She continued to care for her mother until her death in 1875. Margaret died 27 March 1911. She was survived by a brother, Reverend Joseph M. Langley, of Rock Island, Illinois, and a sister, Eliza E. Myers, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

James Henry and Margaret were married 30 January 1873. They had two daughters: Mabel, born 6 February 1874, and Winifred, born 18 November 1875. Mabel married Will Erick and they had two sons: Murray Enos and William Beeks. Winifred married Benjamin Shook and they had four sons: Hubert Herman, Donald Langley, Henry Murray, and Richard LaMar.

James was devoted to the principles of Masonry and was a Charter member of Concord Lodge and a member of the Spencerville Eastern Star. Maggie joined the Methodist Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania in 1858. She transferred her membership to the Spencerville Methodist Church and served on the Board of Trustees for ten years. She was a loyal member of the local W.C.T.U.

HENRY MURRAY SHOOK, born 30 July 1906, in Spencerville, Indiana, son of Dr. Benjamin O. and Winifred Lyle (Murray) Shook. His paternal grandparents were Jonathon and Rebecca (Conrad) Shook. His maternal grandparents were James Henry and Margaret Donaldson (Langley) Murray. He graduated from Spencerville High School in 1924, and the University of Illinois in 1930. He was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity. He died 6 October 1983.

Julia Maxine, born in Waterloo, Indiana, 1 June 1908. She is the daughter of Charles Clyde and Maude Ellen (Duncan) Roberts. Her grandparents were John James and Arvilla Nancy (Crain) Duncan. Julia graduated from Auburn High School in 1926. During high school, she played girls basketball for the Auburn Red Devils. Julia was the secretary to Auburn School Superintendent H.L. McKenney from 1926 to 1937.

Henry and Julia were married 3 September 1932 in Richmond, Indiana, thereafter residing in Auburn. They have four daughters:

Julienne, born 1939, graduated from Michigan State University with an A.B. degree in government and economics and received an M.S. in Education from Wright State University. She had taught Spanish in Indianapolis and West Carrollton, Ohio. She married Erick D. Michael Erickson, 15 July 1961. Erick, born in 1939. He received his D.D.S. from Indiana University. They have two daughters: Mary Jo-Ellen, born in 1969, and Jeanne Marie, born in 1970.

Mary Margot, born 1942, received a B.S. in Education from Ohio University and an M.S. in Education from Indiana University, Fort Wayne. Mary has taught elementary school in Ohio, Hawaii, New Jersey, and Auburn. She married N. Michael Smaltz, born in 1942, on 17 July 1965. Mike graduated from Ohio University Naval Reserve and is the owner of Taylor Rental in Auburn. They have two sons: Gregory Montague, born 1966, and Benjamin Charles, born 1970.

Barbara Ellen, born 1943, received a B.S. in Education from Indiana University and a M.S. in Education from the University of Illinois. She moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where she was an elementary school teacher. She married Edward Rollin Clinton, born 1939, on 28 July 1968. He received an A.B.S. and M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. He is the owner of Alaska Valve and Fitting Company and Dowland-Bach. They are the parents of Ann Catherine, born 1973, and Amy Elizabeth, born 1977.

Emily Jo, born 1952, received her B.S. in Education from Indiana University and is completing her Masters Degree. Emily married Stephen Drayna, 15 February 1975. They were divorced in 1983. Emily has taught elementary school in Wisconsin and Indiana. Robert Murry Drayna, born 21 February 1982.

Henry founded Auburn Automotive Supply, 1941-1976, was past director of the City National Bank, past president of DeKalb Memorial Hospital, and the Auburn School Board. He was a member of Concord Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Cedar Creek Shrine Club, Auburn O.E.S., and Auburn Elks. Julia belongs to Sigma Beta Sorority, is a past matron of Auburn O.E.S., White Shrine, Red Cross Gray Ladies, and a life member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild. Julia has traveled to Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East, China, Japan, Thailand, and Australia.

RICHARD L. SHOOK, the youngest son of Dr. Benjamin O. Shook, born 28 September 1913. He died 23 March 1980. He received his education in Spencerville, Auburn High School, and a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1935. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, in 1938. Upon graduation, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to practice law with the firm of Frost and Jacobs.

In Cincinnati, he met Ruth Doench. She had attended the University of Cincinnati. Her parents were George Edward and Mabel (Boyle) Doench. They were married in Cincinnati, 19 July 1941. Two years later they moved to Washington, D.C., and Richard became assistant to Judge Van Fossen of the United States Tax Court. Later, Richard tried tax cases for the Treasury Department. He left the government service in 1947, and went into private practice of corporation tax law with Dudley, Lax, Olsen, and Shook. He represented corporations with federal tax problems. He practiced in Washington for forty years and retired to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, in 1978. Richard and Ruth had one daughter, Leslie Ann, and two sons, Langley Richard and Wilson Murray.

Leslie (Shook) Dalton, born 14 September 1945. She received a B.S. degree in merchandising and marketings from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1967. She engaged in marketing research for Proctor and Gamble and was an Education Representative for I.B.M. Leslie lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is married to J. Brad Dalton of Warsaw, Indiana. They have two daughters: Carolyn and Alexandra.

Langley Richard, born 22 December 1947. He received a B.A. degree in political science in 1969, and a Juris Doctor degree in 1973 from the University of Michigan Law School at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a partner in the firm of Sidley and Austin in Washington, D.C. He married his college sweetheart, Karen (Hansen) Shook, and they have two daughters: Kathryn and Allison.

Wilson Murray, born 7 May 1952. He received a B.S. degree in Geology from Indiana University in 1975. Wilson is presently Vice-President of the George Hyman Construction Company of Washington, D.C. He received his degree of Juris Doctor from Catholic University in 1981. His wife is Nancy (Schrotz) Shook and they have two sons: Benjamin Murray, born 1982, and Wilson Michael, born in 1984.

ROBERT GENE JEWELL, born 23 February 1921, in Adams County, Indiana, son of James F. and Bess (Myers) Jewell. His paternal grandparents were Cornelius Neal and Amanda (Stetler) Jewell. His maternal grandparents were John and Florence (Evans) Myers. Bob attended Ohio Northern University and received a B.S. degree in Pharmacy, 28 February 1943.

Evelyn Louise Shook, born 11 May 1925, at the D.L. Shook farm in Allen County, Indiana, daughter of Donald Langley and Ursia (Mills) Shook. Her paternal grandparents were Benjamin Oscar and Winifred (Murrary) Shook. Her maternal grandparents were William and Clara (Darling) Mills. Evelyn attended Indiana University.

Bob and Evelyn were married in Spencerville, Indiana, 6 September 1947. They are the parents of two children: Diane Louise, born 7 May 1949, in Lima, Ohio. Diane married Robert William Green Jr., 10 June 1972. They are the parents of Robert William Green III, born 7 April 1976, in Sylvania, Ohio, and James Lawrence, born 13

April 1979, in Sylvania, Ohio.

Donald Robert Jewell, born 18 May 1954, in Thomaston, Georgia, married Kathy Grooms of Delaware, Ohio, 28 September 1973. They are the parents of Shelli Rene, born 12 May 1974, in Delaware, Ohio, and Donald Brian, born 20 July 1977, in Columbus, Ohio.

WAYNE LE ROY SHOOK, born 5 September 1920, at the D.L. Shook farm in Allen County, Indiana, son of Donald Langley and Ursia (Mills) Shook. His paternal grandparents were Benjamin Oscar and Winifred (Murray) Shook. His maternal grandparents were William and Clara (Darling) Mills. Wayne attended Indiana University. He married Marjorie-Nelle Craig, 3 May 1941, in Roanoke, Indiana. Marge, born 17 June 1921, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Joseph L. and Nellie Janette Young. Her paternal grandparents were William Henry and Lydia Ellen (Thomas) Craig, of Maroa, Illinois. Her maternal grandparents were David and Martha Young. Marge attended Purdue University and studied Home Economics.

In 1943, Wayne entered the United States Army and served as a Combat Medic with the 70th Infantry, Trailblazer, Division in France. He received a Purple Heart and the Distinguished Unit Citation while serving at Wingen-SurModer, France.

Wayne and Marge owned Shook's paint, gift, and wallpaper store, which was located on East Seventh from December, 1951 to June, 1969. Since their retirement, they built a home at the B.O. Shook gravel pit and established a Certified Tree Farm. They have been active in the preservation of the Spencerville Bridge and the history of the Spencerville Community by actively participating in the Spencerville Bridge Festival.

Wayne has one sister, Eveyln (Shook) Jewell. Marge has two brothers: Everett Lingle Craig and Donald Eugene Craig.

They are the parents of Sandra Lea (Shook) Dykhuizen of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Sandy, born 4 September 1943, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She attended Purdue University and the University of Boston. She married George M. Dykhuizen in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 6 February 1964. George Martin Dykhuizen, son of Horace Martin and Annabelle Kathy Dykhuizen. George graduated from Purdue University in Electrical Engineering and Harvard Business School.

Sandy and George are the parents of three children: Craig Wilbur, born 28 August 1965; Leslie Ann, born 19 September 1967; and Scott Martin, born 12 November 1972.

Marjorie died 7 February 1987.

MARY RUTH MILLER, came to Auburn in 1929. She taught third and fourth grades at DeSota School until 1937, when she transferred to Riley School, where she taught third grade until 1958. She served as a principal/teacher from 1952 to 1958 for Superintendent H.L. McKenney.

Mary Ruth is the daughter of John A. and Ada M. (Macklin) Miller, of Geneva, Indiana. She was born 6 November 1905, in Jay County. Her sister is Iva Iris (Miller) Steiner from Fort Wayne. Mary Ruth graduated from Geneva High School and received her two year teachers certificate from Ball State Teacher's College in 1926, and her B.S. in Education in 1939. Mary Ruth taught in Jay County for three years before coming to Auburn.

Because of failing eyesight, Mary Ruth retired in 1958. With the help of her family, friends, and her intense determination and courageous spirit, she learned to be self-reliant and overcome this handicap.

She currently resides at Betz Nursing Home north of Auburn. She is an avid DeKalb Barons fan and a follower of National League Baseball. An avid radio addict, she says she listens "twenty-five" hours a day. Mary Ruth communicates with her many friends and former students with her friendly telephone greetings.

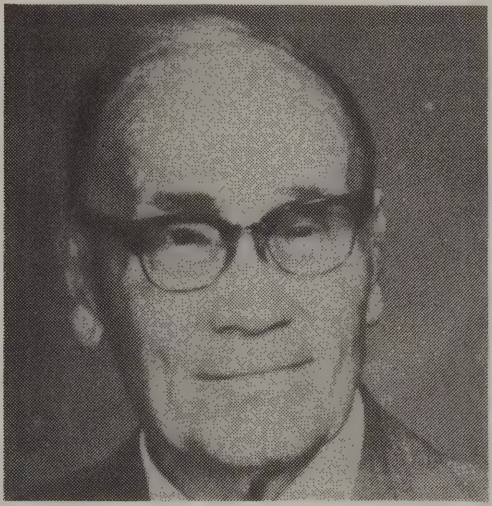
MARTHA FALKA, has made popcorn and caramel corn for Auburn area residents since 1940. With her popcorn, she has given her customers a friendly smile, a hearty laugh, and a positive word of encouragement. Martha is a listener and friend, but not an advisor. Children call her Martha Popcorn and smile when they come to see her.

In 1940, after leaving the Auburn Automobile Company, where she worked in the Mail Room, she wanted to open a popcorn stand. With the help of Amos Adams of the Auburn Federal Savings and Loan, she secured a loan to purchase the popcorn burner from Mrs. Ralph Wible.

Her first location was at Bishop's Ice Cream Parlor on East Seventh Street. She moved to her Ninth Street location in 1955, with the help of Jerry Oren, who was mayor of Auburn at that time.

Martha, born 1 August 1904, daughter of Charles Peter Falka, born 1869, died 1947, a native of Clear Lake in Steuben County and Iona Frances (Metcalf) Falka, born 1877, died 1964, a native of Union Township. Martha's paternal grandparents were Frederich and Janenne Falka. They met on a ship coming from France to

America and were married in New York City. Martha remembers her parents telling about her grandmother Jane reading tea leaves and smoking a pipe. Her maternal grandparents were Mason and Belinda (Hartgrove) Metcalf. Martha had two brothers: Weir C., born 1896, died 1951, and Phillip, who died in infancy.



Cecil "Zeke" Young

CECIL E. YOUNG, born 8 December 1899, in Bloomington, and attended school in Martinsville, Indiana, son of Isaac R. and Susan Ann (Powell) Young. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Nancy Jane Young. His maternal grandparents were John and Martha Powell.

Violet Eileen Young, born 30 July 1903, died 24 August 1984, lived in Monticello, Indiana, daughter of George F. and Deborah (Street) Marvin.

Zeke and Violet were married 2 June 1926, in Monticello, Indiana. Zeke was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha at DePauw University, graduating in 1926, with a degree in economics. He was an athlete excelling in football, basketball, and track. In 1938, he received his Masters degree from Indiana University.

Violet graduated from DePauw in 1925, with an A.B. degree. She was Phi Beta Kappa and an Alpha Chi Omega. Violet taught at Clay Township and at Chalmer before moving to Auburn. After moving, she was a substitute teacher until she became the buyer of dry goods at Schaab's Department Store. Violet was a member of the Board of Directors for the Eckhart Library, Ladies Literary Club and Tri Kappa Sorority.

In 1924, after coaching basketball and teaching in Pendleton, Indiana, for only one year, he moved to Auburn where he taught physical education, history, and coached football from 1924 to 1954, basketball from 1924 to 1937, and track from 1924 to 1952. Zeke retired in 1960. He was one of the first nine men inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, charter member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, and Director Emeritus of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan. The athletic field at DeKalb High School was named in his honor. In October, 1987, he was a charter inductee into the newly formed DePauw University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Zeke and Violet were members of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

MAX GRAY, born 2 August 1921, in Angola, Indiana, son of Leon C. and Pearl (Butz) Gray. He has one brother, Lewis F. Gray, of Angola.

Betty K. Williams, born 2 June 1922, in Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Mark and Grace (McComb) Williams. Her maternal grandparents were Dr. William S. and Olive Cook McComb, of Sheldon (now Yoder), Indiana. She has one brother, Russell C. Williams, of Bethesda, Maryland, and one sister, I. Merle Lowther, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Max and Betty were married 10 January 1942 in Angola, Indiana. Mr. Gray attended Tri-State University. He moved to Auburn and became a printer at the Auburn Printing Company. He served in the United States Navy in World War II.

Two daughters were born to this union: Diane D. King, of Hamilton, Montana, and Carolyn K. Shelton, of Butler, Indiana.

The Butler Bulletin, a weekly newspaper published in Butler, Indiana, was founded in March of 1976 by Max and Betty Gray, along with Joe and Carolyn (Gray) Shelton. In 1977, the Butler Bulletin purchased the other Butler newspaper, the Record-Herald, and merged it with the Butler Bulletin.

In August of 1977, the Butler Bulletin was purchased by Joe and Carolyn (Gray) Shelton.

JOE AND CAROLYN SHELTON, moved to Butler, Indiana, in February of 1976, with their three children. The Sheltons came to Butler to begin a new newspaper called the Butler Bulletin. They, along with Mrs. Shelton's parents, Max and Betty Gray, began the new weekly newspaper with its first edition published 31 March 1976. The Sheltons are now the sole owners of the newspaper, which is still in production today.

Joe, born 2 September 1944, in Lebanon, Indiana, the second child of Joe W. and Lillian A. Shelton. Carolyn, born 15 February 1948, in Auburn, Indiana, the second child of Max and

Betty Gray. Joe and Carolyn met while students at Ball State University, where they both graduated with bachelor degrees. Joe has since finished two masters degrees at Ball State and Carolyn has completed twenty hours toward a masters degre at Ball State. The Sheltons were married 7 March 1970, in Auburn, Indiana. They are the parents of three children: Chadwick T., born 5 December 1970; Aaron J., born 7 August 1972; and Angela N., born 20 June 1973. All three children are students at Eastside Junior-Senior High School in Butler, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton are both very active in a variety of community projects and their children are active in school activities.

THOMAS GREEN was the second settler to come to Williams County, Ohio, and he was Charles Bloom's maternal great grandfather. Jacob Green, a son, was born in Williams County and married Lavina. They lived near Clarksville, Ohio, in Williams County, and raised nine children, the youngest being Ada Belle Green, who married Fred C. Bloom, 3 September 1892. They moved to Butler, Indiana, and a son, Charles, was born 11 July 1899. Charles attended Stafford Center School and one year in Waterloo High School. He lived all of his life, over eighty-six years, in DeKalb County and farmed until he was eighty years old. He died 5 May 1986.

Charles and Florence were married 23 May 1926. They lived on the Charles Krise farm, east of Auburn, four years and on the Willis farm near Dilgard Gravel Pits, west of Waterloo, for fourteen years. Their children were: Retha and Gordon, born at the Waterloo farm. They bought the farm where the Hogue School stands on the southwest corner and moved there in February, 1944. This is their residence at the present time. Their children went to Hogue School for a short period of time. Four generations attended this school.

DORSEY HODGDEN, lived near Essex, Ohio. There were seven children. After the mother died, the family sold the farm and migrated in a covered wagon to Neaho County, Kansas, near the town of Galesburg. They took up a homestead claim. The family suffered many hardships, the greatest was a plague of grasshoppers darking the sky, every green growing grass and plant were destroyed. Churches and relatives in this area sent barrels of food and clothing to help the Kansas people. The son, Dorsey, came back to Indiana. He worked for a farmer near Huntington, Indiana, by the name of Neff, who had three children. Dorsey married Martha Neff and they farmed nearby. He was called to the ministry in the Dunkard Church, now called Church of the Brethren. Dorsey and Martha had five children, the oldest girl was Mary Icy, born 11 March 1882. She attended school in Clear Creek Township and attended two winter terms at Manchester College.

MERRITT HANSON, born in Butler, Indiana, DeKalb County, November, 1858, and married Anna Ober. The fall of 1879, they started for Nebraska to make their home. Around 5 November 1879, they took up a homestead claim near Loop City, Nebraska. They built a sod house with the back side against the back of a canyon.

Snow would sometimes cover the sod house and they would be snowbound for days. Salt Pork and cornmeal were the stable food in the winter. They had three children and the two boys went to a sod schoolhouse. Claud, born 18 March 1882. In the spring of 1889, Merritt and his family moved back to Indiana. He lived in Dekalb County all of his life, except for the few years in Nebraska.

Claud attended Hogue School, Butler Township, and attended two winters at Manchester College. Claud and Mary met at college and were married 3 December 1903. They lived three years in LaOtto, Noble County, moved to a farm in DeKalb County in 1908. Three girls were born between 1904 and 1910, and they attended Hogue School. In 1920, the family moved to Auburn and a son, Marvin, was born in 1921. The four children graduated from McIntosh High School. Claud was a molder in the Auburn Foundry. The Hansons moved to North Manchester in the fall of 1947.

Florence Bloom

CHARLES BLOOM, a DeKalb County resident all of his eighty-six years, was born 11 July 1899, to Fred C. and Ada Belle (Green) Bloom. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Lavina Green. The Green family were among the first settlers in Williams County, Ohio.

Charles attended Stafford Center School and Waterloo High School. He resided in Butler Township, where he farmed until he was eighty years old. He died 5 May 1986.

Charles and Florence Hanson were married 23 May 1926. Florence, born 25 October 1906, daughter of Claud F. and Mary I. (Hodgden) Hanson, of North Manchester, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Merritt and Anna Teeter (Ober) Hanson, of Auburn. Anna was born in DeKalb County in 1858. Her maternal grandparents were Dorsey and Martha (Neff) Hodgden, a Church of the Brethren minister.

Claud and Mary Icy (Hodgden) Hanson met at Manchester College and were married 3 December 1903. He was a molder in the Auburn Foundry. They are the parents of two children: Retha Jane, born 18 October 1932, and Charles Gordon, born 26 August 1934.

The Hansons and Blooms all attended Hogue School in Butler Township, making four generations to attend that school.

Mrs. Bloom is a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Butler Township. She enjoys raising flowers, ice fishing, and gardening.

Raymond Crane Family

RAYMOND MELVIN CRANE, is descended from several DeKalb County families. He was born 20 July 1915, in Cleveland, Ohio, the only child of Edward Melvin Crane, born in Waterloo, DeKalb County, and Lulu Pearl Smith, born in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio. They divorced in 1922.

Raymond attended Thompson and Geneva schools, graduating from Findlay High School in 1933. He attended Fenn College for three years.

He spent eight years helping on his mother and stepfather's farm in Cherry Valley Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, followed by eighteen months in the United States Army, serving in the Army of occupation in Germany. He was a Corporal in the 740th Tank Battalion. He was honorably discharged 6 October 1946.

He and Mary Elizabeth Kelley were married on 12 May 1945, in Conneaut, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: Michael Raymond, born 20 February 1949, in Conneaut; Patricia Marlene, born 8 October 1951; and Lynette Dawn, born 18 October 1957. Both girls were born in Ashtabula, as the family moved there from Conneaut in 1951.

Mary was born 24 January 1925, at home in Monroe Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, to William Wallace Kelley, born in Amity, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and Montie Estella Reed, born in Mason, Effingham County, Illinois. She graduated from Conneaut High School in 1943, and was employed several years, but was mostly a full time wife, mother, and homemaker.

Michael graduated in 1967 from Ashtabula High School. He attended Tool and Die Makers School and classes at Behrendt Center, Erie Branch of Penn State University, and is employed by General Electric, Erie, Pennsylvania, as a Computer Design Draftsman for nineteen years. He lives in Erie, Pennsylvania, and is active in the Perry Highway Hose Company Voluteer Fire Department.

Patricia graduated in 1970 from Edgewood Senior High School and from Ohio Northern University in 1975, with a degree in Pharmacy. She presently serves as Manager Pharmacist at Revco Drug Store, Chardon, Ohio. She lives in Painesville, Ohio. She is a member of Mensa, for people with high I.Q's.

Lynette graduated in 1976 from Edgwood Senior High School. She attended Gannon College, then Ashtabula area Campus, Kent State University, where she received an Associate Degree in Accounting in 1980. She lives in Ashtabula and has been employed over five years in the offices of Carlisles Department Stores. All three children are unmarried as of 1986.

The Crane family are members of the First United Methodist Church of Ashtabula. Church, school activities, bands, choirs, scouting, election work, Demolay and Grange, with some having had membership in Juvenile, Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Granges and 4-H clubs kept them busy through leadership, membership, or friendship.

Raymond retired in 1978 from the Ashtabula Bow Socket, where he was employed for thirty-two years as a drillpress operator and timekeeper.

The Cranes live in Ashtabula, Ohio. Retirment finds them enjoying genealogy as a hobby and frequently in Valrico, Florida.

Edward and Lulu Crane

EDWARD MELVIN CRANE, born 11 March 1886, at Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana, to George Melvin Crane, who was born in Berea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and the former Charlotte "Lottie" M. (Cobler) Griffith, who was born in Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Edward attended schools in Sedan and Corunna, in DeKalb County, and a little later in Wawaka, Noble County, Indiana.

He and the former Lulu Pearl Smith were married 9 October 1909, in Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana. She was born 24 December 1881, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, and was the only child of John Champlin Smith and the former Ellen "Ella" C. Fee, both also born in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio.

Edward and Lulu Crane lived in Cleveland, where he was the nigh General Yardmaster for the Nickel Plate Railroad. He had also been a telegraph operator.

They had one child, Raymond Melvin Crane, born in Cleveland, 20 July 1915.

Edward and Lulu were divorced in 1922. He soon was married to Eleanor "Ella" H. Dierker. They also lived in Cleveland. No children were born to this union.

Edward died 26 December 1935, at age forty-nine years of a heart attack. He and Ella are buried together in Brooklyn Heights Cemetery, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Lulu Crane and son, Raymond, at the time of the divorce, went to live with her parents, the Smiths, on their small farm in Thompson, Geouga County, Ohio. She later became a hair dresser.

She married a widower, Ward Laverne Burr, on 29 September 1926, in Painesville, Ohio. She owned and operated a beauty shop in Geneva and Findlay, Ohio.

The Burrs lived in Geneva and Cherry Valley Township, where they were farmers and then over in Ashtabula County, Ohio Findlay, Ohio, and Phoenix, Arizona, where she died 3 February 1948. She is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Williams County, Ohio, beside her mother.

George and Lottie Crane

GEORGE MELVIN CRANE, born to Rezin Baker Crane and the former Mary Jane Chaney, on 11 January 1848, in Berea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He was one of seven children.

His parents lived in Berea until he was about eight years old. In 1857, they moved to Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

George became an apprentice printer but was forced to quit due to an old knee injury received at age ten years, which rendered him a cripple for life.

George and Charlotte "Lottie" M. Griffith were married on 30 December 1875, in Auburn, DeKalb County. They were married by J.M. Urie, J.P. She was a daughter of Nelson Griffith and the former Sarah Ann Cobler and was born in 1852 in Corunna, DeKalb County, one of ten children.

They became the parents of a daughter, Nettie M. Crane, born in 1877. She married Bert Klotz, a salesman. They had no children. They lived in Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio, where Bert died 2 November 1920. Not much is known about Nettie.

Edward Melvin Crane was also born to George and Lottie on 11 March 1866, at Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana.

George teamed mail from Sedan. He became Postmaster at Sedan for a number of years. He was at one time City Clerk of Waterloo, Indiana. From 1886 to 1890, he was County Recorder in DeKalb County.

In 1901, the family moved to Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio. There George became a crossing guard for the Lake Shore and Michigan Railroad at $1.00 a day. In 1913, he became Mayor of Swanton.

George died 30 August 1914, while visiting at his son, Edward's, home in Cleveland, Ohio, at age sixty-five years of ulcers of the stomach.

Lottie died 25 December 1923, in Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio, of pneumonia.

George and Lottie are buried in Corunna Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Rezin Crane and sons

REZIN BAKER CRANE, born 10 January 1820, in Ohio, son of Elihu Lyon Crane, born 25 March 1795, in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and the former Nancy Chaney, who was born 9 July 1797, in Pennsylvania. They married 16 April 1816, in Harrison County, Ohio. Elihu was the son of Reverend Elias Crane, Methodist Minister, who was born in 1766 in Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey and his wife, the former Elizabeth Searles, who was born in 1768, at Elizabeth, Essex County, New Jersey. Reverend Elias Crane was the son of David Crane, born in 1736 ro 1737, of Elizabethtown, Union County, New Jersey, who married miss Lyon. David was the son of Nathaniel Crane II, who married Mary Price, daughter of John Price, the son of Benjamin Price. Nathaniel II was the son of Nathaniel Crane I, born in 1680, and the former Demaris, born in 1684. Nathaniel I was a son of Stephen Crane, born 1630 to 1635, who was one of the original settlers who, in 1663, lived in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, having come over on the "Caledonia." He married a Danish woman with red hair.

Rezin was married on 14 October 1841 to Mary Jane Chaney at Montgomery, Richland County, Ohio. Mary Jane was born 22 June 1820, in Harrison County, Ohio, to Charles Chaney and the former Barbara Thomas, daughter of George and Mary Thomas. They lived in Berea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where Rezin was a stonecutter engaged in manufacturing grindstones.

They became the parents of seven children: John Wesley, born 8 January 1845, who became a Methodist Minister, married Amanda Hallett, 1 September 1890. They settled in Kansas, Illinois; Barbara Alice, who died 21 September 1852, aged six years; George Melvin, born 11 Janaury 1849; Ella C., born 16 October 1851, died 4 January 1932, in Lafayette, Indiana, married George Buchanan, in November, 1896. They lived in Waterloo. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, DeKalb County; Charles E., born 4 October 1854, died 21 March 1911, at Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio; Rezin Baker Crane II "Tony", born 1 January 1857, married Myrtle A. Cowdrick, 19 October 1892. He died 20 February 1930, at Toledo, Ohio, where he was a banker. He is buried in Sedan's Evergreen Cemetery; William Henry, born 9 September 1857. He married Ida Electra Brandt, on 16 October 1883, in Nokomia, Montgomery County, Illinois. They lived in Sedan, where William "Bill" was a merchant and huckster. He died in 1938 in Sedan.

Rezin I, died 7 March 1860 at Green's Corner, Richland Township, DeKalb County at the age of forty years of pneumonia. He left his widow with small children to raise. Mary Jane died 6 May 1908. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Sedan, Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

NELSON GRIFFITH was married to Sarah Ann Cobler, on 19 March 1837, in Holmes County, Ohio, by John Daniel, J.P.

Nelson was born 24 January 1812, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. His paternal grandparents were Asa Griffith, who was born in October, 1785, in Rossville, Warrington Township, York County, Pennsylvania, and the former Jane Blair, born 25 February 1784, in Virginia. They were married by 1806, in Virginia, at Sciota Creek Glade.

Nelson's paternal grandparents were Abraham Griffith, born 10 January 1745, in Chester County, Pennsylvania, died 21 June 1841, at York County, Pennsylvania, and the former Elizabeth Ong. His great grandparents were William Griffith III, born in 1714, died in 1783, and the former Ester, born around 1720. William was the son of William II, who was the son of William I, of Wales, who came to America in 1682. He settled on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River. He was a Quaker and lived to be one hundred five years old.

Sarah Ann Cobler was born in the winter of 1818, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Phillip Cobler, a farmer, who was born 24 May 1788, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the former Charlotte Wolf, who married 15 May 1808 in Pennsylvania. Charlotte was born 8 January 1790, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She died 11 March 1877 in Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio. Phillip died 31 July 1862 in Ripley Township, Holmes County, Ohio, where they are buried. Phillip's parents were Michael/Isaac Cobler, born 24 May 1754, who died 24 March 1842, and Rosanna.

Nelson served a three year apprenticeship in a woolen factory and served four years as a journeyman in Ohio. He became a farmer in Indiana, and served as County Commissioner of DeKalb County for three years. He held other political offices. They were members of the Disciples Church.

Their children were: Lewis C., born 1838, in Ohio; Harriet, born 1841, in Indiana, as were the rest of the children, who married a Hammon; Anna A., born in 1843, married a Harding; Clark W., married first to Fredricka Kruegar, and second to Angie Franks. He died in 1929; John B. and Aaron P., twins, born in 1846; Phillip A., born in 1850; Charlotte M. "Lottie", born in 1852. She married George Melvin Crane; Dewitt W., born in 1857; and David K.

Nelson Griffth died 17 May 1893, in Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, as did Sarah Ann, who died 20 February 1901 of carcinoma of the liver. They are buried in the Corunna Cemetery, Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

JOHN BARBER, of Canada, married Susanna Smith, probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. They are believed to have been born around 1800.

In 1842, John and his wife, Susanna, then of DeKalb County, Indiana, sold land in Sandusky County, Ohio, where they used to live. They were early settlers of DeKalb County and made their home in the northern part of Stafford Township when he died, with his will probated 21 July 1863. They had five children mentioned in his will as well as his widow.

Juliaette Barber, who was married to Norman Smith on 8 October 1849, in Lorain County, Ohio. She was born 30 May 1830 in Sandusky County, Ohio. She and Norman had five children; John W. Barber; Sarah Ellen Barber; Alice Ann (Barber) Roe, who died before her father in 1863; and Webster.

JACOB AUGUSTUS STUART, born 7 May 1831, Perry County, Ohio, the son of William Stuart and Mary Grove.

He left Ohio for Indiana, where he married 12 October 1857, Asenath Kinsey, in DeKalb County and lived there until her death, 10 July 1861. Two children were born: Thomas Wilbur, born 11 January 1859, and Edward Lincoln, born 10 April 1861.

After his wife's death, Jacob returned to Ohio, left his chidlren in the care of his sister-in-law, and enlisted in Logan in Company D, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served from 10 September 1861 to 2 January 1865. When he was discharged, he picked up his children and returned to Indiana, where he married 11 March 1867, Minerva Jeffrey in Fort Wayne. They resided on a farm in Allen County and raised three more children: Carrie, born 24 December 1867; Jesse, born 17 March 1870; and Mary, born 8 April 1875.

Jacob's wife, Minerva, died 22 November 1908, and he later married Lucy Hollenbeck, living in Fort Wayne until his death 8 April 1915.

WENDELL HANTZ, the grandson of Ervin and Ola Hantz and Elmer and Dessie Skelly, was born the second child and oldest son of Earl and Velma Hantz, of Angola, Indiana. Wendell has two sisters: Shirley, of Detroit, Michigan, the oldest, and Janet of Angola, Indiana, and one brother, Wayne, who was killed in the United States Air Force.

Wendell, born in Scott Township, Steuben County, Indiana, 22 July 1937. He attended Scott Center, Fremont, and Metz Schools, where he graduated in 1955. He attended one term at Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana. He worked for his father in construction and farming.

Marjorie Hantz, the granddaughter of Omer and Flora Powell and Jess and Addie Pearson, born the second child of Milan and Mary Powell, of Angola, Indiana, formerly of Bellefountaine, and Cleveland, Ohio. Marjorie has two brothers: John, of Angola, Indiana, the oldest, and Billy, of Angola, Indiana, the youngest. Marjorie, born 22 October 1939, in East Liberty, Ohio. She attended school in Cleveland, Ohio, before moving to Indiana. She attended Pleasant Lake, Scott Center, and Metz Schools where she graduated in 1957.

Wendell and Marjorie married 20 July 1957, at the north Scott Christian Church near Angola, Indiana. They lived near Angola until 1963, where Wendell was employed by his father in the construction and farming business and part time in various factories.

In April, 1963, Wendell took a job with the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-op in Butler, Indiana. They moved to Butler in June, 1963, and live on Park Lane, Butler, Indiana.

Wendell has worked for the Co-op since that time. He was appointed branch manager in August of 1963. After the fire in 1966, he was transferred to Auburn and then to Waterloo. He is now in charge of outside operations at the Waterloo terminal.

Marjorie worked part time at the Butler school cafeteria while their children were in school. Since that time, she has worked at various factories.

Wendell and Marjorie have four children: Julie, born 2 December 1958, attended Eastside High School and is married to Roger Hess of Auburn. She is employed at Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn, as an accountant. Roger is also employed at Cooper; Cathy, born 25 May 1960, attended Eastside High School and Wayne Beauty College, Fort Wayne. She is married to Herman Miller, of Auburn. She is employed at Richards Restaurant as a waitress. Herman is employed at Dana of Auburn. She has a son, Ryan; Wesley, born 4 June 1962, attended Eastside High School, and Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne. He is married to Jacqueline Harrold. They live in Auburn. Wesley works for Kitchen's Auto Body Shop, in Butler. Jackie is employed at Wakefields of Waterloo as an accountant; Sandy, born 5 February 1964, attended Eastside High School, Dental Assistant School, Philippines and Ravenscoff Beauty College, Fort Wayne. She is now employed by the United States Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office in Auburn.

JEAN M. WILDERMUTH moved with his family from Fort Wayne to Auburn in the fall of 1944. He had purchased the Pharmacy from Frank Hubbard, at 111 North Main Street. Jean, born 1 October 1912, in Union City, Indiana, to Jacob Victor Wildermuth and Sara Katherine Maier. He was the oldest of five children. His paternal grandparents were Friedrick and Louise (Schneidermann) Wildermuth, both of whom were born in Germany. His maternal grandparents were Gottlieb Maier and Katherine Brickman, also born in Germany.

The Wildermuths moved to Fort Wayne in 1930. Jean entered Purdue University School of Pharmacy, where he graduated with honor four years later. He worked in Fort Wayne ten years before making the move to Auburn. He died 25 May 1970, at age fifty-seven. He was a Mason and a member of Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne. He was an ordained elder in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and served as clerk of the Session three times. He was an active member of the Auburn Lions Club. He has two brothers: Richard K., lives in Wilton, Connecticut, and Robert, and two sisters: Alice Luper, living in Fort Wayne, and Phyllis, died in infancy.

His wife, Jeanne (Filton) Wildermuth, was born 1 October 1911 in Clarksville, Texas, to Lelia Brickley and Otto L. Filton. Her father was employed by the Quarrie Company, publishers of the World Book Encyclopedia and Alexander Hamilton Institute. Her parents were Peter G. and Carrie (Leise) Filton. Jeanne's mother, Lelia Brickley, attended DePauw University and Northwestern University. After her marriage to Otto Filton, in 1908, she studied voice in Chicago and sang with the Chicago Light Opera Company. Lelia Brickley's parents were Franklin A.I. Brickley and Mary A. Sale, of Markle, Indiana. Franklin Brickley's parents were Andrew Brickley and Amanda Wolfcale. Her maternal great grandparents were Marion Sale and Sarah Jane Redding.

Jeanne graduated from Huntington High School and attended Manchester College, graduating in 1932. She took additional classes at Ball State University. She taught school for three years. She then worked for the Shell Sunic Company of Columbia, Ohio.

Jean and Jeanne were married 27 June 1937, in Huntington. Two sons were born to them: James Harold, born 2 July 1939. He attended Purdue, Indiana, and International School of Business. He lives in Goshen, Indiana, with his wife, Carole, and children: Michael, a 1986 Indiana University School of Business graduate, and Amy a high school senior. James is employed by the Midwest Commerce Banking Company. Jim served with the 85th Army Evacuation Unit for two years; Stephen Wolcott, born 30 January 1943, in Fort Wayne. Stephen graduated from Auburn High School, now McIntosh Grade School. He graduated from School of Business at Indiana University. He and Cynthia Lou Summers, daughter of Kenneth and Joan Summers, were married 28 August 1965. They have four children: Stacey, a college freshman at Ohio University; Deborah, born in Iwakuni, Japan, where he was a Navy Lieutenant, a junior in Plymouth High School; Wade, age twelve, and Ryan, age ten, both attending grade school there. Stephen is executive vice-president of the Pioneer Savings and Loan.

Jeannie has been active in local services in Auburn. She was first president of the Dollars for Scholars. She is also an ordained elder in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and served as clerk of the Session. She is currently Treasurer for the Friends of the Eckhart Public Library.

HENRY ZERN, born in Pennsylvania in 1851. Emma Batdorf Zern, born 1 January 1857, in Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Daniel Batdorf.

Henry and Emma were married in Pennsylvania and moved to Indiana in 1879. Henry was an overseer of roads. He also did butchering and worked in a sawmill. Emma was a housewife and mother.

To this union were born fifteen children: Emma Beard Crowl Gantz; Elizabeth Lung, wife of Alonzo, born 3 June 1878, died 1954; Catherine Freeman, wife of Clarence, born 27 October 1881, died 11 September 1966; Faye Freeman, wife of Edmund, born 23 October 1893, died 31 June 1983; Stella McDanel, wife of Walter, born 23 September 1891, died 14 June 1980; Vera Rakestraw, wife of Charles, born 9 November 1895, died 11 September 1922; John Zerns, born 18 March 1877, died 9 November 1954; Arthur Henry Zerns, born 18 October 1889, died 1935; Ralph Zerns, born 15 Janaury 1900, died 18 January 1964; Donald Zern, born 26 October 1897, died 11 March 1977; Will Zern, born 12 January 1883, died 16 October 1975; Earl Zern, born 17 October 1886, died 1953; Frank Zern, born 6 October 1884, died in infancy; Daniel Zern, died in infancy; Peter Zern, born 18 August 1887, died 1899.

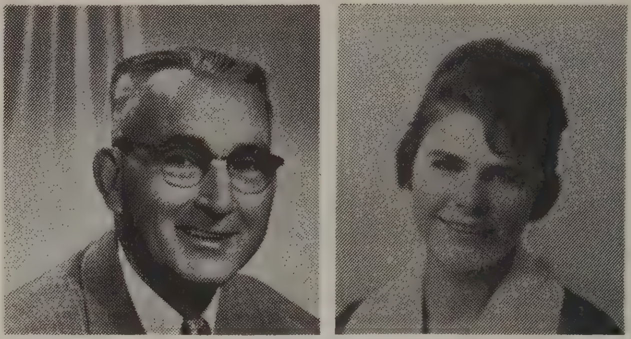
Three of the Zern children lived to celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversaries: Elizabeth, Stella, and Faye. Stella lived on to celebrate her seventieth anniversary and Faye her sixty-nineth.

Stella was always considered the nurse of the family with family members often seeking her advice. The last survivor of the Zern family was Faye Freeman. Henry Zern's father was one hundred and three years old when he died.

Henry and Emma went to housekeeping in Pennsylvania and then moved to Cedar, Indiana. They were members of the Butler Center Methodist Church.

Through the years some of the Zern Family acquired an S on their name. It seems that over a period of years they had been continually called the Zern's until the name was considered that way officially.

The Zern's came from Germany when this was still a New World, long before the Revolutionary War, apparently because of religious persecution. They settled near Valley Forge with other groups, including people from Holland and the Quakers. From the intermarriage of these people stem the Pennsylvania Dutch whose language is a mixture of German and English. Very few Zern's left this vicinity, forty miles west of Philadelphia, which was a complete wilderness and inhabited by the Lenape Indians. They set up small farms, helped establish the first Lutheran Church of America, the first free school system, and the first taxation. With the advent of the railroad, one of these Zern's, a railroader and another, a doctor, moved west to help in settling Pittsburg. The descendents of these went to Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, and Michigan.


Donald and Martha Zern

DONALD ZERN, born at Cedar, Indiana, 25 October 1897, son of Henry and Emma (Batdorf) Zern.

Martha A. Schlueter, born 10 July 1897, in Mechlenberg, Germany, daughter of William and Freda (Miller) Schlueter.

Donald and Martha were married 9 May 1921, at Hillsdale, Michigan. Mr. Zern attended Hogue School. Mrs. Zern attended St. John's Lutheran School, Kendallville, Indiana. Donald worked for the B & O Railroad and the Express Company. In 1933, he purchased a Mobil Oil Station in Garrett, Indiana, and retired from the business in 1965. Mr. Zern was a very active member of his community. He was a member of the Garrett Fire Department for thirty-two years, serving as fire chief for four years. He was councilman-at-large for the city of Garrett from 1956 until 1960, 1963-1967, and 1967-1971. He was a member of Garrett Lions Club and Garrett Chamber of Commerce.

Martha was employed at the mitten factory in Kendallville. After her marriage, she was a housewife for many years and later did bookkeeping for the family business.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Zern were members of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett. Mrs. Zern was an officer of the Ladies Aid of the Church for many years and very active in the church.

Mrs. Zern had two sisters: Mrs. Harry Kane, and Mrs. Calvin Leighty, and one brother: William Schlueter.

Mr. and Mrs. Zern had one daughter, Betty J. Zern. She was a graduate of Garrett High School and International Business College and was a secretary for Wiley Export Corporation and Warner Gear, retiring in December, 1982. She is now secretary of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce. Miss Zern has been very active in Girl Scouting. She was a scout from 1938 through 1942. She became a scout leader in 1943, and still leads Junior Girl Scout Troop 77 in Garrett. She was active in helping to form Limberlost Girl Scout Council, and served on the council camp committee for many years, and was a recipient of the Thank You Badge. She was an active member of Alpha Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority for twenty years. Miss Zern was selected as Garrett Citizen of the Year in 1974. She now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Garrett Public Library and the Morrill Foundation Board. She is a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and serves on the Board of Parish Planning.

Mr. and Mrs. Zern lived at 818 Peters Street, Garrett. They enjoyed a lake cottage at Long Lake in Steuben County. Mrs. Zern died 13 December 1966, and Mr. Zern died 11 March 1977.

Miss Zern resides at the family home in Garrett and spends summers at the lake cottage.

John Yarde Family

JOHN YARDE, born in Devonshire, England, on 17 November 1836. He came with his parents to DeKalb County, in 1852, assisting his father in clearing and improving their farmland.

He married 10 October 1858, to Lydia Ann Houser, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, born there 22 July 1840, a daughter of David and Rebecca Houser.

They became parents of six children: Martha, became the wife of William Imler, Butler Township, and they had three sons: Ellsy, John, and Loyal; Frank, married Alice Smith, living southwest of Garrett, having four children: Jay, Roy, John, and Ida; David, married Mary Brechbill, living north of Garrett, and they have four children: Claude, Howard, Ora, and Edna; Nettie married George Kelham, a farmer near Swan and they had three children: Minnie, Ocie, and Merle; Henry married Ida Ober, and lived on the John Yarde Sr. homeplace. They had seven children: Merritt, Ruth, Ralph, Lydia, Mary, Rosa, and Frank; Bertha, became the wife of Ira Grogg, a farmer living in Butler Township and they were the parents of five children: Loyal, Paul, Argyl, Alice, and Velma.

ROBERT DALE YARDE, born 19 July 1931, southwest of Garrett, son of John R. and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde. His paternal grandparents were Frank and Alice (Smith) Yarde. His maternal grandparents were Lee and Edna (Brace) Wilmot.

Alice Joy Trenary, born 3 March 1936, west of Butler, daughter of Clyde Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary. Her paternal grandparents were John N. and Mary C. (Wagner) Trenary. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Dora (Thomas) Witt.

R. Dale and Alice were married 31 August 1957, at the Mount Pleasant EUB Church, southwest of Butler, Indiana. Dale graduated from Garrett High School and Alice from Concord-Spencer High School. Dale served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955, stationed in England for three years. Upon his return, he resumed farming with his father. Alice was employed at a bank in Auburn after graduation until 1958. She has been a homemaker since that time.

R. Dale has two sisters: Doris (Yarde) Gerber, Garrett, and Nancy (Yarde) Potter, Fort Wayne. Alice has one brother, Forest Trenary, Butler, and three brothers who are deceased. She has six sisters: Doris Matherly, Elkhart; Joan Cook, Ontario, Canada; Audrie Walters, Big Long Lake; Opal Mason, St. Joe; Ruth Fetters, St. Joe; and Mary Lou Baughman, Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarde are the parents of four children: Roberta Jean Bowser, Noblesville; Rae Ann, Anderson, Thomas Duane Yarde, Garrett, and Terry Dale Yarde, Garrett.

Dale and Alice live near Garrett, on the Yarde family homestead. His grandparents, Frank and Alice Yarde, moved there in the spring of 1887, living in a log cabin. A barn was built that year and the farmhouse the next year. Frank rented from his father, John Jr., until the latter's death in 1900, when he purchased the farm. It was on to his son, John, in 1921, and then to his grandson, R. Dale, in 1956, who has turned operation of the grain and dairy farm over to his sons, Tom and Terry.

Dale and Alice are strong supporters of 4-H and the DeKalb County Fair Beef Shows. Dale enjoys going to football grames and wrestling meets. Alice is known for her beautiful roses. They are members of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

JOHN R. YARDE, born 31 October 1901, southwest of Garrett, Indiana, son of Frank and Alice (Smith) Yarde. His paternal grandfather was John Yarde, Jr., who came to DeKalb County in 1852, at the age of sixteen, with his parents, John Yarde, Sr., and Mary (Symonds) Yarde, natives of Devonshire, England. His paternal grandmother was Lydia (Houser) Yarde, daughter of David and Rebecca Houser. His maternal grandparents were James and Amanda (Sherrick) Smith, of English and Scotch descent, moving to DeKalb County in 1858.

Edith L. Wilmot, born 28 March 1909, west of Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Lee and Edna (Brace) Wilmot. Her paternal grandfather was Arthur Wilmot, son of George and Lucia (Palmer) Wilmot, who settled on a farm in Concord Township in 1840. Her maternal grandparents were Milo and Martha (Aten) Brace.

John and Edith met each other at the Altona Methodist Church, where both families were active members. They were married in the church parsonage 25 June 1927.

John attended the Kelham School, a one room, brick schoolhouse near their home. He had a twin sister, Ida (Yarde) Haynes, and two brothers: Roy and Jay. He worked with his father at farming. He liked to hunt, fish, and play baseball. He was a dairy farmer and enjoyed showing his jersey cows at Dairy Shows. He is a lifetime member of the Farm Bureau.

Edith attended the Altona School and graduated from Garrett High School in 1927. She had five brothers: Paul and Durward live in Garrett, LeRoy in California, Chester and Arthur are deceased. She is a charter member of Keyer Township Extention Homemakers Club, Roadside Garden Club, was a volunteer for fourteen years at the Garrett Community Hospital, and active in Church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarde are the parents of three children: Doris, Dale, and Nancy. Their son Dale Yarde, lives on the homeplace with his wife, Alice (Trenary) Yarde, in the farmhouse built in 1886 for Frank and Alice Yarde. Doris married Carl Gerber and they live southwest of Garrett. Nancy married Don Potter and they live in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarde are members of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. They retired from farmin in 1965, and enjoy their home in the woods at the Fortner Place. Mrs. Yarde likes to work with her flowers, play bridge, cook, and entertain guests. Mr. Yarde feeds the birds, cares for the lawn, enjoys euchre, reading, and visiting the neighbors.

CARL LEROY GERBER, born 8 April 1929, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Peter James and Gladys (Pettit) Gerber. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary (Simon) Gerber. His maternal grandparents were William and Laura (Ranny) Pettit, all from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Doris Jean Yarde, born 27 December 1928, southwest of Garrett, Indiana, daughter of John R. and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde. Her paternal grandparents were Frank and Alice (Smith) Yarde. Her maternal grandparents were Lee and Edna (Brace) Wilmot.

Carl and Doris were married 7 September 1947, at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren by Reverend Arlo Gump. Mr. Gerber attended Huntertown High School and Mrs. Gerber graduated from Garrett High School.

Carl was employed at Haynes Dairy in Garrett, Indiana, in 1947, at one dollar per hour. In 1950, he became employed by Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne, working there until his retirement, 30 June 1983. He was buyer for the Engineering Sample Department. He was in the United States Army from 1952-1954, serving in Korea. He has been working at XY Tool in LaOtto, Indiana, since 1984.

Doris was employed as a secretary at Dana Corporation, Auburn, Indiana, until 1959, when they began their family. She later became office secretary for the Huntertown United Methodist Church from 1970 to 1974, part time. She has worked at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, since 1982, as a social worker.

Mr. Gerber has one brother: James Gerber, and two sisters: Belva (Gerber) Mossberger, and Barbara (Gerber) Shoudel. Their father died in July, 1946, and their mother died in November, 1949. The brothers reared their sisters after the death of their parents. Mrs. Gerber has one brother, Dale Yarde, and one sister, Nancy (Yarde) Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerber are the parents of two children: Gregory Paul, born 14 June 1959. He works at Fort Wayne Anodizing, and Carla Jean, born 7 May 1961. She works at Fort Wayne Cardiology. They both live in Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerber have lived nearly forty years southwest of Garrett on their farm, which was in the Probst family for over one hundred years. They have enjoyed farming the land, like to fish, and do gardening. Carl is a member of the American Legion in Avilla, and Doris is a member of Garrett Homemakers and Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She has been organist at their church for many years. They are members of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

TERRY DALE YARDE, born 30 May 1964, Garrett, son of Robert Dale and Alice (Trenary) Yarde. His paternal grandparents were John and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde. His maternal grandparents were Clyde Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary.

Andrea Kay Kelham, born 16 April 1964, in Garrett, daughter of James N. and Virginia (Leech) Kelham. Her paternal grandparents are

Russell Kelham, deceased, and Barbara Ann (McComb) Kelham. Her maternal grandparents are John Leech, deceased, and Catherine (Armold) Leech.

Terry and Andrea were high school sweethearts, graduating from Garrett High School in 1982. They were married 23 March 1985, at the Garrett United Methodist Church. Another Yarde-Kelham wedding occurred at the turn of the century when Nettie Yarde married George Kelham and lived near Swan.

Terry is a partner in the Yarde dairy farm operation with his brother, Tom. They are dealers for Cargill Seed Company. He drives part time for Milk Marketing, Incorporated.

Andrea graduated from Purdue, Fort Wayne, in 1984. She is employed at GTE as a computer programmer.

Terry has one brother, Tom, Garrett, and two sisters: Roberta (Yarde) Bowser, Noblesville, and Rae Ann (Yarde) Bean, Anderson. Andrea has one sister, Jana, Bowling Green College, Ohio.

Terry and Andrea live near Garrett. Terry is very involved in 4-H activities and the DeKalb County Fair. They both enjoy bowling and traveling. They are members of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

THOMAS DUANE YARDE, born 14 November 1962, in Garrett, son of Robert Dale and Alice (Trenary) Yarde. His paternal grandparents are John and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde. His maternal grandparents are Clyde Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary.

Jeanine Marie Johnson, born 8 November 1961, in Huntington, daughter of Russel Edward and Helen (Hinen) Johnson. Her paternal grandparents are John Edward and Stella (Meyer) Johnson. Her maternal grandparents are Sylvester and Marietta (Pequignot) Hinen.

Tom graduated in 1981 from Garrett High School. Jeanine graduated in 1980 Huntington North High School. They were married 13 September 1986, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington.

Tom is a partner in the Yarde Brothers farms and drives a bus for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School District.

Jeanine graduated in 1982 from Manchester College and is employed at Food Marketing Corporation in Fort Wayne, as a retail bookkeeper.

Tom and Jeanine live near Garrett. They are newlyweds living in the house built for Tom's great uncle, Roy Yarde, and his bride.

Albert C. Witt

ALBERT CHARLES WITT, the son of George Albert and Ruth Ann (Kanaga) Witt, was born 13 November 1964, in Fairfield Township. His paternal grandparents were Albert Leroy and Rena S. (Richardson) Witt. His maternal grandparents were Ralph S. and Kennis (Potts) Kanaga.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1983, where he was drum major of the marching band, and active in music, speech, and theatre. In the fall of 1983, Albert entered the University of Dayton as a photography major. He left the school in December of that year to pursue a career in freelance photography. While establishing himself as a photographer, he worked in an Auburn restaurant. He left the restaurant job in February of 1985, to open Witt-Pro Unlimited, his own freelance photography business. Since then, his work has appeared in magazines and on postcards. Albert is currently in charge of doing all the photographs for the SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF DEKALB COUNTY.

George and Ruth Witt

GEORGE ALBERT WITT, born 14 June 1940, in Grant Township, son of Leroy and Rena S. (Richardson) Witt. His grandparents were Charles and Dora (Thomas) Witt and William and Katherine Richardson.

Ruth Ann Kanaga, born 20 July 1942, in Fairfield Township, daughter of Ralph and Kennis (Potts) Kanaga. Her grandparents were Samuel L. and Effie (Slaybaugh) Kanaga, and Grover and Emma (Roush) Potts.

George graduated from Waterloo High School in 1958. After graduation, he worked at the Country Charm in Waterloo, and later worked for Precision Rebuilders and Auburn Tankage in Auburn. He joined the United States Army Reserve in 1958, and served six months active duty. In June of 1959, he started working for Moore Business forms in Angola, where he is currently employed.

George and Ruth Ann met while they were both working at Moore Business forms. They were married 21 January 1962, at the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren near Ashley. Mr. and Mrs. Witt bought and now reside in the Kanaga homestead, where Ruth Ann grew up.

The Witts have had two children: Lori Ann, who died in infancy, and Albert Charles, who is working as a photographer.

JAMES EDWIN BROWN and MARY HELEN FISHER BROWN came to Auburn in July, 1953, with son, John Michael, born in East St. Louis, Illinois, 22 November 1950, and daughter, Susan Carol, born in Garrett, Indiana, 27 December 1952. Another daughter, Peggy Ann, arrived the next spring on 27 April 1954.

Jim was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, on 17 October 1924, to John Franklin Brown and Clara Estelle (Thorp) Brown. Mary Helen was born in Mendon, Ohio, on 27 April 1927, to Frederick Guy Fisher and Lucile (Krugh) Fisher. Jim and Mary Helen both graduated from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1949.

At the time of their move to Auburn, Jim was employed as a salesman for Ralph Sechler and son of St. Joe, Indiana. It 1956, he joined the Dana Corporation, working in Auburn for seventeen years, followed by five years in Toledo, Ohio, and seven years in Chelsea, Minnesota, before retiring in October, 1984. He was Vice Chairman of the building committee when the new United Methodist Church was built in Auburn.

Mary Helen taught from 1959, until 1973, at the East Auburn Elementary School and then five years at Highland Elementary in Sylvania, Ohio. She received her Masters Degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in 1965.

The Browns lived at 914 East First from 1953 until 1966, and then at 1204 Mark Drive until 1973. Jim and Helen liked Auburn so much that they returned in 1985 after retiring. They now live at 1603 Allison Boulevard.

John Michael married Ellen Dirrim Koeppe. He has two children by a previous marriage: Joshua James, born 13 July 1976, and Lisa Marie, born 3 October 1981. Ellen has two daughters: Chelsea Koeppe and Abbe Koeppe. Mike and Ellen and family live in New Haven, Indiana.

Susan Carol is married to Jeffrey Lynn Turner. They have three children: Kathryn Fisher Turner, born 31 August 1978, Emily Thompson Turner, born 26 December 1980, and William Thorp Turner, born 29 November 1983, with another child due in April, 1987. Sue and Jeff and children live at 712 North Main, Auburn, Indiana.

Peggy Ann married Michael Dwyer of Western Springs, Illinois. They have a daughter, Margaret Fisher Dwyer, born 10 June 1984, with another child due in December, 1986. Peggy and Mike's family live in Wilmette, Illinois.

William Miser Family

WILLIAM "BILLY" OLIVER MISER, born 28 December 1871, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Kissel) Miser. Peter, born in Coshocton County, Ohio, and Elizabeth, born in Richland County, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were Samuel Miser of Jefferson County, Ohio, and Catherine Barkey, of Northhampton County, Pennsylvania. Samuel and Catherine came to DeKalb County, Indiana, and helped establish the Tamarack Reform Church.

William lived with his family until maturity. He received his education in the area school near his home. As a young man, he became a baker but later spent his life as a farmer.

He married Polly Sebert in 1896. She was a native of DeKalb County, born 9 June 1876, to Park and Mary (Wright) Sebert of Fairfield Township, living near Storey Lake.

In 1904, they bought an eighty acre farm near Sedan, where they prospered as farmers. William had a Morgan team which was his pride and joy. He also was a bee keeper, as was his grandmother Catherine (Barkey) Miser.

To William and Polly were born two children: Mary Faye, born 7 March 1907, married Russell Strow, and Oliver A., born 8 April 1900, who married Lois Arthur.

The Miser family enjoyed family and community activities. Their home was always open to friends and neighbors.

William and Polly Miser were highly respected by all who knew them. Polly became a charter member of the "Help and Be Helped Club," a neighborhood group, and a member for fifty years. She was active in Home Bureau and famous for her hickory nutcake. She was an excellent seamstress, buying her sewing machines from sales of down from her flock of geese. This talent she passed on to her daughter Faye.

Polly's maternal grandparents were Edward Wright, born in New York State, and Polly Barry, daughter of John and Eva (Failing) Barry.

OLIVER A. MISER, born 8 April 1900, son of William A. and Polly (Sebert) Miser. They lived at Storey Lake in Fairfield Township at that time. In 1904, his famly moved by wagon to an eighty acre farm in Fairfield Township. He attended Hesse Cassel School and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1919. On 6 June 1923, Oliver and Lois Amy Arthur were married in Waterloo, and went to Fort Wayne to live until 1927, when they moved to Lakewood, Ohio.

Oliver was a railway postal clerk on the New York Central and Lois worked at the Higbee Department Store in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. In 1938, Oliver was transferred to Chicago, Illinois, where they resided until 1958, when they moved to Waterloo, Indiana. Lois died in October, 1963. Oliver married Dorothy Weyer the following year. In 1970, they moved to Alamo, Texas, where they spent their winters and spent their summers at Lake James, in Steuben County. Oliver died 23 November 1985, in Texas. Dorothy survives. Oliver and Lois had one daughter, Loiseen Brewer.

ROBERT BREWER, born in New Castle, Kentucky, 8 March 1923, son of Berry and Amanda Brewer. He moved to Chicago, Illinois, when he was a year old with his parents and attended school there, graduating in 1942. In 1943, he joined the American Division of the Army and sailed on a troop ship for the South Pacific. He saw action in the Solomon Islands and Philippine Islands, as a gunner on a 105 howitzer. His outfit was one of the first to go into Japan after World War II ended in August, 1945. He arrived home in December, 1945. Robert married Loiseen Miser, 2 March 1946. Loiseen Miser, born in Waterloo, 27 July 1924. Her parents were Oliver A. and Lois (Arthur) Miser. Her maternal grandparents were William O. and Polly Miser. Loiseen's parents lived in Cleveland and Chicago, while she was growing up.

Robert Brewer Family

After World War II, Bob attended the electrical trade school on the G.I. Bill in Chicago, while Loiseen worked at a bank in the Chicago Loop. Having grown up in big cities, they both wanted to raise their family in a rural area, so they moved to DeKalb County, in May, 1951, and rented a house on her paternal grandmother's farm in Fairfield Township. Bob worked at International Harvester, Fort Wayne, as an electrician for thirty years, retiring in March, 1982. In January, 1968, they moved to Waterloo, where they now reside. From 1969 to 1985, Loiseen worked for the State Highway in Angola, Indiana. Bob belonged to the Vounteer Firemen of Waterloo and the Waterloo Lions Club during the early 1970's.

Bob and Loiseen have three children: Beth A. (Brewer) Stepp, born 13 February 1951, in Chicago. She graduated in DeKalb High School's second class in 1969. In her senior year, she received the John Philip Sousa award in band. Beth married Paul E. Stepp, 26 August 1972, who also graduated in DeKalb High School in 1969. Beth received her bachelor and master degrees from Indiana University in music and is now a music teacher at Prairie Heights School in Steuben County. Her husband, Paul, graduated from Messiah College, Pennsylvania, in 1973, and is now a State Farm Insurance agent in

Angola. Paul is the son of Bert and Mary Stepp, who live north of Garrett, Indiana. Beth and Paul now live on Jimmerson Lake in Steuben County. They have one daughter, Erin Brewer Stepp, born 12 August 1976.

Carol (Brewer) Russell, born 12 September in Garrett. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1971. She belonged to the H.U.G. Company under the direction of Mildred Hansen, while attending there. This choral group raised money with concerts to go to Europe the summer of 1971, and gave several concerts while over there. Carol graduated from Oakland University, Michigan, in 1975. She taught elementary school in Michigan, Arizona, and is now teaching in Hamilton Elementary School. She resides in Auburn.

Robert Berry Brewer, born 27 January 1960, in Kendallville, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1978. He played on the varsity basketball and football teams while attending there. He went to Indiana Central University in Indianapolis, on a football scholarship. He graduated in 1983. Bob was a free agent for the New York Jet football team in 1983, and attended their summer camp in Long Island, New York, but was cut before their season opened. Bob married Patricia K. Walker, 19 November 1983. She graduated from Indiana Central University in 1982. Bob and Patty now live in Phoenix, Arizona.

RUSSELL JOHN STROW, born 8 March 1896, son of Henry D. and Mary Ann (Henney) Strow. He continued on the farms in Fairfield Township and married Faye Miser, who lived near Corunna, Indiana.

They had two children, Lorene and Norva. Norva married George Martin of Waterloo, Indiana. They had two children: Kenneth and Sue. Norva passed away at the age of thirty-three. She is buried in Fairfield Center Cemetery. Sue married and had two children: Barry and Mike Foster. Later she married Kirk Altimus and they had a son, Nick. They all live near the original home site of Russell and Faye. Lorene, married Harry Stoneburner of South Bend, Indiana. They had three children, all living away from DeKalb County; Claudia and Don live in Indiana, and Charlene lives in Minneapolis. Lorene and Harry live in New Carlisle, Indiana. Since Lorene and Harry own part of the original home site of Russell and Faye, they return often to DeKalb County to visit friends and observe their property.

Russell and Faye were very active in the community and members of the original Showers Corners United Brethren Church. When this Church combined with the Maple Grove Church, the two congregations joined in remodeling the church at the Maple Grove site and added several new facilities.

Of the children of Henry and Ann Strow, Russell, with Faye, followed long and creative careers in the DeKalb County community.

Russell passed away in Auburn in October, 1982. He was buried in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Faye lives with her grandchildren, Sue and Kirk Altimus.

DANIEL STROW, may be the only sure settler of the family in Indiana. His sons were John, Simon Peter, and William. Simon Peter owned a variety store in Waterloo. John was a farmer in the area. William was born in Pennsylvania, 5 January 1822. In 1843, he married Barbara Depfter and moved near Waterloo in 1858. Barbara was born in Germany, 27 September 1824, and came to the United States when seven years old. They had eleven children. Barbara died 26 February 1922. William died 26 February 1906.

The members of this large family were married.

Rebecca married Martin Casselman. Their children were: Isaac, George, Wiliam, Martin, Edward, Ira, Rollie, Nellie Rowe, and Myrtle Hill.

Sarah married to a Hamilton and had one child. She then married a Treech and their children were: Almond, Sadie Wildeson, and Ona Moses.

Barbara married Hiram Brand and their children were: Alva, Henry, and Cora.

Susan married Thomas Langen and their children were: Byron and Arthur.

Fannie married John Dull and their children were: Ora and May. She then married a Deckman and their children were: Fanny Adelia and Addie Acelia.

Katherine married George Metzer and their children were: Ollie, Sylvia, and Agnes.

Ellen married Henry Miller and their child was Arthur.

Henry married Mary Anne Henney and their children were: Carl, Russell, Florence, and Harold.

Della married an Albright and their children were: Henry, Edna, Raymond, Vincent, Webster, and Frank.

Martha and Polly Strow died in infancy.

Ora Dull married Mae Bush 19 February 1902. Their children were Lottie and Frances. Ora Dull died 28 May 1910.

Henry and Mary Anne Strow

HENRY D. STROW, born in DeKalb County, 20 December 1864, and Mary Anne Henney, born 17 October 1869. She spent part of her early life in Broolyn, New York. They were married in the late 1800's.

They spent all of their married life in Fairfield Township in DeKalb County, Indiana. They owned the two farms in the southeast corner of the township, designated now as the intersection of Highway 6 and County Road 23.

There were four children in the family: Carl Wiliam, born in 1892; Russell John, born in 1896; Florence May, born in 1898; and Harold Eugene, born in 1902.

Henry and Anne were prominent residents of the community and were active in the affairs of Fairfield Township.

Henry died 3 November 1911, and was buried in the family plot in the Fairfield Center Cemetery. Henry's father, William Strow, was buried in the same plot. He lived with Henry and Anne until he died in 1904.

Mary Anne died on 25 September 1953, and she was buried in the family plot in Fairfield Center Cemetery, beside Henry.

Mary Anne Strow, after Henry died, lived in the family homestead for many years. Later she lived in other locations in Fairfield Township, before moving to Bremen, Indiana. She returned to DeKalb County and purchased the farm in the northwest corner of Grant Township. This farm is also at the intersection of Highway 6 and County Road 23. It is diagonally opposite the two farms which were the old homestead.

She was living in this location when she died. The farm in now owned by Harold and Reva Strow. Harold is the youngest child of Henry and Anne Strow.

The family of Henry Daniel and Mary Anne Strow has an important place in the history of DeKalb County. They contributed much to the general development of the life of the county. They insisted that their children obtain good educations as they were denied any schooling beyond the fourth and fifth grades.

Their four children received their elementary education in the schools of the county and all graduated from high school in Waterloo, Indiana. Carl and Russell were valedictorians of their respective classes, and Florence was the salutatorian of the class in which her brother Russell was the valedictorian. Three of the children went on to college while it was necessary for Russell to stay home and continue to work on the family farm. He was generally considered the one with the greatest potential if he had been able to continue his education.

John Henney Family

JOHN HENNEY, born 1823, in Germany, died 1897. He came to America at the age of seventeen, encouraged by his father, an officer in the German Army, who told him of opportunities there.

Elizabeth (Sowers) Henney, born 1838, in Germany, died 1900, immigrated to America. She and John married, residing on a farm in Fairfield Township, northwest of Waterloo. They were a sturdy, hard working, pioneer couple, frugal ways, strong sense of family unity. John and Elizabeth had nine children. One son died young.

Tena, born 1865, married an Englishman, Robert Widdecomb, a claims adjuster for Detroit and Hudson Railroad, lived in Albany, New York. Their children were Grace, Edith, Olive, Ada, Robert, and Irene. Tena moved to Kendallville. Her husband died while the children were young. Later she moved to Waterloo and Auburn.

Anne, born 1869, died 1953, married Henry Strow, lived on a farm in Fairfield Township, half a mile from the Henney Homestead. Their children were Carl, Russell, Florence, and

Harold. On several occasions, their home was overnight lodging stops for families traveling by covered wagons for western homesteading.

George, born 1872, died 1962, married Della, lived on a farm in Fairfield Township. He later owned a farm on the Fairfield Center Road. His son, Kenneth, was an engineer for the Bendix Corporation, South Bend. He now owns a homestead. George helped neighbors butcher and harvest grain.

Libbie married George Braun, lived in Waterloo and had two daughters. Libby died as a young mother when her second child was born. Her husband worked in the meat market and grocery store in Auburn.

Lana married Mr. Schwench. They lived in Sandusky, Ohio. They had two daughters: Edna and Bessie, who wrote interesting letters to share at the Henney reunion.

Tillie married Wesley Weirich. They owned a farm in Fairfield Township, northwest of Fairfield Center Church. The farm was previously owned by Wesley's father. Their children were Clarence, LeRoy, and Bernice. Tillie died in early 1920's, when the children were young.

Jacob married Eva and lived on a farm in Fairfield Township, later moving to Kendallville, where he worked his lifetime for McCray Refrigeration. Their children were Gordon, Pete "Felix", and Harriet.

Maggie married Carl Miller, and lived on a farm near Ashley, where Carl farmed. Their children were Cecil, Virginia, Lola, Wayne, and John.

Elizabeth, who was sturdy and industrious, taught her daughters the skill of needlework needed in the 1800's. As they had worked together in their pioneer home, the family continued for life, merriment prevailed. They came together for barn raisings, treshing, butchering, and tending the sick.

CARL WILLIAM STROW, born 5 August 1892, son of Henry D. and Mary Anna (Henney) Strow. After graduation from high school, he went to Indiana University, where he obtained his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He graduated from college with honors. Later he received the Doctorate degree from the University of Chicago. He became the teacher of an elementary school near Fairfield Center, Indiana. While in that community, he met Lena Stomm, whom he married. They had four sons and all obtained college degrees: Henry, Thomas, Robert, and Malcolm. They found their future livelihoods in Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Dallas, and Philadelphia respectively.

Carl was a teacher in college nearly all of his life, which was interrupted by some research work in Chicago.

Carl's wife, Lena, passed away in 1953, and she was buried in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Later he married again and he and Catharine continued education work in Fort Wayne, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Florida, and Texas. Catharine was a social worker and became a prominent and capable member of several social agencies.

Carl was a writer of some note and one of his books is in the library of DeKalb High School and the public library of Waterloo, Indiana.

He died 31 December 1982, in Dallas, Texas, at the age of ninety.

FLORENCE MAY STROW, born 16 February 1898, in Fairfield, daughter of Henry D. and Mary Anne (Henney) Strow.

She attended Indiana University and later married Clifford Hawk, who also lived in Fairfield Township. After living some time in Garrett, they moved to Fort Wayne, where they lived most of their lives. Clifford worked at the Perfection Biscuit Company.

Clifford passed away 29 October 1953, and was buried beside Florence in Fort Wayne.

Their children were William and Reva who resided in Fort Wayne, and Marceal and Betty who live away from the original family location. William "Bill" returns to the home site of his mother in Fairfield Township quite often and has kept a close relationship with Russell and Faye. William married again and he and Mary live in Fort Wayne.

HAROLD EUGENE STROW, born 9 October 1902, son of Henry and Mary Anne (Henney) Strow. After graduating from Waterloo High School, he went to Indiana University, where he received the Bachelors degree.

After graduating from Indiana University, he went to Carmi, Illinois, to teach in the high school. He met Reva Louise Goodman there. She was a student at the University of Illinois. They were married on 16 January 1925.

The teaching field took Harold and his wife to Illinois, Wisconsin, and Virginia. He received the Masters degree from Northwestern University.

They retired from the educational scene while living in Virginia in 1967, and have lived in Boynton Beach, Florida, since that time.

Since they own "Mother Strow's" home in Grant Township, and also a farm a short distance west of the intersection of County Road 19 and Highway 6, they return to DeKalb County two or three times each year to look in on "things."

WAYNE LEE MICHAEL, born 6 May 1930, in Muncie, Indiana, son of Lewis Wilbur, deceased in 1963, and Gladys Dorothy (Clark) Michael. His paternal grandparents were George and Bessie (Morgan) Michael, and his maternal grandparents were Oliver and Annie Laurie (Rich) Clark. Wayne had two brothers: Alan Ray Michael and David Paul Michael, and one sister, Sue Ann (Michael) Sells.

Wayne attended grade school in Muncie, Yorktown, and at DeSota School in Auburn. He attended McIntosh High School in Auburn and graduated in 1949. He worked as a meat cutter through high school for Myers Home Store.

In high school, he participated in football, basketball, and track. His highlights were: held three pole vault records in the area for about ten years. He was a four-year letterman in track and went to the state meet in 1948.

Wayne was drafted into the United States Army in 1951. He married Carolyn Sue Withrow on 30 December 1951, before reporting for duty at Camp Stoneman near San Francisco, California, where he departed for the Far East. He served his country in Korea from February, 1952 until December, 1952.

Wayne and Sue were blessed with five children: Alan David, born 16 March 1964, who lives in Indianapolis with wife, Katrine, and two children: Jamie and Scott; Randall Lee, born 24 June 1955, who lives in Butler, Indiana; Cynthia Sue, born 22 November 1956, who lives in Butler, Indiana, with husband, Bruce Ulm, and son, Michael; Mark Steven, born 21 April 1959, who lives in Auburn, Indiana; and Thomas O., born 7 January 1969, who lives in Auburn, Indiana.

All but Thomas were born in DeKalb County. Tom was born in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Wayne began his major career in 1955, in the manufacturing world beginning as a tool designer and advancing to process engineer and manufacturing engineer.

Wayne and Sue became very active in the Church of Christ in Garrett, Indiana. In 1963, at the age of thirty-three, Wayne entered Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing, Michigan. He attended school days and worked nights as a designer for a job shop, Lans Corporation. After four years, he earned his Bachelor degree and was ordained as a minister at the Bluffton, Indiana, First Church of Christ.

Wayne served the church at Hillsdale, Michigan, for over six years; Butler, Indiana, for five years; Daytona Beach, Florida, for two years, then went back to work as an engineer at Fostoria, Ohio, where Wayne and Sue helped start a new church at Tiffin, Ohio. During an economic crunch, they were forced to look for work and came back to DeKalb County. So after twenty-one years of being homesick for Auburn, they got to return. Wayne began working at I.T.T. Technical Institute, Fort Wayne, as an instructor in Tool Technology. After a few months, he was asked to help Dr. Ed Kimble organize a new bachelor degree program called Automated Mfg. technology, focusing on the application of robots in manufacturing. Next Wayne took a position in the Engineering Department at Auburn Gear, Incorporated, Auburn, Indiana, where he is at present. He also ministers on a part time basis with the Butler Church of Christ.

Carolyn Sue (Withrow) Michael was born and raised in Garrett, Indiana. She was born 30 April 1934, and graduated in 1952. Her parents were Norval and Georgia May (Coburn) Withrow, both deceased. Her paternal grandparents were Demer S. and Anna Rae (Snook) Withrow. Her maternal grandparents were Harman Adelma and Bertha Mae (Wade) Coburn.

Carolyn Sue has one brother, Norval Eugene Withrow, of San Diego, California. He was born 20 May 1930 in Garrett, Indiana.

Carolyn works for the Indiana Employment Security Division in Auburn, where she has worked for the past five years.

ALANSON COATS, born in Berlin, Troy County, New York, in April of 1816, the son of Justine "Justus" and Sally Amidon Coats. He married "Dilly" Dillah Baker, daughter of Asa and Phoebe (Birdsall) Baker, born January, 1818, Lockport, New York.

Phoebe E. Coats, their first child, was born in Lockport after which the family migrated to Artic, DeKalb County, Indiana, and settled on forty acres of ground, which he had purchased or traded with his brother Townsend Coats.

To this union were born five children: Phoebe, born 1842; William H., born 18 June 1844, died in the Civil War. He never married and is buried at Artic, in the Farnham Cemetery.

Joseph A., born 24 May 1847, married Mary, lived together for seventy-five years, celebrating their Diamond Anniversary. They first lived on a farm out of Edon, Ohio, raising two daughters: Tilley Stuller and Belle Dirr, then in later years, moving into Edon, Ohio.

Mary Jane, born 24 May 1849, married Job Wilcox of Maple Grove, Michigan, raised two daughters: Dilley Smith and Maggie Robinson. She died in Waterloo, Indiana, in 1921.

James Frank married a Michigan girl, and settled on a farm in Michigan. No children. He was born in April, 1852.

Dilly (Baker) Coats died in 1854, leaving five small children. The oldest girl, Phoebe, was ten or eleven.

Alanson Coats married Argie Orphal, probably 1855, and she died in 1856, no children born to this union.

Alanson's third wife was Sarah Smurr and they had three children; Alice Coats married to John Wimer, Maggie or Margaret, who went to Maple Grove to make her home with Franklin Coats and died there. Reuben A., the last child, was born 30 March 1858.

After Sarah's death Alanson married Margaret Bell, who died in the early 1900's. They had three children. Inez, born November, 1872; Grant, born October, 1868; and Martha Ann, born 1871. The last two babies died and are buried in the Farnham Cemetery.

Alanson Coats died in March of 1882. From this family of children, the following married and settled in DeKalb County: Phoebe married Isaac Speer, Waterloo; Alice married John Wimer, lived in Auburn; and Ines married Commadore DeWitt 25 May 1889.

HENRY A. MURRAY, born 1881, died 1950, son of Patrick H. and Sarah (Weaver) Murray, married Orpha Ellen Penn, born 1883, died 1960, daughter of George, a Civil War veteran, and Traney (McKee) Penn, 21 March 1906, all buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Noble County.

The family moved from Noble County to Garrett, in 1921. Henry was an inventor and engaged in muck crop farming. He was well known in this new field, being associated with the Muck Crop Association, directed by Purdue. Henry was the only participant to be a one thousand bushel, onions, member each year, receiving gold medals. Both were active members of the Methodist Church and active in Masons and Eastern Star. Orpha was a musician-organist for Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church for many years.

Henry and Orpha are the parents of four children: Ethel, Julia, Frank, deceased, and Keith.

ETHEL MURRAY, married Norman Funk, born 1897, died 1960, of Embreeville, Pennsylvania, son of John and Mary Funk, 30 December 1934.

She taught instrumental music, was a secretary in the Forestry Department, Washington, D.C., and a legal and financial secretary in Garrett, a charter member of Alpha Rho Chapter, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, and a national officer, is active in the Republican party.

Norman and Ethel are the parents of two children: Sandra and Norman. Sandra (Funk) Arvin, of Chicago, has a BA degree from Purdue in languages, was a translator and technical writer, a partner in Arvin-Buckhanon Consultants, and is studying at the Art Institute; Norman Murray, of Carmel, graduated from Indiana University, in 1967, and Indiana University Law School, Indianapolis, in 1972. He was Executive Director of the Indiana Civil Code Study Commission, in 1971-1972, and is in private practice law, Indianapolis. He married Karen Linder, 19 October 1971, and they have three children: Rein, born 18 October 1974; Adam, born 17 April 1980; and Ellen, born 19 April 1982. All are active Methodists.

JULIA MURRAY, married Benjamin F. Casebeer, born 1911, died 1979, 8 December 1934, son of James and Rose Casebeer.

She was a bookkeeper, seamstress, President of Merrillville Federation Women's Club, active member of Merrillville Methodist Church.

Benjamin and Julia are the parents of two daughters: Kay and Sue. Kay married Vernon Jones, born 1929, died 1970. They are the parents of two children: Barbara, married Gerald Mullay, and they have two children: Erin and Amy; Vernon married Pamela Johnston. Kay then married Richard McGregor, 7 April 1972. Kay graduated from the Methodist School of Nursing, and is head nurse in the Merrillville Schools. She is an active Methodist. Sue received an MS from Ball State, has taught elementary school and is personnel manager of Long Hospital, Racine, Wisconsin. Her children are: John, born 17 September 1967, and Julia, born 19 April 1970.

FRANK MURRAY, born 1913, died 1968, married Eleanor Meyer, daughter of John and Anna, 9 April 1939. He received a BA in electrical engineering from Purdue and was employed at Indiana and Michigan Electrical, Marion. Both were members of St. James Lutheran Church. Frank was a member of the Society of Electrical Engineering.

Frank and Eleanor are the parents of two children: Robert and Patricia. Robert, of Casseellberry, Florida, married Janet Gause, 26 August 1967. He has a degree in architectural engineering from Purdue and is an engineer for Seminole County, Florida. They are members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Robert and Janet are the parents of three children: Deborah, born 12 January 1970; Cynthia, born 22 May 1973; and Steven, born 14 February 1978; Patricia married Alan Miller, 20 February 1968. She has an MS in Education, from Indiana University and teaches elementary school in Marion. Alan and Patricia are the parents of one daughter: Jenny, born 3 September 1969. All are active in the College Wesleyan Church.

Keith W. Murray

KEITH MURRAY, Waxahachie, Texas, married Dorothy Wagner, daughter of Clarence and Sophia Wagner, 4 March 1943.

He has a degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue and received a Purple Heart with a Oak Leaf Cluster in World War II, as a bombadier. He was purchasing agent for Electric Motors, Garrett, Vice-President of Jamison Manufacture Company, Italy, Texas, and is owner of MFG Products, Waxahachie.

Keith and Dorothy are the parents of four children: Pennie, Keith, Jr., Susan, and Terry. Pennie Simpson received an MS from the University of Texas and is employed as a Registered Dietition. She has two daughters: Heather, born 16 September 1975, and Heidi, born 22 June 1980; Keith Jr., Eagle Scout, studied architecture at the University of Texas, and works at construction; Susan Smith married Robert Howard, 20 August 1981. She attended Tyler Junior College and is a bookkeeper. They have two children: Thomas Smith, born 12 February 1981, and Matthew Howard, born 10 August 1984; Terry married William Pierce, 23 November 1985. She has a BA from Texas Tech and teaches French and German in Waxahachie. All are active in music at Waxahachie Methodist Church.

JOHN ZEHENDNER, born 21 March 1817, in Bulgeria, Germany. He came to this country at the age of fourteen years, in a sailboat, which took him six months. Coming across from Germany, they got in a bad storm and found themselves several times just where they started from. John came to Fort Wayne and worked for seventy-five cents a month and room and board. He thought it was big wages for him and he worked that way until he was twenty-one years old. He started a bakery in Fort Wayne, which he had the third building in Fort Wayne and was at the corner of Columbia and Calhoun Streets. He made bread, crackers, and pies. John was a baker for fifteen years.

John married Mrs. Martha Gragery. She was a Yankee who could not speak German and John could not speak English. So he taught Martha to talk German and she taught him to talk English.

John and Martha moved on a farm of eighty acres, sixteen miles north of Fort Wayne and there they lived and reared a family of five girls and two boys: John Jacob Zehendner, Mrs. J.B. Sommers, Mrs. S.D. Dottener, George W. Zehendner, Mrs. J.J. Souder, Mrs. B.O. Schlatter, Mrs. A.L. Gregg. The family lived there until Martha passed away at the age of seventy-five years. John was a minister of the Apostlic Church for fifty some years. He sold his farm and lived among his children. John lived to be ninety-six years old and a sweet grandfather.

JOHN JACOB ZEHENDNER, born 23 January 1856, Allen County. He farmed for his father when a boy. He was married when he was twenty-three years old to Miss Lyda McCartney. They stayed on the farm with his father until 1888, when they moved to DeKalb County and built a house in the woods. They had one hundred five and a half acres. He bought a sawmill in 1889. Just a few of the children grew up to see their parents clear themselves out of the woods. Both worked very hard farming and raising lots of stock.

John J. died at the age of sixty-four and Lyda died at age eighty-two. They are buried in the Leo Cemetery, Leo, Indiana. They were members of the DeKalb-Allen County Line Church of God.

John and Lyda were the parents of eight children: Martha Ellen Guilford, born 29 March 1882, died 13 October 1947; John William, born 1 March 1884, died 19 February 1963; George, born 20 January 1886, died 1935; Edith Botts Drabenstott, born 24 January 1888, died 21 November 1983; Ester M. Warner, born 6 October 1890, died 10 July 1982; Franklin B., born 18 February 1892, deceased; Elza Zehendner, born 26 November 1898, died 8 April 1935; and a daughter, name or dates unknown. Five of the children preceded their parents in death.

IVAN LAVON ROSENBERRY, born 17 February 1916, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of

Jacob and Ella (Varner) Rosenberry, both deceased.

Helen Louise Hart, born 16 March 1918, Monroeville, Indiana, daughter of Clifford and Vera Mae (Guilford) Hart. Her paternal grandparents were David Wayne and Sarah Hart, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were William A. and Martha Ellen (Guilford) Zehendner.

Ivan and Helen both attended school at Auburn High School. They were married 23 June 1934. To this union were born four children: Sondra Jo Caldwell, born 21 November 1934; Patricia Ann Ackerman, born 23 June 1937; Deanna Lou Shull, born 4 February 1939; and Barbara Sue Haycox, born 20 January 1944.

Ivan was employed at the Auburn Foundry. He died 22 January 1964. They were members of the Norris Chapel Church of Auburn, Indiana.

GEORGE SIEGEL, born at Monroeville, Indiana. Mabel Guilford, born 30 June 1898, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of William Albert and Martha Ellen (Zehendner) Guilford, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

George and Mabel were married 22 December 1915. They are both deceased and are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

George was employed at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg and Auburn Foundry. Mabel was a homemaker.

To this union was born one daughter: Mary Ellen, born 7 September 1925, died 19 September 1925. They were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Indiana.

CLIFFORD GEORGE HART, born 7 April 1897, Monroeville, Indiana, son of David Wayne and Sarah Armenda Hart, both deceased, and buried at Monroeville, Indiana.

Vera Mae Guilford, born 26 August 1900, Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of William A. and Martha Ellen (Zehendner) Guilford, both deceased.

Clifford attended school at Monroeville, Indiana, and Vera attended school at Jackson Township, DeKalb County. They met when Clifford came to work on the DeKalb-Allen County Line Road. Guilford worked for the Auburn Foundry.

To this union were born two children: Helen Louise (Hart) Rosenberry, born 16 March 1918, died 22 January 1964, and Donna Jean (Hart) Rosenberry, born 26 December 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Hart were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn, Indiana. They are both deceased and buried at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

William Guilford Family

WILLIAM ALBERT GUILFORD, born 8 March 1874, Antwerp, Ohio. Martha Ellen Zehendner, born 29 March 1882, Allen County, Indiana, daughter of John Jacob and Lyda (McCartney) Zehendner, both deceased. Her paternal grandparents were John and Martha Zehendner.

William and Martha were married 9 May 1898, and both are buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. To this union were born seven children: Mabel Marie Siegel, born 30 June 1898, died 10 April 1969; Vera Mae Hart, born 26 August 1900, died 14 February 1971; Raymond Franklin Guilford, born 29 November 1902, died in 1961; Merl Alfred Guilford, born 31 May 1904, died 18 December 1959; Howard, born 24 July 1906, died 8 November 1942; Ruth Guilford Robertson, born 31 August 1908, died 5 April 1947; and Bessie Lavon, born 25 January 1916, died 28 February 1917.

WILLIAM JOHNSON COX, born 29 September 1929, Delaware County, Indiana, son of Orland Dwight and Mary (Gaylord) Cox, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were William H. and Fannie (Johnson) Cox, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Frank and Silvia (Guignet) Gaylord.

Sally Draggoo, born 10 May 1934, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Clifton Leroy and Fern (VanZile) Draggoo, of Hamilton, Indiana. Fern is deceased. Her paternal grandparents are Delbert and Harriett (Squires) Draggoo, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were Fred Taylor and Laura (Benton) Taylor VanZile McClellan, both deceased.

William married Sally Draggoo, 7 June 1952, in Auburn, Indiana. To them were born four children: Susan Jane, born 21 July 1953; David William, born 10 July 1955; Debra Ann (Cox)

Shipe, born 13 September 1958; and John Allen, born 23 September 1960.

Mr. Cox was the owner of Cox Cabinet, Incorporated, in Auburn, and Mrs. Cox is employed at the Auburn Foundry.

They are affiliated with the United Methodist Church of Auburn and live in Auburn, Indiana. They enjoy boating, traveling, and reading as their hobbies.

Irvin and Barbara Coplin

IRVIN B. COPLIN, born in Allen County, Indiana, 13 August 1922, son of Paul and Margaret (Pepple) Coplin. His paternal grandparents were James and Anna (Yenson) Coplin, of Antwerp, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were William and Martha (Schell) Pepple, of Payne, Ohio.

Irvin graduated from Payne High School in the class of 1940, Payne, Ohio. He served in the United States Army from 14 October 1942 to 15 November 1945. He worked at the Spencerville Elevator and later International Harvester, retiring in 1982.

Irvin married Barbara Joan Wasson in Spencerville M.E. Church, 13 September 1943. Barbara Joan was born 15 June 1924, in Concord Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, daughter of Ray and Gladys (Watson) Wasson. Her paternal grandparents were Burton and Mary (Erskins) Wasson of Spencerville. Her maternal grandparents were George and Alice (Bailey) Watson, daughter of John C. and Mary (McNabb) Bailey.

Barbara attended the Boot's School on County Road 68 and Spencerville High School. She worked at Hamilton Standard Control of Auburn and retired in 1984.

Irvin and Barbara lived in the Spencerville area until 1957, when they moved to Swan Township, Noble County, Indiana. They have always been engaged in farming. They have been active in the Noble County Saddle Club, LaOtto Wesleyan Church. Mr. Coplin is a member of F & AM #460 Masonic Lodge and American Legion Post 240.

Irvin has three brothers: Earl, Carl, and Marvin. Barbara has one brother, Jean Wasson, and one sister, Margaret (Wasson) Williams, of Florida.

Three children were born to this union: Irvin B., Jr., who works for Con Rail Railroad; Anna Christine Butler, works for LaOtto manufacturing; and Kathryn Elizabeth Williams, works for Power Wheels at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Coplins, since retiring, have enjoyed their eight grandchildren and genealogy. They spend their winters in New Port Richey, Florida.

Roger and Wanda Grogg

ROGER V. GROGG, son of Isaac and Catherine (Otto) Grogg, born 27 July 1900, in Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Adam and Emily L. (King) Grogg. His maternal grandparents were Captain John F. and Mariah (Reehling) Otto. The Grogg family came to DeKalb County from Stark County, Ohio.

Roger received his early education in Auburn. He attended Purdue and Bowling Green State University. At the age of nineteen, he went to Pontiac, Michigan, where he learned the welding business. He returned to Auburn, where he opened his own shop in his father's building at 1100 North Main Street, known as Iron Railing and Welding Company. He continued in this business until his retirement in 1985, after fifty-six years.

He married Wanda Leiter, of Van Wert, Ohio, on 28 February 1925. Wanda was born 5 August 1905, to Levi Henry and Clara May (Rise) Leiter. Her paternal grandparents were Simon Peter and Louise (Mosier) Leiter. Her maternal grandparents were Henry Clay and Julia Ann (Boop) Rise. Both grandparents were from Van Wert, Ohio. Wanda attended Jackson, Michigan, Grover Hill and Van Wert, Ohio, schools.

Roger and Wanda enjoyed flying as a hobby. Roger started flying lessons at Auburn Airport, soloing in eight hours on 3 September 1933, received his private pilot's license on 9 September 1935. He flew the only air mail flight to originate from Auburn. One hundred eighty-four letters were carried in an Aeronca plane, which he owned. Stanley Nelson was Postmaster at that time.

Roger and Wanda were charter members of the Fort Wayne Aero Club. They participated in Air tours organized by the club.

During his fifteen years as a pilot, he and Wanda constructed a power glider. It was unique with the wings and fuselage of steel rods, wire, and tubing welded together. Over four thousand welds were required in the construction. Wanda sewed over one hundred yards of unbleached muslin and covered the wings, each eighteen feet long and five feet wide. They were then painted with airplane dope to tighten and seal the covering. The initial flight was by "Buster" Grogg, Roger's brother. Two successful flights were made, but on the third, the plane was caught in a cross wind and crashed.

In World War II, Roger served in the CAP Patrol.

Roger and Wanda have enjoyed many years of square dancing. The group gets together for fun times, although no longer square dancing as they did. They also go camping.

Wanda still works part time for their grandson, Steve Post, as bookkeeper in his accounting firm, located in a new building on the lot which once was the location of his grandfather's business.

Roger and Wanda are the parents of two daughters: Carman Eloise and Virginia Arleita.

VIRGINIA "GINGER" (GROGG) POST, born 13 June 1933, in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Roger and Wanda (Leiter) Grogg. Her paternal grandparents are Isaac and Catherine (Otto) Grogg. Her maternal grandpaernts are Levi Henry and Clara Mae (Rise) Leiter.

Virginia received her early education in the Auburn Schools. She is now employed at Auburn Gear, where she has been employed for thirty years, currently as Senior Buyer.

She married Paul Post, son of Paul Edward and Sadie Post. To them were born two sons: Stephen Eric, born 11 September 1952, and Mark Andrew, born 6 November 1953, died young. This marriage was terminated in 1982.

Virginia Post

Virginia enjoys fishing, sports, and all kinds of card games.

Stephen Post Family

STEPHEN POST, born 11 September 1952, Auburn, Indiana, son of Paul E. and Virginia (Grogg) Post. His paternal grandparents are Paul E. and Sadie Post. His maternal grandparents are Roger V. and Wanda Grogg.

Stephen received his education in Auburn Elementary School, DeKalb Central High School and Georgia Tech. He was an honor student and excellent in sports, for which he received a scholarship.

He met his future wife, Nicki D. Dove, born 2 August 1954, while in high school. She is the daughter of Robert M. Dove, Jr. and Nina R. Hartman. They married 20 August 1972, Auburn First United Methodist Church. Her paternal grandparents are Robert and Ruth Dove and her maternal grandparents are Lester and Vergie (Groh) Hartman.

They live at the present in Auburn, Indiana, where Steve is a self-employed Accountant/Financial Consultant. He has his office on the ground where once stood the business of his grandfather, Roger Grogg. Nicki is a homemaker and she and Steve are the parents of two children: Adeline M., born 11 January 1981, and Briton W., born 14 August 1983.

Their hobbies and interest are home decoration, antiquing, sports, traveling, and furnishing their home, which was built in 1898. The preservation of this home is remarkable.

The Posts are members of the First United Methodist Church.

Carroll and Eloise Davidson

CARMEN ELOISE (GROGG) DAVIDSON, daughter of Roger and Wanda (Leiter) Grogg, was born 26 December 1925, at Pontiac, Michigan. Her paternal grandparents were Isaac and Catherine (Otto) Grogg. Her maternal grandparents were Levi Henry and Clara May (Rise) Leiter.

Eloise met Carroll Davidson in Newark, New Jersey. He was born 1 January 1926, in Columbus, Kansas. They married 3 October 1951, and are the parents of two children: Gregg Randall and Bradd Jeffery.

Carroll worked for Trans World Airlines, then they moved to Auburn. He died quite young. His wife worked for Trans World Airlines also, but is presently Secretary-Treasurer at Foley Pattern Company.

Carroll was in the United States Navy in World War II. After his discharge, he studied radio. After coming to Auburn, he began his TV and radio service business. He suffered a stroke and died following surgery.

Carroll and Eloise have three grandchildren.

DR. GREGG RANDALL DAVIDSON, born 24 August 1952, in Newark, New Jersey, to Carroll F. and Eloise (Grogg) Davidson. His paternal grandparents were Dr. Clyde F. and Ora (Frick) Davidson, of Columbus, Kansas, and his maternal grandparents were Roger Vernon and Wanda (Leiter) Grogg, of Auburn, Indiana.

Gregg Davidson

Gregg attended school at Auburn and Indiana University School of Dentistry, on a full Navy scholarship, practicing his profession at Racine, Wisconsin, and later at Bakersfield, California.

Dr. Davidson was commissioned Ensign in the United States Navy, in July, 1973, promoted to full Lieutenant. He served as Navy dentist aboard the U.S. Sperry and was Lieutenant Commander when discharged. He is presently a dentist in Bakersfield, California.

Dr. Davidson and his first wife, Marilyn, are the parents of two children: Phillip Andrew, born 13 February 1979, and Brian Jeffrey, born 10 March 1982. Gregg and his second wife, Minerva, live in Bakersfield, California.

KENNETH EUGENE FIKE, born 24 June 1951, Garrett, Indiana, son of Clifford E. and Mildred A. (Millhouse) Fike, of Auburn, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Warren W. and Edith P. (Firestone) Fike, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were John W. and Theresa F. (Meyer) Millhouse, deceased.

Roxanne Lynn Ransom, born 29 October 1958, Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Eddie A. and Gailanna R. (Holman) Ransom, of Avilla, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Daniel and Alma (Bartell) Ransom, of Auburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Aaron O. and Coralie B. (Knox) Holman, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Kenneth attended school at Garrett-Keyser-Butler School District and college at Bailey Technical School ITT, Auto Diesel, St. Louis, Missouri. Roxanne attended East Noble School

District.

They met through Roxanne's father. Kenneth drove a milk truck for Eddie Ransom. They were married 10 June 1977, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, Indiana.

Kenneth has worked at Kitchen Quip, Weinert Tire and Jack's. He is now business manager for Richland Enterprises, Incorporated. Roxanne is a homemaker.

To this union were born two sons: Andrew Aaron, born 10 April 1978, and Matthew Daniel, born 28 November 1982.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fike currently reside near Auburn, Indiana. They are members of the Calvary United Methodist Church of Avilla, Indiana. Their hobbies include photography, toy collecting, sewing, quilting, and computers. Roxanne is a charter member of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild, of DeKalb County, and a member of the Model Home Extension Homemakers. She also enjoys doing the art of tatting.

CLIFFORD E. FIKE, born 14 September 1917, Kendallville, Indiana, son of Warren W. and Edith Pearl (Firestone) Fike, of Kendallville, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Ella Fike, of Corunna, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Byron and Laura (Gushwa) Firestone, of Fairfield, Indiana.

Mildred A. Millhouse, born 27 September 1920, Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of John W. and Theresa F. (Meyer) Millhouse, of Garrett, Indiana.

Clifford attended school at Kendallville, Indiana. Mildred attended school at Garrett, Indiana. They met at Bill Christlieb's square dance in Auburn, Indiana. Clifford and Mildred were maried 4 February 1939, at the John Millhouse home, Garrett, Indiana.

Clifford worked at Newman Foundry, Kendallville, farming and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for thirty-seven years. Mildred worked at Avilla Hardware, Garrett, Greenhouse, and Wee Haven Work Activity Center. They both are retired.

To this union were born two children: Carole Eileen, born 22 December 1941, married Dale Coddington. They are the parents of two children: Tania and Christopher. They reside in Osceola, Indiana; Kenneth Eugene, born 21 June 1951, married Roxanne Ransom. They are the parents of two sons: Andrew and Matthew.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fike currently live near Auburn, Indiana. Mildred is a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren. Their hobbies include coins, sawing wood, flowers, and needlework.

WILLIAM KYNE HOSKINS, born 17 1926, at Los Angeles, California, to Grover C. and Minnie (Thrasher) Hoskins, of North Hollywood, California. His paternal grandparents were James and Charity (Green) Hoskins, of Lockport, Kentucky. His maternal grandparents were Josiah J. and Alice Bertha (Penland) Thrasher, of San Fernando Valley, California.

He met Beth Delores Smith, in Van Nuys, California, and they married 13 June 1948. Her parents are Paul Clayton and Blanche Ethel (Lung) Smith, of Corunna, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were David Edward and Addelaide (Shader) Smith and her maternal grandparents were Noah Arthur and Sarah Isabelle (Hawk) Lung.

To this union were born two children: Janice Lynn, born 2 September 1952, and Jerry Owen, born 29 January 1955, born in California.

William is a retired engineer of Rockwell International. Beth is a retired Merchandise Manager with J.C. Penney's.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoskins are former DeKalb County residents, now living at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. They enjoy golf, boating, and traveling.

HARVEY M. FAIRCHILD, SR., born in 19 April 1921, in Huntington, Indiana, son of Charles and Almeada (Richart) Fairchild. He grew up in Roanoke, Indiana, and went to work at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

He married Bonita (Sieberns) 21 February 1946. Bonita was born 26 April 1925, daughter of Henry and Bertha (Schaefer) Sieberns. Her paternal grandparents were Helmer and Elizabeth Sieberns.

Harvey and Bonita resided in Corunna, Indiana, and were the parents of six children: Robert D., born 26 August 1943. He served in the Army from 1960 to 1967. He and his wife, Adeline, born 4 March 1943, were married 13 April 1963. They are the parents of five chidlren: Andy, born 1 January 1964; Mike, born 10 January 1965; Kim, born 4 April 1967; Johnnie, born 16 November 1969; and Lucas, born 3 January 1976. They reside in Ohio; Richard L., born 14 October 1944, served in the Marines from 17 July 1962 to 16 July 1968, and due to his father having an accident. Richard came home to run the farm. Richard worked at Weatherhead in Angola, Indiana, then went to work for Food Marketing. Richard married Lola Wilder, born 5 January 1942, on 3 August 1968, and they are the parents of two children: Adrian, born 10 March 1969. He attends DeKalb Central High School, and Valarie, born 25 October 1975, and attends DeKalb Middle School. Richard died

30 March 1976, and after his death, Lola and her chidlren reside in Auburn; Bonita "Sue" Fairchild, born 22 April 1925, married on the 14 February 1976 to Jerry Kintz, and they are the parents of Joe Fairchild, born 18 February 1965, and Sharon Kintz, born 26 July 1976. They reside in Fort Wayne; Rita Fairchild, born 3 July 1948, graduated from Ashley High School in 1966, married Ronald Roseberry, 10 April 1975, and they have one son, Ronald, Jr., born 3 December 1975. They reside in Dayton, Ohio; Sharon K. (Fairchild) Herrick, born 5 February 1952; and Harvey M. Fairchild, Jr., born 21 June 1955. He and his wife, Leatha Pankop, born 9 January 1957, were married 10 April 1975. They have two daughters: Amy, born 21 July 1976, and Amanda, born 7 January 1985. They reside in rural Spencerville, Indiana.

Harvey and Bonita were divorced and he later married Mrs. Doris Pankop, mother of Leatha Fairchild. They now reside in Butler, Indiana.

SHARON K. (FAIRCHILD) HERRICK, born 5 February 1952, in Huntington, Indiana, daughter of Harvey M., Sr., and Bonita M. (Sieberns) Fairchild. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Almeada (Richart) Fairchild. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Bertha (Schaefer) Sieberns.

Sharon attended Union Elementary and Ossian Elementary in Allen County, Indiana, and Fairfield Elementary, Ashley High School and DeKalb High School, graduating in 1970.

At the age of fifteen, Sharon got a job at the Redwood Drive-in Restaurant in Kendallville, Indiana, and worked there for two years.

On 8 March 1970, Sharon married Arthur W. Herrick, born 28 October 1949, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Wyllis B. and Esther Viola (Shaw) Herrick, of Kendallville. He attended schools in Avilla and East Noble High School, graduating in 1968. He also attended Nashville Diesel College, in 1968. His paternal grandparents were Bert B. and Esty V. (Long) Herrick. His maternal grandparents were Walter P. and Minna G. (Foster) Baney.

After their marriage, they moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, until 1972, where Arthur worked for Greiger Chevrolet from 1968 to 1971, and later he worked for Sauder's Leasing in 1972 until 1979. The Herricks then moved back to Kendallville to his grandmother's house, where Arthur and Sharon worked for the family business at C & H Truck Sales, in Lisbon, Indiana. Arthur was the parts and service manager and Sharon was the secretary and bookkeeper.

Arthur and Sharon are the parents of two children: Patrick Wayne, born 4 September 1970, and Stacey Marie, born 27 April 1977.

The Herricks moved to Casper, Wyoming, in September, 1979, where Arthur was employed by Western Equipment. Due to a sluggish economy, Arthur was laid off from his job in 1986.

Sharon remained a homemaker until April, 1980, when she opened a day care until 1983. In 1983, she started a cleaning business which she is presently employed.

Arthur and Sharon are both a member of the Christian Church of Vista West, in Casper, Wyoming, and are both Sunday School teachers.

PETER and ELIZABETH (PELEROF) LOCHNER, in New Ulm, Bavaria, Germany, where five sons and one daughter were born: Peter, John, Conrad, Jacob, Peter Friedrich, and Margaretha. Jacob, the fourth eldest, came to America first with a relative of the Zehendner family, who owned and operated a sawmill at the corner of the Allen-DeKalb County Line Road and County Road 35. Jacob was born in 1824, and came to this country in 1851. He worked at the sawmill until he earned enough money to buy eighty acres on County Road 68. He married Mary Wyatt in 1858, and to this union were born three sons: Henry DeLear, born in 1859; Peter Perry, born in 1861; and John Conrad, born in 1871, and three daughters: Mary Etta, born in 1864; Anna Edith, born in 1867; and Sarah Jane, born in 1869. They lived in a two-story log house and Jacob started to build a brick house, in 1871, after gathering stones from the land and having native oak lumber sawed; with a team and wagon, he traveled to Harlan for the bricks. The house was completed in 1873, two years later Mary died. In 1876, Jacob married Anna Gerig, sister of Noah Gerig, Anna born in 1837, and died 11 December 1894.

Peter and Elizabeth's other children also came to America following Jacob and settled in Allen County, near Leo, Indiana. The oldest son, Peter, however, remained in Germany, married and had two children: John, born 12 December 1855, last heard from at the time Hitler took over in 1930, and Barbara, born 3 April 1862. Barbara came to the United States, married John Meier and settled in Chicago. She died 4 December 1945.

John Conrad Lochner, born 1 August 1871, died August, 1957, married Kate Darley Clark, 9 May 1894, and to this union were born: Don Maurice, born 13 June 1896, and Clellah Frances, born 25 April 1900, died 26 December 1967. Don married Frances Leona Calhoun, 19 January 1920, and they had one daughter, Darley Byrd, born 4 February 1925. She married Edward Story and they are the parents of three children: Donald, Lexie, and Lee; Clellah married Perry Jerigan and they had one son, John W., who died in infancy. They also had a son, James, born 16 November 1926, and a daughter, Lucy Ann, born 4 January 1928. John Conrad Lochner at one time published the Auburn Bee newspaper, and was active nationally in the Kiwanis Club.

JACOB JAY LOCHNER, known as Jay J., married Harriet Marie Bartels, 1 August 1913, and to this union were born seven children, the first was stillborn and buried in the Leo Cemetery; Robert Linden, born 1 March 1916, married Mary Ayers (Thomas) and they have one daughter from Mary's previous marriage, Patricia Ann, who married Theodore Magnuson, 29 December 1957. They are the parents of: Chrisanne, born 9 May 1959, Mark Linden, born 21 September 1959, Cynthia Lynn, born 8 December 1961, and Michael, born 24 January 1964; Charlotte Adellel, born 5 September 1917, married Frank Aubrey, 29 December 1940, and they are the parents of Judy Ann, born 1 November 1941. Judy married Robert Douglas Clark, 6 October 1962, and they are the parents of Kenneth Douglas, born 26 April 1966, and Kyle Brannon, born 11 November 1967; Phyllis Maxine, born 26 May 1919, married Earl Amos Roop, 16 October 1942, and to this union were born Sandra Lus, born 10 January 1944, Linda Sue, born 18 August 1947, and Rebecca Lynn, born 22 August 1951. Sandra married Lawrence Murphy and they are the parents of Michael, born 16 February 1964, and Kara Ann, born 20 October 1965. Linda married James E. Thalacker and they are the parents of: Serina Ann, born 4 December 1980, Kathrina Marie, born 5 December 1976, Ann Elizabeth, born 13 December 1977, Heidi Susan, born 10 December 1981, and Jamie Lynn, born 23 January 1985. James Thalacker is pastor of Saint James Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana; Donald Jay Perry, born 21 April 1922, married Veronica Ross and to this union was born one son, Richard Ross, born 14 August 1946. They were divorced in 1946 and Don later married Georgia Rugman. To this union were born: Larry Eugene, born 5 February 1948. Larry was killed in an auto accident 14 May 1971, and Thomas Lee, born 5 June 1954. Tom married Denise Hartman 17 June 1978, and they are the parents of Jacob Donald, born 7 April 1982, and Shawn Thomas, born 20 January 1985. Don died of a coronary 14 December 1972 and is buried in Christian Union Cemetery; Jack Alton, born 6 February 1931, married Lorene Jeanette Shough, 9 June 1954, at the United States Military Academy Chapel, at West Point, following his graduation from the academy 8 June 1954. Jack was the first DeKalb County graduate of West Point. To Jack and Lori were born Terry Allen, born 30 March 1955; Sherrill Louise, born 12 November 1957; Barbara Ann, born 6 December 1959; and Debra Gail, born 11 February 1961. Terry married Linda Sprouls in 1975, and they are the parents of two girls: Kristen and Tara; Richard Dean Perry, born 17 June 1932, married Kareen Ort and to this union were born four sons: David Richard, born 9 May 1954, married Julie Ann Jones, 14 October 1978, and they are the parents of two sons: Aaron Jay, born 25 August 1981, and Andrew David, born 24 April 1985; Michael Lynn, born 27 February 1956, married Louise Benson, 10 November 1984; Randall Allen, born 20 August 1958, married Geraldin Olson and they are the parents of Christopher Lennon, born 13 October 1981; Richard Stanley, born 27 June 1984, and Sara Lynn, born 28 March 1986.

JACOB LOCHNER, born in 1824, came to America in 1851. He married Mary Wyatt, in 1858. In 1862, Jacob was called to report for duty in the Civil War, whereas he walked to Kendallville from his log house on County Road 68, leaving behind his wife and two children. However, he was rejected for flat feet and had to walk home.

Jacob and Mary's oldest son, Henry DeLear, married Ella Swank, in 1889, and to this union were born: Lodia DeLear, born 1 June 1890; Ralph, born 29 June 1892; and Donald, born 27 August 1894. Ralph died in 1917, having no children, and Donald never married. Henry left DeKalb County for California and is buried in National Cemetery in Oregon, having served in World War I; Lodia married Anna Robertson and to this union were born: Earl, born in 1921; Ralph, born in 1922; and Raymond, born ;in 1923. All three boys were in the Navy at Pearl Harbor when bombed by the Japanese in 1941. All survived the attack.

Mary Etta Lochner, born 17 January 1864, died 8 December 1899. She married Potter and they had one son: Forrest, born 27 August 1898. Forrest married Margaret Myers and they were the parents of four girls: Jane, Jeanne, Janet, and Barbara.

Anna Edith Lochner, born 8 March 1867, died on 9 May 1943, married John Edward Beaty, 20 November 1888, and to this union were born: Neva, born 4 February 1890, died 15 October, 1966; and Wilbur, born 20 October 1899. Wilbur married Nellie Walter, 9 May 1919, and they were the parents of one son, Max, born 20

February 1920.

PETER PERRY LOCHNER married Adella Furnish, 12 March 1885. To this union were born: Grace Blanche, born 8 December 1885, died 4 February 1960; Lester Virgil, born 6 June 1887, died 21 September 1953; Vera Mary, born 26 April 1890, died 7 December 1942; Jacob Jay, born 1 July 1892, died 22 October 1981, and Mabel Frances, born 26 May 1894.

Grace Blanche married John Lewis Weaver, 4 February 1913, and to this union were born Wilma LaVerne, born 30 October 1913, and Ermel Dawn, born 25 January 1917. Grace or Blanche, as she was known, graduated from Tri-State College in Music, became a teacher and traveled DeKalb and Allen Counties by horse and buggy, teaching piano to her many students prior to her marriage. Wilma married Gilbert Dee Steininger, 6 January 1935, and to this union were born: Carmen Louise, born 23 February 1936; Marilyn Sue, born 6 December 1937; Rita Jeanne, born 1 September 1941; James Dee, born 23 October 1942; and Ruth Ann, born 26 January 1948. Carmen married Edwin Bateman 15 August and they are the parents of Keith Eric, born 2 October 1960; Randall Lee, born 5 October 1963; and Dawn Renee, born 15 January 1965. Marilyn married Loren DeLong, 12 January 1957, and they are the parents of: Kenneth, born 28 December 1957; Kerry, born 5 November 1958; and Wendy Sue, born 20 December 1962. Rita married Norman Schindler, 28 December 1963, and they are the parents of: Erik, born 15 February 1965; and Tyson, born 10 June 1968. James Dee married Shirley Coad, 4 October 1964, and they are the parents of: Amy Marie, born 29 January 1968, and Julie Anne, born 18 February 1974. Ruth Anne married Alan Marvel 27 June 1970 and they are the parents of: Bryan Andrew, born 14 August 1972; Jennifer Ann, born 23 June 1976; Jeremy Alan, born 3 July 1980; and Heather Marie, born 20 February 1981.

Ermel married Bernard Leonard Drerup, 28 November 1936. To this union was born Bernard, 21 December 1937, married Eleanor Pengelley, 27 October 1962, and they are the parents of Angela, born 29 January 1964; Bernard, born 20 February 1965; Michelle, born 21 January 1968; Janis, born 7 November 1970; and Zachary Paul, born 21 April 1976. The oldest daughter was recently married to Brad Gumbert; Mary Regina, born 17 December 1938, married Richard Ort, 28 June 1958, and they are the parents of: Michael, born 11 February 1962; Richard Lewis, Jr., born 28 February 1963, and Gina Maria, born 23 March 1972; Anne Elizabeth, married Peter Case and they are the parents of: Julianna Marie, born 4 April 1963; Patricia Ann, born 4 April 1964; Mary Louise, born 4 March 1965; and Gregory John, born 10 November 1969. Julianna was married 23 November 1985 to Troy Harter, and they are the parents of Cynthia Dawn, born 25 February 1986.

Lester Virgil Lochner, married 24 June 1922, to Genevieve Marie Mayer of Fort Wayne, had no children. He died 21 September 1953.

Vera Lochner never married. She worked many years at the McBride Department Store, now Blackwell's. Vera died 7 December 1942, and is buried in the Leo Cemetery.

Mabel Frances Lochner took a teaching position after graduation from Auburn High School in 1912, teaching at the Hopewell School. Continuing her education at Winona Lake Normal College, she received her license and taught at several schools in DeKalb County, including Hopewell, Keyser Township, Rakestraw, Kelham, and Comesky School in Jackson Township. She never married and lives in Auburn.

DAVID J. YARLOTT, born 1827, died 1891, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, son of David, born 1791, died 1871, and Elizabeth (Krontz) Yarlott, born 1796, died 1878, daughter of Joseph Krontz, also born in Wayne County.

David J. Yarlott had four brothers and five sisters: Elizabeth married David Neiswander; Gideon; Jacob; Simantha married Adam Whitcomb; Aaron, Catherine married Mr. Crago; Malinda married Mr. Doll; and Matilda married Mr. Welker.

Four years before settling in DeKalb County, David married in 1855, to Sarah Ann Whitcomb, born 1836, died 1893, daughter of Adam and Anna Whitcomb.

Their home, a log house, was established west of Wilmington Center. This was to be the family home for a century thereafter.

There were seven children from this marriage: three died while very young; the others were Frances married Ozro Treeman and their only child, Ray, married Ina Harwood, no children. All were residents of Wilmington Center. John A. Yarlott, born 1860, died 1926, married Alice Carter, born 1864, died 1951; Belle Emma, married Reverend Joseph Sharitt, their only child, Lucile, never married; Elnora "Allie" married Frank Nimmons. Their residence was east of Wilmington Center. Their children were: Carl, Ristie, and Ethel, who married Henry Western.

David J. and Sarah Ann Yarlott and their three infants are buried in the Krontz Cemetery, southwest of Butler, Indiana.

ROSCOE C. YARLOTT, born 1886, died 1961, married in 1908, to Nellie Mae Huntington, born 1887, died 1961, daughter of Frank A. and Mary Alice (Oberlin) Huntington. She was born in Williams County, Ohio. The Huntington and Oberlin families were residents of Franklin Township.

Most of their married life was spent on the family farm. As a young man, Roscoe was interested in mechanical things of all kinds. He owned a steam threshing engine. Later his interest turned to gasoline tractors and was one of the first to use them as a tillage tool in the fields. Neighbors who later came to the "new" way of farming often called on him to solve their problems with their new "iron horses." He also assembled his first automobiles at home.

Roscoe and Nellie are the parents of five children: Leora Alice, born 1909, died 1971; Vera Deloria, born 1911; Loren Marcel, born 1913; Wayne A., born 1916; and Dorothy Colleen, born 1930.

Roscoe C. and Nellie May (Huntington) Yarlott are buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, southwest of Butler.

Leora Alice Yarlott married Ben Farrington, of Waterloo. Their children were born in DeKalb County: Robert Eugene, born 1928, died 1945; Bernard Keith, born 1929, died 1929; and Gwendolyn Marvelene, born 1931, married Jack Seitz, Fort Wayne. The Farringtons later moved to Fort Wayne, where Charles Edward, born 1936; Bobby Gene, born 1947; Barbara Joan, born 1948; and Jerry Joseph, born 1952, were born.

Vera Deloris Yarlott married Glenn Daniels of Waterloo. Their daughter, Judith Kay, born 1938, married Clare E. Collins, of Waterloo. The children of Clare E. and Judith K. Collins are: Mark Daniel, born 1958, married Deborah Gregory, residents of Anderson, Indiana; Brent Edward, born 1959, married Rebecca Mill, residents of Hudson, Indiana; Kathleen Dawn, born 1961, has a daughter, Julia Danielle, born 1984, of Waterloo; Bruce Carter, born 1962; Aaron Mathew, born 1963; and Hope Renee, born 1966.

Jerry Joseph Farrington was adopted by Glenn and Vera Daniels of Waterloo. Jerry Joseph married Deborah Marie LaRue and they were the parents of two children: Ian Bentley, born 1973, and Alyssa Marie, born 1976. Jerry divorced Deborah and remarried to Kris Heffley.

Loren Marcel Yarlott married Ruth Estella Miller of Franklin Township. They are the parents of three children: Susan Mary, born 1947, married Charles L. Crowl of Hamilton, Indiana. They are the parents of Jason Charles, born 1970, and Anna Lyyn, born 1972, and are residents of Franklin Township; Alice Ann, born 1950, married Thomas E. Swift, of Hamilton, Indiana, and they are the parents of two children: Kelly Jo, born 1970, and Brian Thomas, born 1975; Mark Evan, born 1956, unmarried and is a geologist in Ventura, California. Susan and Alice are both elementary teachers.

Wayne A. Yarlott married Vera Pauline Mason, and they are the parents of four children: Larry Eugene, born 1940, married Diana Hartz and were divorced. He married Judy (Loomis) Kitzmiller, and adopted Vicki (Kitzmiller) Yarlott. They reside in Garrett, Indiana; Sharon Ann, born 1943, married Gerald Lynn Reynolds and they are residents of Angola, and formerly Auburn. They are the parents of three children: Alexander Morgan, born 1962; Gretchen Lee, born 1966; and Christopher Aaron, born 1968; Donald Lee Yarlott, born 1944, married Sande Rude. They are residents of Waterloo. They are the parents of two children: Patricia Ann, born 1970, and David Matthew, born 1973; Marsha Kay, born 1946, married Jerry Weldon Custer and are residents of Garrett, Indiana. They are the parents of three children: Theodore Weldon, born 1969; Timothy Wayne, born 1972; and Tara Leigh, born 1976.

Dorothy Collen Yarlott married Floyd Phillip "Bud" Carper, of Waterloo, and they are the parents of two children: Christine June, born 1957, married Timmie James Isaacs, of Kendallville, where they reside, and Paul David Carper, born 1959, unmarried, and a resident of Waterloo.

BEULAH YARLOTT, born 1891, died 1971, married Arthur N. Werner, of Franklin Township about 1920. There were three sons: Earl, born 1921, deceased; Walter, born 1922, and is a resident of Fort Wayne; and Howard, born 1925.

They resided on a farm in Franklin Township for several years, then bought a grocery store in Waterloo, later moving to Fort Wayne.

JOHN A. YARLOTT, born 1860, died 1926, and R. Alice Carter, born 1864, died 1951, of Hartsville, Indiana, daughter of Andrew Carter, born 1842, died 1926, and Elizabeth Hook, were married in Hartsville, in 1884. Their home was established on the family farm in Wilmington Township, where Roscoe C. and Beulah B. were born.

Some of the families which made up the

neighborhood: John Cook; William Cook; Grant Keller; E. Eakright; Cecil Metcalf; John Shaffer; J. Obendorf; and D. McBride.

Two churches were established nearby: Dillon Chapel United Brethren, removed in 1930's and Mt. Pleasant United Brethren, remaining.

The early post office was at Moore's Station on the Vandalia Railroad where residents had to pick up their mail. After rural delivery was begun, one of the early mailmen was Jerry Barber, of Butler, who traveled the route in a one-horse buggy which was enclosed and had a small stove inside with a chimney through the roof. When Jerry Barber retired the route was delivered by his son, William, for many years there after by car.

John A. Yarlott had many stories of which this was a favorite. While at Hartsville College, he and a friend were the first to discover a house fire. In those days, people saved what could be removed because firefighting equipment was limited in a small town. The two young men rushed in and threw a few things out of the second floor windows. While thus engaged, they became trapped by the flames, which were feeding on the stairway. The friend quickly overturned a small table which they used as a sled to slide down the stairs to safety. His friend was Wilbur Wright and this may have been the first flight for both.

John A. and Alice (Carter) Yarlott are buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, southwest of Butler, Indiana.

LEONARD W. SMITH, born in Waterloo, Indiana, son of Walter C. and Eva (Souder) Smith. His paternal grandparents were Elmer and Nevada (Hampshire) Smith, of Waterloo, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Lusina (Fletter) Souder, of Waterloo, Indiana.

Annabel L. Deetz, born in Helmer, Indiana, daughter of Lawrence and Daisy Deetz, of Helmer, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Elmer and Nancy Ann Deetz. Her maternal grandparents were Otis Minor and Mary Jane Van Pelt, of Salem Center, Indiana.

Leonard attended school at Waterloo and Annabel attended school in Kendallville and Ashley. They met at a friend's house and were married at the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Leonard has worked as Superintendent of Indiana State Highway and is now retired. Annabel is now employed at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

To this union were born three children: Philip E., born 3 March 1942; Carolyn Sue (Smith) Craig, born 8 September 1943; and Craig Allen, born 23 September 1952. They have six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith currently live near Waterloo, Indiana. They are members of the United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include fishing, gardening, and traveling. They go to Florida for a short time every winter. They like to go up north in the summer. The longest trip they have taken was to Switzerland.

CLARENCE E. BEST, born 10 November 1929, at Corunna, Indiana, to Oscar and Pearl (May) Best, of Garrett, now deceased. Clarence's paternal grandparents were Charles and Della (Williams) May, of Delphos, Ohio.

On 24 January 1953, he married Mary L. Fluke, daughter of George C. and Gratia I. (Walter) Fluke. Her paternal grandparents are Frank E. and Etta L. (Kline) Fluke and her maternal grandparents were George and Letta (Stroman) Walter, of Kendallville, Indiana.

Clarence received his education in Garrett Schools and Mary attended North Keyser School of Garrett. Clarence was in the United States Air Force and employed later at Dana Corporation. Mary worked at Dana Corporation also, but now retired.

They have no children and are active in civic projects as a hobby.

CHARLES ELSWORTH SHARP, born 22 February 1859, in Hamilton, Indiana, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Vaugh) Sharp. Samuel was killed in the Civil War.

Katie Almeda Rima, born 11 January 1865, Steuben County, Indiana, daughter of William and Matilda (Hanes) Rima.

Charles and Katie were married 17 December 1881, in Hamilton, Indiana. To this union were born eight children: Enola Bell (Sharp) Gill, born 15 August 1882, died 18 January 1982; Leeman Ellsworth, born 3 July 1884, died 27 December 1970; Edna Mae (Sharp) Burkhart, born 15 June 1886, died 4 December 1972; Eugenia R. (Sharp) Sanders, born 22 July 1888, died 16 February 1949; Curtis Claude, born December of 1889, died 1896; Orpha Ellen (Sharp) Rosenberry, born 8 June 1896, died 6 June 1985, married Arthur Olin Rosenberry, 3 February 1917, born 7 October 1895, in Williams County, Ohio, son of Oliver and Clarissa Ann (Davis) Rosenberry. They are the parents of two children: Evelyn (Rosenberry) Orewiler, born 18 December 1917, DeKalb County; William Arthur, born 9 May 1928, Souder's Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. Orpha and Arthur were members of the Norris Chapel Church; Elnora Almeda (Sharp) Bristol, born 3

April 1898, living in New Carlisle, Indiana; and Hershel Raymond, born in 1901, lived only three months.

MILLARD ROSENBERRY, born 21 August 1910, Butler, Indiana, son of Clarence and Ada (Campbell) Rosenberry. His paternal grandparents are Oliver and Clarissa (Davis) Rosenberry, of DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents are James and Etta (Burns) Campbell, of Butler, Indiana.

Katherine Dunkle, born 23 October 1917, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Coy and Bina (Walborn) Dunkle, of Edgerton, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Hiram and Etta (O'Mera) Dunkle, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Jerimiah and Mary (Sydell) Walborn, of Auburn, Indiana.

Millard attended school at Deems #2 School and Katherine attended school at Lyons School, Stafford Township. They met in Butler, Indiana, and were married 26 October 1935, at Butler, Indiana.

Millard was a self-employed farmer and a Hamilton School bus driver. Katherine was employed at the Hamilton School Cafeteria, now retired.

To this union were born two daughters: Leora, born 7 December 1936, married David Dangler, and Joyce (Rosenberry) Zeigler, born 26 July 1938. Millard Rosenberry died 25 May 1985.

Mrs. Rosenberry resides near Butler, Indiana. She is a member of the Butler United Methodist Church. Her hobbies include gardening and crocheting.

CHARLES THOMAS "TOM" HAUPERT, born 30 July 1953, Peru, Indiana, son of Howard Thomas, now deceased, and Mary Irene (Fleming) Haupert, of North Carolina.

Jean Ann Rosenberry, born 12 May 1954, Sanders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of William and Donna Jean (Hart) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Arthur and Orpha Rosenberry, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were Clifford and Vera (Guilford) Hart, both deceased.

Tom and Jean Ann attended school at Butler, Indiana, where they met. They were married 17 July 1971, at Waterloo United Methodist Church. Tom has worked at Morence Rubber and is now employed at Universal Tool, Butler, Indiana. Jean Ann is now employed at Butler Assemblies.

To this union were born three children: Todd Allen, born 23 September 1971; Randall Lee, born 30 April 1973; and Angela Jean, born 9 August 1976. All the children were born in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haupert reside in Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Butler United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include camping, fishing, coaching softball, basketball.

DAVID CHARLES CAPP, born 12 September 1951, Waterloo, Indiana, son of Charles and Wilma (Carr) Capp, of Butler, Indiana.

Nancy Jean Rosenberry, born 25 May 1952, Sanders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of William and Donna Jean (Hart) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Arthur and Orpha Rosenberry, both deceased. Her maternal grandparents were Clifford and Vera Mae (Guilford) Hart, both deceased.

Dave attended school at Eastside High School and Barber School in Indianapolis. Nancy attended school in Butler. They met at school. They were married 27 June 1970, at Waterloo United Methodist Church. To this union were born two children: Elizabeth Jean, born 2 September 1972, and Brian David, born 2 October 1974. Both children were born in Auburn, Indiana. This marriage was terminated in 1978.

Nancy Jean (Rosenberry) Capp married Donald Dohner, 10 November 1978. Donald is now employed at Hendrickson Tandem, Butler, Indiana. Nancy is employed at Tri-Wall of Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dohner reside in Butler, Indiana. Don is a fireman and Nancy likes to sew.

OLIVER ROSENBERRY, born 19 June 1853, died 5 May 1942, son of Clement R. and Elizabeth (Sprankle) Rosenberry.

Clarissa Ann David, born 28 November 1861, died September of 1926. They are buried in the Butler Cemetery.

Oliver and Clarissa were married 29 June 1877, by George Maxwell. To this union were born twelve children: George Oliver, born 14 December 1878, died 25 June 1949; Laura Malissa, born 30 July 1880, died 17 October 1980; James Harvey, born 8 July 1882, died 22 May 1974; Jacob Gillespie, born 14 March 1884, died 2 September 1939; Anna Elizabeth, born 15 April 1886, died 17 February 1970; William Clarence, born 14 June 1890; Florence Pearl, born 12 November 1891, died 23 December 1962; Cyrus Ray, born 1 July 1893, died 11 April 1929; Arthur Olin, born 7 October 1895, died 4 August 1967; Frances Ethel, born 3 May 1897, died 22 November 1919; Bertha Mae, born 8 March 1899, died 8 July 1974; Frederick Raymond, born 10 December 1900, died 4

October 1954. All twelve children were born in Williams County, Ohio, except for Fred, who was born in DeKalb County, Troy Township. The family moved to Indiana in 1900. Oliver and Frank, Clyde's father, were half brothers.

CLEMENT F. ROSENBERRY, born 9 April 1825, died 11 November 1916, married Elizabeth Sprankle, 1 December 1845. Elizabeth died 16 August 1866.

To this union were born ten children: John Henry, born 6 December 1846, died 1940, DeKalb County; George, born 11 June 1848, died 6 September 1854; Mary Elizabeth, born 28 February 1850, died 1936; Oliver, born 19 June 1853, died 5 May 1942; Walter M., born 1 October 1856, died 19 December 1940; Malinda Ann, born 13 April 1859; Jacob, born 6 July 1862; Magdeline, born 6 July 1862; Clement, born 16 August 1866, died 16 August 1866; and Emory, born 16 August 1866, died 16 August 1866.

William Rosenberry Family

WILLIAM "BILL" ROSENBERRY, born 9 May 1928, Auburn, Indiana, son of Arthur and Orpha Ellen (Sharp) Rosenberry, both deceased. His paternal grandparents were Oliver and Clarissa Ann (Davis) Rosenberry, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Charles Elsworth and Katie Almeda (Rima) Sharp, both deceased, and buried at Eddy's Cemetery.

Donna Jean Hart, born 26 December 1930, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Clifford and Vera Mae (Guilford) Hart, both deceased. Her paternal grandparents were David Wayne and Sarah Hart. Her maternal grandparents were William A. and Martha Ellen (Zehendner) Guilford.

Bill attended school at Moore's, Butler High School, and college at International Business College. Donna attended school at Auburn High School and received her L.P.N. at Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne.

They met at a family gathering and were married 6 June 1949, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, in Auburn, Indiana. To this union were born three children: Thomas Arthur, born 26 March 1950; Nancy Jean, born 25 May 1952; and Jean Ann, born 12 May 1954.

Bill is a self employed excavator. Donna has worked for Dr. Covell and Betz, and as of this writing is employed at John Martin Smith's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberry currently live near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include traveling and antiquing. Bill is trustee of the Church and Donna is a thirty-seven year member of the Wilmington Township Extension Homemakers Club, and secretary of Administration on the Board of the Church.

THOMAS "TOM" ARTHUR ROSENBERRY, born 26 March 1950, Sanders Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of William and Donna (Hart) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Arthur Olin and Orpha Ellen (Sharp) Rosenberry, of Butler, Indiana, both deceased. His maternal grandparents were Clifford and Vera (Guilford) Hart, of Auburn, Indiana, both deceased.

Thomas attended school at Eastside High School, graduating in 1969, college at Indiana University, and Tool and Die Apprentice, Fort Wayne.

Thomas first married Sharon Webb, 24 July 1970, at the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Sharon is the daughter of Wendell Webb and Ruth Pugh. Her maternal grandparents are Perry and Sarah Pugh, of Waterloo, Indiana. They are the parents of one daughter, Julie Renee, born 14 June 1971, in Auburn, Indiana. Thomas and Sharon were divorced in 1974.

Thomas married Linda (Johnson) Lehman, 5 April 1975, at the Pleasant United Methodist Church, Butler, Indiana. They divorced in 1979, no children. Thomas married Marna White, 15 November 1980, United Methodist Church, Auburn, Indiana. Marna was born 19 October 1954, daughter of Dewey and Ruth (Keller) White, of St. Joe, Indiana.

Marna attended school at Eastside High School, Butler, Indiana. Tom has worked at White's and Rieke's. He is now self employed as a backhoe operator. Marna has worked at Essex and is now employed at Therma-Dur, at Butler.

Marna's children from a former marriage are: Jennifer Dawn Worman, born 9 October 1973, Noble County, and Travis Allan Worman, born 29 July 1976, Noble County.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rosenberry currently live near Butler, Indiana. Their hobbies include camping and fishing.

SAMUEL and BENJAMIN BAILEY, rode to DeKalb County on horseback sometime in 1837 to homestead, from Jefferson Township, Madison County, Ohio. They had to keep torches lit to keep the wolves away.

Benjamin homesteaded north of what is now County Road 68, on County Road 35. It is now the site of the Hopewell Church, and twenty acres behind for his mother, Elizabeth (Morton) Bailey. His father died in Ohio.

Samuel homesteaded south of County Road 68 on County Road 35 on what is now known as the Herman Levey Farm. Samuel hired some Indians who lived at Dunten Lake by the County Line Cheese factory to help build his cabin. Then he went back to bring his family, his wife, Polly, and six girls. They also had four boys, but they all died.

Polly died soon after their arrival here and Samuel then married Barbara Ann (Beaty) Boyle and to this union there were five boys and a girl.

They didn't have our modern day equipment so the men cut the grain and the girls tied it in bundles.

They had a lot to do with the organizing of the Hopewell Church and the politics in this area. They had two factions in the church: one wanted to belong to lodges and etc., and the other didn't. The radicals got in the church and locked the door and the liberals got a log and beat the door down. Grandpa Bill said there were more souls saved that night then ever in the history of the church. Even the minister had a black eye.

On the political side, the Republicans had the Jackson Center School. Each had their own flag. My grandfather, William Bailey, and a friend, Newt Penland, got horses from Benjamin Bailey and a cross cut saw and rode down to Jackson Center to cut down the Democrat Pole. When the pole fell the people from inside the building came out and Grandpa's horse bolted to run across the road. It threw Grandpa off and broke his collar bone. He laid in Benjamin's hay mow till his shoulder mended. Anyone who knew him knows why he had one shoulder about one inch lower than the other.

William Ellison, the oldest son of Samuel, left the farm soon after his father's death and married Caroline Louise Sodman and went into the teamster business. He hauled logs for the Thomas Sawmill in Stamets addition. Stamets addition is south of Auburn Road to the B & O Railroad to the Auburn Junction. He also worked for the Railroad and the Auburn Automobile. He last lived in the first house south of the Museum.

To this union three children were born. Arthur, Jessie, and Forrest. Forrest got killed in an auto accident at Fort Wayne. Jessie married Kent Moody, and Arthur married Beulah Mae Morr.

To the William Arthur Frederick Bailey and Beulah Mae Morr marriage, two boys were born: Arthur Morr Bailey and Lamar. They were divorced and a few years later, William Arthur married Cleo C. Compton. To this union a boy, Charles Eugene, was born.

All three boys spent time in the service during World War II.

Arthur M. married DeRoyal Inez Penland, and to this union four children were born: Linda Lou, Thomas Arthur, William Eugene, and Pamela Sue.

ARTHUR MORR BAILEY, born 21 November 1918, in Stametz Town, South Wayne Street, south of Auburn Road, son of William Arthur Frederick and Beulah Mae (Morr) Bailey. His paternal grandparents were William Ellison and Caroline Louise (Sodman) Bailey, of Auburn, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Thomas C. and Elizabeth Mae (Johnson) Morr. They lived in Stametz Town in 1918, but in later years moved to Fort Wayne.

DeRoyal I. Penland, born 23 April 1921, in Garrett, Indiana, daughter of Jay Almond and Gladys Iona (Olinger) Penland. Her paternal grandparents were Adelbert and Minnie "Tut-Tut" (Helms) Penland, of Garrett. Her maternal grandparents were William and [illegible] (Eldridge) Olinger, of West Richland Township, DeKalb County.

Arthur attended school at Auburn and graduated from the eighth grade at Jackson Center and went to St. Joe High School. They met in Garrett, Indiana, and were married at the Church of God parsonage, in Auburn, by Reverend Alva Klopenstein. LaMar and Elizabeth Bailey were best man and lady.

Arthur worked at General Electric, Fort Wayne, and DeRoyal worked at Rieke Metal, Auburn.

The family suffered a great loss when they lost DeRoyal to leukemia, 7 October 1978. Arthur is now retired and lives near Auburn, Indiana. To this union were born four children: Linda Lou, married Paul Louis Kennedy and are the parents of five: Paula, Karen, George, Diana, and Baron; Thomas Arthur Bailey married Jean Fornstedt and are the parents of four: Shelly, Jeff, Danielle, and Stephanie; William Eugene Bailey married Ann Croscup and they are the parents of three: Kelley, Bryon, and Brent; Pamela Sue Bailey married David Allen Daub and they are the parents of two: Jo De and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Bailey are members of Meese Chapel.

PAUL CHARLES WATSON, born 9 July 1925, DeKalb County, son of Floyd and Agnes (Rinehold) Watson. His paternal grandparents are Jesse and Almeda (Franks) Watson, of DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents are George and Ellen (Burtzner) Rinehold, of DeKalb County.

Martha Jane Warstler, born 7 February 1929, Jackson Township, Dekalb County, daughter of Glenn C. and Ada May (Bishop) Warstler, of Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Oliver and Eliza (Kester) Warstler, of DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents are Charles G. and Lettie (Armstrong) Bishop, of DeKalb County.

Paul attended school at Boots, Hopewell, and Spencerville. Martha J. attended school at Hopewell and Ashley. They met in Auburn, Indiana. They were married 7 April 1946, at the home of parents, north of Waterloo.

Paul has worked at Sears and is now employed at Auburn Gear. Martha has worked at Souders Hospital, Butler Rest Home, and Kiddie Kollege, and is now a volunteer for the cancer society.

To this union were born five children: Dale Eugene, born 31 July 1949. Dale married Kay Ann McIntier on 20 October 1973, at Longley Air Force Chapel, Hampton, Virginia. Dale was a staff Sergeant in the Air Force. Kay's parents are Elbert and Frances McIntier. Dale and Kay are the parents of one son, Jason Dale, born 3 September 1978. They live in Auburn, Indiana. Dale is employed at Auburn Gear, Auburn, Indiana, and Kay owns Classique Beauty Shoppe. Their hobbies are all sports; Dean Charles, born 28 May 1951, unmarried and lives in Fort Wayne. He is an Electronics Specialist with Food Marketing. Dean attended DeKalb schools, Olivet Nazarene College, and Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne; Dawn, born 29 December 1954, married Garret Keen, 30 June 1973. Garret's parents are Otis and Ellen (Honaker) Keen. Dawn graduated from DeKalb High School and is an office worker. Garret is an injured Vietnam Veteran, and works for Cooper in Auburn. Their hobbies include hunting, fishing, and sports; David Paul, born 17 October 1956, married Rhonda Williamson, 17 September 1983, at the First Church of Nazarene at Indianapolis, where Dave is Youth Minister. Rhonda's parents are Donald and Marilyn Williamson, of Fort Wayne. David graduated from DeKalb High School and Anderson College. He is working on his masters degree in Indianapolis. Rhonda graduated from Northrup and Olivet Nazarene College and is working on her masters degree in Business Administration. Rhonda works for United Life Insurance as a computer specialist. Their hobbies include music, sports, and people; Darl Ray, born 25 April 1958, married Lisa K. Warstler, 1 November 1980, daughter of Wesley and Sharon (Stark) Warstler, of Auburn, Indiana. Darl graduated from DeKalb High School and Lisa from Garrett High School. Darl is now manager of Museum Restorations at Allison's. Lisa is in the Personnel Office at Garrett Industries. They are the parents of Derek Ray, born 26 April 1982. Their hobbies include cars, swimming, and camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Watson are members of the Church of Nazarene. Their hobbies include travel, grandsons, pen pals, handcrafts, and automobiles.

ROBERT DEAN SLENTZ, born 20 August 1929, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Russell J. and Viola (Leason) Slentz, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Err and Maude (Bell) Slentz, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John and Mildred (Hammon) Leason, of Hamilton, Indiana.

Anna Louise Bauman, born 13 October 1932, Allen County, Indiana, daughter of Burlen and Rose E. (Roth) Bauman, of Spencerville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are George and Hattie (Smith) Bauman, of Allen County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Simon and Anna (Zimmerman) Roth, of Grabill, Allen County, Indiana.

Robert attended school at Butler and Anna attended school at Leo, Indiana. They met at the Silvermoon Skating Rink. They were married 29 July 1951, at the Missionary Church, Grabill, Indiana.

Robert is a self employed milk hauler for Schenkel Dairy and farms. Anna has worked at General Electric, Fort Wayne, and is now employed as a secretary for the Butler United Methodist Church.

To this union were born three children: Michael Lynn, born 18 May 1952; Diane Sue, born 17 July 1954; and Denise Marlene, born 31 May 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Slentz reside near Butler, Indiana. They are members of the Butler United Methodist Church. Their hobbies include enjoying their five grandchildren.

MOSES IMMEL, born 13 August 1843, son of John and Catherine Immel, growing up in southern Michigan.

Moses married Eva Spade, 22 December 1867, daughter of John and Elizabeth Spade. Eva, born 12 August 1849. From this marriage, ten children were born: John Seymore, born 22 July 1868; William Jacob, born in 1870; Mary Elizabeth, born 18 April 1872; James Albert, born 5 March 1875; Sarah Jane, born 25 March 1877; Margaret, born 13 September 1883; C.G., born 15 November 1886; and George W., born 29 November 1873.

Moses and Eva made their home in Brushy Prairie, Lagrange County, being a blacksmith all his life.

C.G. IMMEL, born 15 November 1886, son of Moses and Eva (Spade) Immel, of Lagrange County. C.G. married Florence Barnard, born 4 July 1892, daughter of Thomas and Emma (Randall) Barnard. They settled in Ashley, DeKalb County, in 1912, where he was a blacksmith for forty-nine years.

Florence was a music teacher in her home and a seamstress, making many beautiful quilts and fancy work. C.G. operated his blacksmith and welding shop in Ashley until 1961, retiring due to illness. C.G. died 17 July 1963, and Florence died 20 November 1969.

C.G. and Florence were the parents of two sons: Harold A., born 27 July 1910, at Brushy Prairie. He married Georgia M. Tuttle, 13 October 1934. She was born 10 May 1916, daughter of Frank and Bertha (Rough) Tuttle. They were farmers and machine operators for thirty-five years, retiring in 1967. Harold died 3 November 1986. Two children were born to Harold and Georgia: Clair G., born 10 January 1937, married Ellen J. Hamman, 20 September 1958. Ellen, born to Harold and Velma Hamman, 29 June 1936, and from their marriage came four children: Michael A., born 1960; Marsha A., born 1963; Lisa A., born 1969; and Larry A., born 1971. Marsha has one daughter, Nicole, born 1984; Sandra M. Immel, born 4 August 1938, married Lawrence E. Healy, 15 November 1958, son of Fred and Lydia (Reas) Healy, born 2 February 1921. From their marriage came three children: Synthia L. (Immel) Wells Nichols, born 9 January 1956. She has two daughters: Dawn L. and Misty L. Wells; Mark E., born 20 May 1960, married Cindy L. Womack, 7 July 1984, and they have two sons: Mark E., and Nathan E.; Stephanie L, born 24 July 1963, married Don Crager, 5 April 1980, and they have two daughters: Kandy L. and Amber D. Two step-children of Sandra's are Carolyn A. (Healy) Stayer and Jerry E. Healy.

Alton E. Immel, born 24 May 1913, in Ashley, DeKalb County, married Audry M. Tuttle, sister of Georgia, 27 March 1933. Alton was a machine operator at Warner Gear in Auburn for twenty years. Mr. Immel had his own business of lawn mower and radiator repairman and an inventor of Positive Traction Rear End known as Twin Pull. He was active until his death, 22 June 1984. Alton and Audry had one son: Donald U., born 1935, married Sue Flatter, 25 September 1971. From their marriage came five children: Bryan, Cory, Dawn, Daniel, and Barbara. All descendants of C.G. and Florence Immel are residents of DeKalb County.

JACOB OBENDORF, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 8 December 1820. He enlisted in the war for the Union in the 64th Ohio Infantry and was killed at the Battle of Murfeesboro, 31 December 1862. He left a family of nine children: Mary A., Hiram, Martha, Ann E., Catherine, Alice S., Sarah S., Augustus, and Jacob.

Mrs. Obendorf married 20 January 1866, to Stephen Kurtz, born 27 February 1810, and died 15 January 1880. To them were born three children, all deceased. In the spring of 1881, Mrs. Kurtz moved with her family to DeKalb County.

Augustus Oberdorf received a good education in Ohio, and in the spring of 1880, came to DeKalb County and the following fall was employed to take charge of the Centre School, Wilmington Township, and taught four winters in that district. In the winter of 1883-1884, he taught in Stafford Township. He was a good disciplinarian, and was remarkably successful as an instructor, having a peculiar tact imparting information to others.

VERA (KESTER) MADISON, born in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, 11 April 1914, to Emblem Guy Kester, born 10 March 1884, in DeKalb County, and Anna Alcibell Stansbury, born 5 May 1885, Massillion, Stark County, Ohio. Emblem and Anna were married in DeKalb County, 15 October 1908. They moved to a farm in Smithfield Township and lived there until 1922, when they moved to Waterloo. In 1924, Emblem got a job at the Auburn Automobile Company and worked until the Crash of 1929. Maternal grandparents were John Hartty and Martha (Obendorf) Stansbury. In 1891, they moved to DeKalb County, residing in Wilmington Township. five children were born to this union: James, Edward, Anna (Stansbury) Kester, Daisy (Stansbury) Dilley, and Ida (Stansbury) Griffin, all deceased. Maternal great grandparents were J.W. and Catherine (Johnson) Stansbury and Jacob and Mary Obendorf. Paternal grandparents were Armenus M. and Catherine (Bell) Kester. Two children were born to this union: Emblem Guy and Scott Kester, who died at age twenty-one. Paternal great grandparents were Peter and Annabelle (Widney) Kester and John and Mary (Craze) Bell. Maternal grandfather was a blacksmith well digger in Indiana and when he lived in Ohio, he was a stationary engineer in the coal mines. Paternal grandfather was a farmer in Smithfield Township until his retirement.

Vera went to school in Waterloo in 1920 and graduated in 1932. In 1936, she went to Chicago to work. She was married in Chicago on 8 April 1944, to Henry W. Madison, who was in the Army. Henry, born 13 December 1910, to Samuel and Pearl (Winslow) Madison, in Papinau, Illinois. They lived in Chicago for sixteen years and Momence, Illinois for twenty years. In July, 1972, they moved to Waterloo, where Henry died 26 November 1975.

EDWARD WAYNE KESTER, born in Waterloo, DeKalb County, 16 January 1924. In 1934, they moved back to Smithfield Township. Edward went to Ashley Elementary School and Waterloo High School, four years. In 1943, he joined the Army during World War II. He served three years in the Army, one year in the United States and two in the European Theatre.

Edward married 25 August in Kendallville to Lois Karlin. They have three children: Robert, David, and Penny Ann. Robert and David are married and each have two children: a boy and girl each. Penny Ann is still at home but will be married soon.

PETER S. KESTER, born in Sussex County, New Jersey, 27 November 1813, of Quaker parentage. While yet a small child, he moved with his parents to Ontario County, New York. After obtaining his majority, he moved back to Huron County, Ohio, and in 1837, came to DeKalb County, Indiana.

He married 13 July 1839, to Miss Annabelle Widney, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and died from heart disease, 18 July 1885, in Woodson County, near Yates Center, Kansas. Mrs. Kester came to DeKalb County with her widowed mother, brothers and sisters. The father, John Widney, died a few weeks previous.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kester were born eight children: John P., Alonza A., Amanda M., Richard S., Adolphus W., Aremenus M., Amelia D., and Mary M.

Amelia is a graduate of Valparaiso Normal School and is now a teacher in the B Grammer Department of the Butler Schools. She taught her fifth year in Butler and has also taught as an assistant under Professor Bowersox; John P., served in the Civil War, mustering in 2 August 1862, until 17 May 1865, and later became a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church in Hancock County, Illinois; Amanda is the wife of Abram Bell of Yates Center, Kansas; Richard mustered in the Civil War on 9 November 1864 until 30 September 1865, and later was a physician of Avilla, Noble County, Indiana; Adolphus, a mechanic and farmer, four miles south of Butler; Aremenus M., a farmer of Union Township; Mary M., the wife of E. B. Nimmons.

ALONZO A. KESTER, M.D., born 5 October 1844, the second son of Peter S. and Annebelle (Widney) Kester, in DeKalb County, Indiana.

His early life was passed on the farm in a manner common to pioneer days and he experienced a mixture of hardship and pleasure incident to that day. In the schools then in voque, he laid the foundation of his education. By close application, the difficulties of an imperfect school systen and the greater inperfections in the manner of imparting instruction, were successfully overcome and a practical understanding of the fundamental principles was acquired.

Alonza married in January, 1864, to Miss Sarah Bassett, daughter of Sanford Bassett, formerly of Madison County, Ohio, but later of DeKalb County. For ten years after his marriage, nothing of importance took place in his life. In 1874, he began to study medicine under the direction of Dr. George Kester, a skillful physician of Richland County, Ohio, and subsequently matriculated at Hahnneman Medical College, Chicago, Illinois. Afterward, he returned to Ohio, and practiced in partnership with his preception till 1876, when he returned to his native county and located at Cedar Creek, removing there seven years. During his time, he built up a practice extending over a large area of the country and in order to have his residence and office near the geographical center, he moved to Garrett in 1883. His success as a physician was remarkable for the short time he devoted to the profession and, being ambitious and a close student, his prospects were bright for a future of a usefullness and prosperity. Politically, Dr. Kester was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church. They had six children: Cora A., Ida M., Orville, Estina, Roy, and Mabel.

PAUL JENNINGS, born 6 July 1918, at Butler, Indiana, son of Russell and Ruby (Platt) Jennings. His paternal grandparents were Charles P. and May (Dohner) Jennings. His paternal great grandparents were Abraham and Lucinda (McClellann) Jennings. His paternal great great grandparents were Peter and Katherine (Ransbury) Jennings, who came to DeKalb County from Ohio in 1842. His maternal grandparents were Richard and Viola (Oberlin) Platt.

Joyce Elizabeth Warren, born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, 29 may 1924, daughter of Herbert Warren, Jr., and Lucille (Burgess) Warren. Her paternal grandparents were Herbert O. and Salina (Cole) Warren of Lime Ridge, Wisconsin. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Mabel (Tyler) Burgess.

Paul graduated from Butler High School and worked for his father on a farm. On 22 June 1942, he was drafted into the Army Air Force and was stationed in Mississippi, Wisconsin, Washington, and California, then was sent to England with a bomber group.

Paul and Joyce met in a U.S.O. in Madison, Wisconsin. They were married in Lime Ridge, Wisconsin, after he returned from England.

They farmed for several years, and then both went to work for Auburn Rubber Company. He worked at Cooper Industrial Products and after twenty-four years, he retired in March, 1984, from Cooper's. Joyce worked at Auburn Rubber, Electric Motors, and retired in 1986 from Hamilton Standard after eighteen and a half years.

Joyce graduated from Reedsburg, Wisconsin, High School, and a trade school. She worked as a machinist for the Army while Paul was in the service.

Paul Jennings has two brothers: Kenneth, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Richard, deceased, and four sisters: Evelyn Gift, of Bourbon, Indiana, Maxine Sanders, Margaret Sanders, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Wilma Armstrong, of Butler, Indiana.

Joyce Jennings has two sisters: Donna Fina, of Watertown, Wisconsin, and Phyllis Dzioba, of West Allis, Wisconsin, and two brothers: Herbert Warren, of Madison, Ohio, and Walter, of Wauhesha, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jennings have five children: Roger, graduated from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, and is studying for ministry at Asbury; Ronald, graduated from St. Francis College at Fort Wayne, is a fireman and works with the Emergency Medical Service at Wausau, Wisconsin; Rodrick, graduated from Purdue at Fort Wayne, and is a civil engineer, a surveyor with Donahue and Associated at Stevens, Wisconsin; Roseanne (Jennings) Fahlsing lives in Fort Wayne; and Rex, graduated from Devry Electronics in Chicago. He works for MCI, the long distance telephone company.

Paul and Joyce Jennings live on Clinton Street in Auburn. They are members of the United Methodist Church. Both Paul and Joyce are quite active in the Loyal Order of Moose.

Since retiring, the Jennings' have been traveling quite a bit and like it so they will continue.

EDMUND FREEMAN, born 22 October 1813, near Clarksburg, West Virginia, son of William and Nancy Freeman. They were early settlers of Richmond County, Ohio, locating there in 1820. Edmund's father died 12 September 1827.

Mr. Freeman was reared a farmer, but being a natural mechanic has given considerable attention to carpentry and mill work.

Edmund married 14 September 1832, to Martha Dancer,.a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, born 5 June 1817, daughter of John and Elizabeth Dancer.

In March of 1830, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Dancer came to DeKalb County, Indiana. Mr. Freeman bought the farm known as the Miller Farm, where he lived the rest of his life. He owned fifty-nine acres of choice land and his residence and farm buildings were models of architecture. In addition to the homestead, Mr. Freeman had other land in different parts of the county.

Edmund and Martha are the parents of thirteen children: Nancy Jane, married George Essig; Elizabeth S., married Henry Myers, 5 September 1856; Julia married Own Hensinger; Rosann M., married Amos Hilkey, 24 December 1865; Louisa, widow of John Bowen, married Isaac DePew, 20 January 1859; John married Elizabeth Bailey, 12 April 1866; Caroline S., married William Madison DePew, 14 April 1864; Alexander married Mary E. Cornell, 13 September 1871, married again 16 April 1880; James married Mary Hilkey, 26 October 1873; George married Miss Bowen; Edmund H., married Mary Ricklewall. The eldest and youngest died in infancy.

Mr. Freeman was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church and since 1830, had been an active member of the society.

In politics, Mr. Freeman was a Republican, but in local elections, set aside political differences and voted for the man he considered the most fitted for the place.

Mr. Freeman's grandfather, Samuel Freeman, bore an honorable part in the war for the independence of the colonies.

GEORGE ESSIC HENSINGER, born 24 August 1874, DeKalb County, son of Owen and Julia Ann (Freeman) Hensinger. His paternal grandparents were John Peter and Cathern (Garman) Hensinger. His maternal grandparents were Edmund and Martha (Dancer) Freeman.

George was a farm laborer most of his life. He traveled around and helped other farmers with their farms. George was a mule-skinner with the Army during the Spanish-American War, in 1898-1899, 157th Indiana Volunteer, Company K. George died 26 October 1945, age seventy-one.

George married Edith Staley, daughter of Adam and Sarah (Wallace) Staley. Edith, born 9 September 1877. They had two children: Floy, born 1897, married Myrle James; Robert Melvin, born 6 July 1899, died 1 April 1974, aged seventy-three.

Robert Melvin married Cathern D. Stilwell, of Fort Wayne, 5 February 1936. Cathern, born 30 July 1918. To this union were born five children: Robert George, born 15 August 1936; Laura Edith, born 30 December 1937; Owen Isaac, born 29 February 1940; Raymond L., born 17 February 1942; and Mabel A., born 7 December 1946.

Robert Melvin attended school at Butler Center. He served for three years in the Navy during World War I. He worked at Warner Gear in Auburn, and retired in 1963.

OWEN HENSINGER, born 20 June 1834, son of John Peter and Cathern (Garman) Hensinger, in Leihigh County, Pennsylvania. Brothers and sisters of Owen were: Harrison, born 16 January 1827, died 9 April 1897, married 4 April 1850, to Mary Kessler, born 11 January 1832, died 3 January 1849; Abraham Garman; Flora, married 6 March 1849, to Soloman Neikirk, Mason County, Illinois; John, Adams Township, Ohio, born 1831, married Catherine Neikirk, 21 May 1854; Conrad, Reed Township, Ohio, born 1836, married Christina Klose, 24 November 1859; Moses, Sedalia, Missouri, born 1839; Benjamin, born 5 September 1846, married Brigada Fender, 9 March 1869, died 1885, married Maria Kane, 23 July 1910; Rosalfo, or Rosaldo; Cathern, born 1850, married Richard Cooley, Scipio Township, Ohio.

The family came to DeKalb County, when Owen and his brother, Harrison, moved here in 1850. Owen bought land in the southeast corner of DeKalb County. The farm house is still standing, although Interstate 69 runs through part of the original farm. The bricks for the house were made on the farm from clay dug behind where the house now stands. The house is around one hundred years old. At one time, Owen owned land in and around Auburn Junction.

Owen married Julia Ann Freeman, daughter of Edmund and Martha (Dancer) Freeman. Julia was born 3 April 1840, Richland County, Ohio. The Freeman family moved to DeKalb County in March of 1830, where they bought a farm, known as the Miller farm.

Owen and Julia were married 1 January 1856, and had nine children: Sarah Jane, born 23 March 1857; John, born 4 November 1858, died young, never married; Rose, born 11 May 1860, married George M. Gaxan, 15 April 1882; William, born 22 May 1862, died 1882, at the age of twenty, never married; Daniel, born 28 March 1864; Martha Catherine "Kate", born 11 July 1867; Freeman, born 28 July 1870; George Essic, born 24 August 1874; and Della, born 11 April 1877. As each son married, he was given one hundred acres and each daughter was given one hundred dollars.

ROBERT GEORGE HENSINGER, born 15 August 1936, son of Robert and Cathern D. (Stilwell) Hensinger. He went to Garrett High School, then joined the United States Marine Corps in 1953, the United States Air Force in 1965. George retired from the service on 1 August 1974. He worked for Rohm's and Ben Davis Chevrolet and is now manager of Lesser's Radiator in Auburn.

Robert married Roberta E. (Eakl) Denes, of West Virginia, born 25 April 1939, Hanison County, West Virginia. She went to school at Lost Creek, West Virginia, came to Garrett in 1954. She worked at Essex Wire in Auburn, now a homemaker. Robert and Roberta have six children between them: Robert G., born 23 January 1957, in Japan, graduated in 1975, from Garrett High School. He married Kimberly Kay Folden, in 1974, daughter of Fred and Kim Folden. They are the parents of two children: Michelle, born 18 December 1974, and Michael Robert, born 24 April 1976. They were divorced August, 1981. Robert served in the United States Army and is now a manager of Noble Romans in Fort Wayne, where he now resides.

Larry Owen, born in 1959, in Santa Ana, California. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1978, served in the United States Army and married in 1985. Larry is employed at Krafts. They reside in Waterloo, Indiana.

William Melvin, born 17 October 1961, St. Joe Hospital, Orange County, California. He graduated in 1979 from Garret High School, served in the United States Army, and married Tina Frost in 1985, daughter of Abe and Rita Frost. They are the parents of two daughters: Nickie and

Nadine. William is a service station manager and Tina is a homemaker. They reside in Garrett, Indiana.

Susan Ann (Denes) Geiger, born in 1961 at Garrett Hospital, graduated in 1979 from Garrett High School, married Terry Lynn Geiger in 1984, son of Gene and Evelyn Geiger. Four children were born to this union: Chad Elliot, born 30 August 1977, Terra Lynne, born 23 March 1980, Adam Joseph, born 4 January 1982, and Jessica Dawn, born 25 September 1984. Terry is a moldmaker at J & A Machine in Garrett. Susan is employed at the V.F.W. in Garrett. They now reside in Huntertown, Indiana.

Denice Marie (Denes) Burniston, born in 1962, at Garrett Hospital, graduated in 1980 from Garrett High School and married William "Bill" Charles Burniston in 1980, son of Charles and Matilda Burniston. Two children were born to this union: Trisha Dawn, born 11 January 1981, and Brad Allen, born 25 August 1984. Bill is employed at Foley Pattern and Denice is employed at Magnvox. They now reside in Garrett, Indiana.

David Allen Denes, born 1963, at Garrett Hospital, graduated in 1981 from Garrett High School and married Marilyn Rowe in 1983, daughter of Marshall and Marti Rowe. One child was born to this union: James Allen, born 20 July 1985. David is employed at R.J. Tower and Marilyn is employed at Keltsch Pharmacy. They now reside in Garrett, Indiana.

NATHAN WYATT, born in Virginia, 27 April 1778, and lived to the age of eighty-four years, eight months, and one day. He died 28 December 1862, and was buried in the Bear Creek Cemetery.

Mary Pelkey (Foltsie) Wyatt, his wife, was born in Maryland, 7 July 1777, and departed this life 20 September 1874, aged ninety-seven and three months.

Nathan and Mary Wyatt were married about 1800 on a public highway in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, dressed in homespun linen.

They were the parents of fifteen children, seven boys and eight girls: Samuel, Lydia, Mary, Elizabeth, Susan, Ann, John W., Jane, Thomas, Rebecca, William, Nathan, Rachel, Sedric, and James.

Nathan, Mary and their young family came in the spring of 1837 from their home in Richland County, Ohio, to Jackson Township in DeKalb County and settled near Spencerville. They cleared forty acres of land and thus acquired it from the government. Many of the Wyatt family followed them here to DeKalb County, that was then woods and wilderness, thus causing what was called the Exodus of the tribe of the Wyatts.

In the year 1848, at the cabin home of Samuel Tarney, a group met and organized the Bear Creek class of the Methodist Protestant Church. Nathan was the class leader for most of the last forty years of his life. The class met in members' homes in groves, barns, and the schoolhouse.

About the year 1850, a church house was erected in section thirteen of Jackson Township, and it was named the Bear Creek M.P. Church. About 1882, a new church house was erected in section twenty-two of Jackson Township and named Rehobath M.P. Church. The charter members were Nathan Wyatt and wife; John Wyatt and wife; Samuel Tarney and wife; Amariah Johnson and wife; Abraham Johnson and wife; William Squires and wife; William R. Moore and wife; and Samuel Widney and wife. John Wyatt, one of the charter members of this class, at the time of his death, had a continuous membership for more than sixty-seven years. Of this class nearly one hundred twenty Wyatts were members.

Nathan and Mary were exemplary Christians. They raised their family in the Christian faith. They were loved by all who knew them and Nathan's influence was always on the side of right.

Nathan was a soldier in the War of 1812. After looking over a short sketch of history of the Virginia Wyatts, it is found the Wyatt families who were pioneers to DeKalb County descended from some highly educated, respected and wealthy people. Sir Francis Wyatt was the governor of Virginia in 1621-1622 for his first term, his second being from 1639-1642. Sir Francis fell heir to Boxley, the home and estate of the Wyatts in Virginia and he was buried on the Estate. In later years, it was divided, one part was called "Old Uptown" from the sons of conquest.

John W. Wyatt Homestead

JOHN W. WYATT, son of Nathan and Mary Wyatt, born 4 April 1811, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and departed this life at his home, 28 July 1906, at the age of ninety-five years.

At age six, he and his family moved to Richland County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. Being trained by religious parents, his early life was bent in the ways of morality.

On 1 April 1834, he was united in marriage with Eva Kitchen. She died early in the marriage. On 12 September 1839, he married Sarah J. Robe. The fruits of their union were four sons and seven daughters. Sarah Jane was a native of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, born 31 October 1820.

It was in the fall of 1837, that John Wyatt came to Jackson Township to seek a location for a future home. Here, traveling through the dense woods, which were full of a thick growth of wild pea vines and prickly ash, the knees of his pants wore out as his hide too, but he bound up his knees and struggled on.

He selected government land in section thirty-four, then returned for his family, bringing them here in the fall of 1837. The deed for the land was signed by President Andrew Jackson.

John Wyatt was taken ill early on and he hired his brother-in-law, A. Squires, to cut logs and build his house, built with a puncheon floor and an outside chimney of clay and straw. In the spring, he added a hearth made of mud. During the winter months, he had nothing of any kind of food for his cattle. The poor animals would roam around the house and moan, so pitifully at night, that he would cover his head to keep out the sound, but he bought some corn meal and a barrel of sale and that with browing tree tops, brought the cattle out all right in the spring.

In 1838, he wrote, "We ran out of provision. I managed to get a bushel of corn ~~and~~ going nine miles to the mill by a zigzag road through the woods could not get my grist until the next day and then not, because I would not buy a jug of whiskey. I traveled that road four times and finally, to keep from starving at home, gave money for a jug, got my grist and finished my well and got good water." He gave $12.00 for a barrel of flour, $16.00 a hundred for pork, drove far and near to get corn. Roads were only a few tracks cut through forest and dense underbrush and much stuff was hauled up the St. Joe River in a boat.

On moving to Indiana, John, his wife, and fourteen others, in 1840, formed and became charter members of what was called the Bear Creek Class or later Rehobath, about the first M.P. Church formed in Indiana.

On 27 January 1888, Sarah, John's amiable and beloved wife, died.

When he died, at the age of ninety-five on 28 July 1906, he was the oldest man in the county and a record was set by him. He had owned and resided for seventy years on this same land, a record never reached before. He cleared the land, built the house, and farmed the land.

Their children were: Mary Jane, Rebecca H., William Theodore, Rachel Ann, Rebecca Ann, Matilda Jane, Magdelina Merintha, Samuel W., Andrew Robe, Euphenia E., and John Edmund.

Henry and Magdelina Porter

MAGDELINA MERINTHA WYATT, born 7 November 1851, Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to John W. and Sarah Jane (Robe) Wyatt. She died 17 September 1942, and is buried in her cemetery, Leo, Indiana.

Magdelina had four brothers and six sisters. They were all born and raised at the Wyatt homestead in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. This home was built by her father and family just north of the DeKalb and Allen County Lines. With seven beautiful daughters and four sons, there was much activity at this home; boyfriends came often as did many relatives for family get togethers. There were many parties, bob sledding, sleighing, picnics and church meetings with this proud Wyatt family.

On 3 September 1887, she was united in marriage to Henry Allen Porter from Allen County, Indiana. He was born 3 September 1861.

Just a few years after their union, they moved into the Wyatt home to take care of her father, John W. Wyatt. They remained there until her father's death, 28 July 1906. Their two daughters were born there: Sarah Celesta, born 23 September 1889, and Jennie Gladys, born 13 January 1891.

At age thirty-two, Henry had a terrible accident that would change his life. His left arm was caught in a corn husking machine and was taken off just below the elbow, but he continued farming and overcame this handicap.

About 1922, they went to live with their daughter, Celesta Warner, and her family in Leo and remained there until their deaths.

In 1937, they had a big family gathering to help them celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Henry died in Leo and was buried in the Leo Cemetery, on 28 April 1949.

Eli and Celesta Warner

SARAH CELESTA PORTER, born 23 September 1889, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Henry Allen and Magdelina Merintha Porter. She ahd one sister, Jennie Gladys, born 13 January 1891, also in Jackson Township.

Her family moved into the Wyatt homestead to care for her grandfather. They had many happy times with family reunions and family times together. They attended the Rehobath Church regularly.

On 26 February 1908, she was united in marriage to Eli Hiram Warner. Eli was born in Allen County, 28 June 1885. They moved to Fort Wayne, and the flood of 1913. The family lived south of Auburn for a few years before moving to Leo, Indiana, about 1922. There they formed a business, Warner Brothers with his brother, William. The store was a hub in this community, selling groceries, hardware, I.H.C. Implements, as well as bought, tested, and sold cream as well as eggs. Gasoline was pumped in front of the store for twenty-five cents a gallon.

Later the brothers dissolved the partnership and Eli retained the hardware part, adding appliances as well as DeSoto and Plymouth cars. This was a time when Plymouths were purchsed for about $600.00 and traded for a new car one year later for $100.00.

To this marriage three children were born: Orla Hiram, born 8 July 1909, in Allen County, Indiana; Cleo Velma, born 24 January 1914, in Leo, Indiana; and Jennie Regena Souder, born 17 June 1916, in Allen County, Indiana.

When they moved to Fort Wayne, about 1909, they managed a livery barn on Spy Run Avenue, where people could leave their horses as long as needed and they were fed and cared for.

They were very active in the Leo Methodist Church, serving in many areas. The home they purchased in Leo about 1922 or 1923 was an old hotel on Main Street.

Celesta died in November, 1971, and was buried in the Leo Cemetery.

Eli passed away November, 1956, and also was buried in the Leo Cemetery. He was a trustee on the Cemetery Board and was involved in helping to purchase the ground for the new burial grounds on the west side of the Main Street. Each board member was given a lot for their own burial.

LEVI GOODRICH HEWITT, SR., born 22 August 1820, in Massachusetts, his sister, Emeline (Hewitt) Willis, in 1815. Levi, Sr., and Henry Willis headed west, liked Adrian, Michigan, and returned to Massachusetts for the family then came back to Michigan in covered wagons.

About the same time, Daniel and Pricilla, and daughter, Mary, Webber, migrated to DeKalb County from New York in an ox cart in 1837. Looking around; they decided upon Auburn, they erected the third log cabin in DeKalb County. After a year, they migrated to the north part of the county.

Levi, Sr., came to Auburn and married Mary Webber in 1846. In 1848, they purchased eighty acres. They built a log cabin, but they only stayed a year, then moved to Sedan (Lawrence) where Levi operated a store.

Two children were born to this union: Levi, Jr., and Emile, died when nine years old. Levi, Sr., died 22 November 1852, aged thirty-two years, leaving Mary to care for Levi.

Mary married Lyman Green 24 July 1853. Lyman Green was a widower with three sons and a daughter. They also took in an eleven year old boy, Charles Lehmback. They lived in the old Green homestead at Green's corners. Mr. Green was a grocer in Sedan. Young Levi and Lyman were the best of pals. Mr. Lyman Green died 23 August 1876, so Mary and Levi moved back to the farm, living in the log cabin until they built the present home in 1878.

Levi, Jr. married Sophia Voghman. They lived in the new brick house with Levi's mother. They made their own living quarters upstairs. In 1880 and 1882, two children were born to this union: Archie and Laura.

Archie married Edna Becker. Grandma Hewitt Green gave them money which was used as a down payment to purchase forty acres. To this union were born two daughters: Gladys and Phyllis. Phyllis married Bob Frank and had no children. Gladys married Ralph West and they had two children: Sandra, married Larry Spade and had two children: Shawn and David; Paul married and had two children: Lynne and Brian.

Each generation has beautiful memories from the Indian visits, to a place for all city cousins, to love the hospitality and warmth of good country fun. There were six generations to live in the red brick house, which Levi Jr. and his mother had built in 1878.

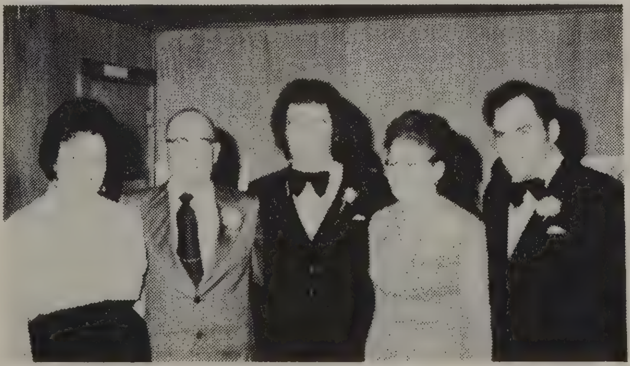
ROBERT V. FRANK, born 11 July 1912, Auburn, Indiana, son of Vernon and Anna Frank, Auburn, Indiana.

Phyllis Hewitt, born 3 May 1907, Richland Township, daughter of Archie and Edna (Becker) Hewitt, of Richland Township. Her paternal grandparents were Levi and Sophia (Voghman) Hewitt, Richland Township. Her maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Garver) Becker, of Richland Township.

Robert attended school at Auburn and Phyllis attended in Richland Township and also Manchester. They met in Auburn, Indiana. Robert and Sarah were married 18 September 1948, at Methodist parsonage, Auburn, Indiana.

Robert has worked at Widney and is now self employed at Bob Frank Plumbing and Heating. Phyllis has worked for Farmers Home Administration and is now retired.

Phyllis is a member of the Auburn Methodist Church. Their hobbies include fishing, gardening, and sewing.



Opdycke Family

HEMEN FRANKLIN OPDYCKE, son of Henry Arthur and Evalina (Myers) Opdycke, born 4 April 1910, Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Hiram, Jr. and Pauline J. (Mercer) Opdycke.

Hemen married Helen Curry, 31 October 1936. Both he and his wife were from the Ashley area where they attended school. They were married at Coldwater, Michigan. Helen's parents were Charles and Ona Alice (Tripplett) Curry. Her paternal grandparents were David and Emma Curry. Her maternal grandparents were James and Eva (Harms) Tripplett.

Hemen was employed at Franks Plating and Warner Gear. He is now deceased. Helen worked in the Garrett School Cafeteria, but is now retired.

To this union were born three children: Jana Lee, born 25 April 1938; Dallas Gene, born 9 December 1939; and Douglas Greg, born 15 August 1948.

The family were members of First Christian Church of Auburn, Indiana. Their hobbies include handicrafts, traveling, and reading.

DAN W. HUGHES, son of Wayne Hughes, State Representative 1960-1969, and Ellen Sprankle, was born 21 September 1939, at Sturgis, Michigan. His paternal grandparents were Albert Porter and Clara (Haskins) Hughes, of Hudson, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Warren and Ruth (Wren) Sprankle, of Helmer, Indiana.

Dan attended school at Salem Center, Steuben County, Indiana and Purdue University. He is presently working as County Supervision Farmers Home Administration.

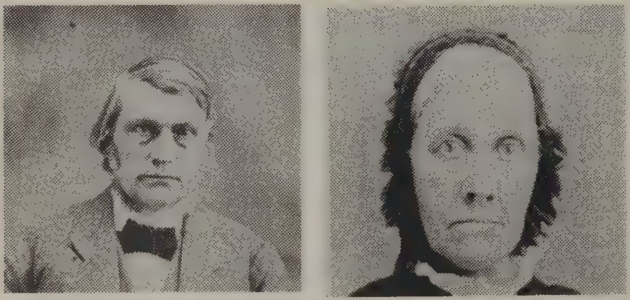
On 6 March 1950, he married Jana Lee Opdycke, daughter of Hemen F. and Helen L. (Curry) Opdycke, born 25 April 1938, at Auburn, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Henry Arthur and Evalena (Myers) Opdycke. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Ona (Tripplett) Curry.

Jana attended school at Garrett and Ball State University. She has worked at International Business College and is now employed as Business Head, Southwest Allen County Schools.

Dan and Jan met at a square dance in Albion, Indiana. They have three children: Gregory Scott, born 1 November 1961, now attending Vincennes University; Karen Jan, born 28 January 1963, a student at Purdue University; and Gary Dan, born 29 July 1967, student at Purdue University.

The family are members of the United Church of Christ, Huntington, Indiana.

GLENN ELBER SNYDER, born 18 August



William and Almeda Bevier

1913, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, the son of Clyde J. and Alice V. (Lantz) Snyder. His paternal grandparents were Amos and Hannah (Souder) Snyder, of Wilmington Township. His maternal grandparents were Arthur and Martha Lantz, of Pulaski, Ohio.

Beatrice Mae Bevier Snyder, born 25 April 1917, at Bryan, Ohio, the daughter of Kenneth G. and Hazel A. (Flynn) Bevier. Her paternal grandparents were Dr. Frank A. and Effie A. (Hill) Bevier of Waterloo. Her maternal grandparents were David and Lulu M. (Green) Flynn of Cromwell, Inidana. Her great grandfather, Dr. William Bevier, established his practice and drug store in Waterloo in 1863.

Glenn and Beatrice were married on 28 March 1937, at the Waterloo United Brethren Church. Glenn was a farmer and they resided on a farm east of Waterloo until Glenn's death in 1968.

Glenn had three brothers: Willis, Lawrence, and Warren, all deceased. Three sisters: Vera (Snyder) Haives, of Nashville, Tennessee; Mildred (Snyder) Bard of Wolcottville, Indiana; and Opal (Snyder) Beck of Kendallville, Indiana. Beatrice had one brother, Donald, who served in World War II in Africa and Italy. He died in 1949.

Glenn was a member of the Masonic Lodge and both Glenn and Beatrice were active members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the United Methodist Church in Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are the parents of four children: Judy L. (Snyder) White-Newland, deceased; John David Snyder, a building contractor, living in Troy Township; Jill L. (Snyder) Cessford, an employee of Insurance of North America in Seattle, Washington; and Jeffrey G. Snyder, who is a United Methodist Pastor in Exeter, California.

Presently Mrs. Snyder is living in Butler, Indiana. She has eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Most of them live in DeKalb County, making seven generations of Dr. William Bevier's descendants continuously living in DeKalb County since 1863.

THOMAS SAMUEL ARMSTRONG and KAYE LYNN (JAMIESON) ARMSTRONG came to DeKalb County from St. Joseph County, Indiana, in May of 1961. They, with Tom's parents, Martin Joseph and Adah Esther (Riddle) Armstrong, purchased an existing floral business and greenhouses from Leighton and Ola Tombow. Armstrong Floral at 313 W. Green Street in Butler began business of 1 June 1961.

Kaye spent the first year after moving traveling to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to complete a year of practical medical laboratory experience. In June of 1962, she graduated from St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, Indiana. Kaye is a medical technologist registered with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. After working in her trained profession for twenty years in Bryan, Ohio, she quit to join Tom in the floral business as bookkeeper.

Tom was born on 25 September 1936, in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the youngest of six children born to Martin and Adah. He studied business at Indiana University in South Bend, Inidana, and served for three years in the United States Army Finance Corps. Kaye was born in South Bend, Indiana, on 25 May 1940. She is the older of two daughters born to William Jamieson and Florence Janette (Ridenour) Jamieson. Tom and Kaye met in 1956 and married in Mishawaka on 27 August 1960.

The Armstrong's two daughters, Jana Marie (Armstrong) Rinard, born 17 March 1964, and Dyan Lynn, born 9 May 1967, were both born in Bryan, Ohio. Jana was wed to Gary Lynn Rinard from Spencerville, Indiana, on 14 September 1985. The Rinards now reside in Fort Wayne, work full time and attended Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, part time. Dyan is a full time student at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

The Armstrongs belong to the Butler United Methodist Church. Tom served for ten years on the City Council of Butler, and was the president of both the Council and the Butler Board of Works. He presently is serving his third year as District Chairman of Rotary International Youth Exchange. Kaye is beginning her second four year term as an elected school board member for the Eastern DeKalb County School District. Tom belongs to the Butler Rotary Club and the Butler Chamber of Commerce. Kaye belongs to the Butler Business and Professional Women's Organization. Both are charter members of the Eastside Area Community Foundation, Incorporated.

ALBERT ELMER ALBRIGHT, came to DeKalb County from Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1866, when he was about two months old.

He was known throughout his life as Elmer, raised on the family farm in Grant Township and was a farmer all of his life. Albert, born 16 April 1866, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, son of Joseph and Catherine (Kinsey) Albright. Joseph Albright, born 29 September 1817, son of Henry and Elizabeth Albright. Joseph and Elizabeth had three children and upon the death of his wife, Joseph married Catherine Kuntzi, 7 October 1849. Catherine, born 8 June 1828, in Watteneyl, Switzerland, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Nydegger) Kuntzi. The family came to America in 1833, on the packet ship Sully and thereafter used the American version of their name. Joseph and Catherine had eleven children, the youngest, a daughter, being the only child born in DeKalb County. The children of Joseph and his first wife were: Henry, born 21 June 1843; Mary, born 18 June 1845, married Adolphus May; George, born 24 December 1846. The children of Joseph and Catherine were: Franklin, born 22 December 1850, married Anna Smurr, died 11 August 1928; Julia Ann, born 8 April 1852, married Joseph E.W. Wiler, died 2 April 1928; Charles, born 28 July 1853, married Helen Clutter, died 12 February 1948; Charlotte, born 6 April 1855, died 11 September 1872; Anna, born 27 March 1857, married Benjamin F. Rohrbaugh, died 20 January 1945; Emaline A., born 29 February 1859, married Henry Yerkes; Nancy Ella, born 16 November 1860, married Isaac Brown; John, born 16 August 1862, married Eva Ritter, died 18 September 1892; Sarah Jane, born 16 October 1864, married George Byron Collins, died 16 August 1952; Albert Elmer; Cora Elizabeth, born 3 May 1868, married Solomon Lower, died 1 April 1945.

After his marriage, 6 September 1890, in DeKalb County, to Eva Ann Crone, born 15 March 1872, in Holmes County, Ohio, daughter of John and Susan Ann (Eddy) Crone, of Big Prairie. She came to DeKalb County in the mid 1880's to live with her brother, William.

Elmer used steam tractors on his farm and he went to various farms in the area with the steam equipment to harvest crops. He also used the engine for his maple sugar operation. His wife, Eva, died 28 April 1944, and he continued farming until in his later years. He lived with his son, Howard, in Waterloo, where he died 18 December 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright were the parents of seven children: Joseph Vance, born 19 July 1891, married Evelyn Hope Mitten, died 24 November 1970; Warren Victor, born February, 1893, died 7 June 1909; Cecil Vernon ''Pee Wee'', born 15 May 1895, married first Ethel Leas and second, Kathleen M. (McCollough) Shearer, died 8 April 1980; Howard Milton ''Doc'', born 15 July 1900, married Jessie Lower, died 21 July 1977; Iris Ethel, born 23 July 1903, married Byron Leroy Boyd, died 11 February 1982; Lula Mae, born 13 December 1907, married Clayton Adam Sattison; Edna Eldora, born 13 October 1912, married Lennis Wagner, died 21 January 1983. One daughter, Lula Sattison, is the only surviving child.

Clayton and Lulu Sattison

CLAYTON ADAM SATTISON, born 14 March 1907, in Coldwater, Michigan, son of Clyde Miles and Daisy Floretta (Sowles) Sattison. He spent his first seven years in DeKalb County. After his parents divorced, he moved to LaGrange County with his mother, sister, Ruby, and the stepfather, Frank Deal. When he was ten years old, the family moved to Auburn. While attending school, he had several jobs, one of the first being that of a Projector Operator at the Empire Theatre on Seventh Street. He also worked at different times at the Auburn Foundry, Auburn Rubber Company, and City Delivery.

After his marriage, 22 August 1925, in Hillsdale, Michigan, to Lula Mae Albright, daughter of Albert Elmer and Eva Ann (Crone) Albright, Clayton purchased a home in Waterloo. He worked for a road construction company, and later a bridge construction firm. In 1946, he purchased the Waterloo Truck Stop on Highway Six, and in 1956, he bought a grocery store on Center Street. They retired from the store in 1968, and Clayton worked for the State of Indiana until 1972, when he retired. They now reside at Crooked Lake, Steuben County.

They are the parents of three sons: Albert Miles, born 30 July 1926; Clayton, Jr., born 6 December 1928; and Jimmie Lee, born 6 April 1932.

Clayton's father, Clyde, born 14 February 1882, in York Township, Steuben County, Indiana, married 16 June 1904, to Daisy and died 24 August 1932. He was the son of Adam Sattison, born 21 March 1855, York Township, died 17 March 1908, in Coldwater, and married 18 March 1877, in Hillsdale, Michigan to Eva J. Dygert, born 9 February 1859, in York Township, died 13 January 1919, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Daisy (Sowles) Sattison, born 25 September 1885, in York Township, Steuben County, Indiana, died 4 December 1951, in Richmond, Indiana, daughter of Jonathan Frank Sowles, born 25 December 1859, in Steuben County, died 3 March 1927, in Auburn, and married on 21 March 1883, in Michigan, to Mrs. Ellen R. (Maugherman) Shaffer, born 22 March 1856, in Ohio, and died 2 May 1891, in Indiana.

ALBERT MILES SATTISON, son of Clayton Adam and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison, born 30 July 1926, in Grant Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He was born on the farm of his grandparents, Albert and Eva Albright.

Albert began the first year of school at Mooresville school in Wilmington Township and then the family returned to their home in Waterloo. He remaining school years were spent at Waterloo school. In his younger years, he worked on farms in the area and at construction sites when traveling with his father in the summer. He delivered newspapers, set pins in a bowling alley, worked on a section gang for the railroad, worked at the Kendallville Foundry, and at the local dairy. He graduated from high school in 1944, then entered the United States Navy. He was a machinist mate on a drydock in the Pacific.

On 21 April 1946, in Waterloo, he married Marilyn Ann Luce, born 12 February 1927, in Waterloo, daughter of Carl and Ida Rose (Faulk) Luce. They had three children: Marianne, born 30 May 1947, married 7 May 1966, to Randall Jack Oliver; Michael Alan, born 8 March 1951, married 27 September 1969, to Catherine Ann Moore; and Sara Kae, born 8 March 1954, married 23 February 1974, to Kevin Strock.

Albert worked for the New York Central Railroad for eight years, lived in the northern section of Waterloo, and then in 1956, bought the Butler Center Store, south of Garrett. He also worked in Fort Wayne at American Hoist and Derrick. He sold the store in 1961, and moved to County Road 11A to continue working in Fort Wayne.

Albert was divorced in 1966, and married a second time, 27 January 1968, in Fort Wayne, to Joanne Marcel Holder, born 11 December 1939, daughter of Orville Charles and Hilda Ann (Krouse) Holder. They have one son, Daniel Miles, born 4 September 1968.

Albert retired from American Hoist in late 1984. He worked for a time at Harris Kayot, Manufacturers of Navy Pontoon Boats and has fully retired now. He, his wife, and son reside east of Churubusco, Indiana, where they have lived for nineteen years.

MARIANNE (SATTISON) OLIVER, daughter of Albert Miles and Marilyn Ann (Luce) Sattison, born 30 May 1947, in Auburn, Indiana. Her parents resided on South Oak Street in Waterloo, next to the home of her grandparents, Clayton and Lula Sattison.

In 1951, her parents purchased a home on Colgrove Street in the northern part of Waterloo, and she attended the first three years of school in Waterloo. In 1956, the family moved to Butler Center, south of Garrett, and Marianne went to school in Garrett. In 1961, the family moved to County Road 11A. Marianne graduated from high school at Garrett, in the spring of 1965, and was employed as a legal secretary at the office of Howard Grimm, Sr.

Marianne married 7 May 1966, in DeKalb County, to Randall Jack Oliver, born 13 June 1945, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, son of Jack Walter and Beverly Joan (Umbenhower) Oliver.

Marianne and Randy lived on Franklin Street in Garrett, and then moved to Fort Wayne. They have lived in Allen County ever since, with the exception of a year in 1975, when they lived at Greenville, Tennessee.

Marianne and Randy have two children: Wade Richard, born 21 September 1966, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Dawn Renee, born 11 December 1969, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Randy is currently employed as a portfolio manager at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, and Marianne is presently employed as a legal secretary at the Orvas Beers Law Offices in Fort Wayne. They reside near Leo, Indiana, where they have lived for the past nine years.

SARA MAE (SATTISON) STROCK, daughter of Albert Miles and Marilyn Ann (Luce) Sattison, born 8 March 1954, in Auburn, Indiana. Her parents lived on Colgrove Street in the northern section of Waterloo.

The family moved to Butler Center, south of Garrett, in 1956, and then in 1961, moved to County Road 11A. Sara attended grades one through eight at Garrett School and then she moved to Angola to live with her mother. She has been a resident of Steuben County since that time.

Sara is married to Kevin Lee Strock and they have two children: Denise Lynn and Douglas Lee. Sara is a bus driver for the Prairie Heights School and Kevin is employed at Dana Corporation in Angola. They reside at Lime Lake, where they have lived for the past eight years.

MICHAEL ALAN SATTISON, son of Albert Miles and Marilyn Ann (Luce) Sattison, born 8 March 1951, in Auburn, Indiana. The family lived in the northern section of Waterloo at the time, then moved to Butler Center in Butler Township, when he was four years old. Later they moved to County Road 11A, when he was ten years old. He lived there until his marriage and has continued to live in the Garrett area since then.

Michael attended kindergarten through high school at Garrett, graduating in 1969. He then worked a short time at Bohn Aluminum in Butler, a while at DeHaven Chevrolet in Fort Wayne, then worked as a Sales Representative for C. and H. Shoe Company for five years. He worked at American Hoist and Derrick in Fort Wayne for ten years and is presently employed as Plant Scheduler for the Magnet Wire Division of the Essex Company in Fort Wayne.

He married on 27 September 1969, in DeKalb County, to Catherine Ann Moore, born 16 August 1951, in Fort Wayne, daughter of Nary D. and Dorothea May (DeBruler) Moore. She is a medical secretary employed at a Doctor's office in Fort Wayne. Michael and Catherine have two sons: Todd Michael, born 23 March 1970, in Auburn, and Adam Alan, born 3 June 1974, in Auburn.

Michael has been involved in Scouting for the past eight years, six as cubmaster and two as assistant cubmaster of Troop 3178 in Garrett. He is also Adjutant of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 178, in Garrett, a position he has held for eight years. Michael, his wife, and sons live at Eastwood Court in Garrett.

CLAYTON SATTISON, JR., son of Clayton Adam and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison, born 6 December 1928, in Grant Township, on the farm of his grandparents, Albert and Eva Albright. The family was living in Coldwater at the time and his father was working for a road construction company. They returned to their home in Waterloo in December of 1932, and he attended all his school years at Waterloo, graduating in 1946. As a young man, he worked on area farms, at the cemetery, and on construction sites when traveling with his father. He delivered newspapers and worked at the local dairy. He worked for his father at the Waterloo Super Service from 1945 to 1951.

Clay married 4 September 1948, in Steuben County, to Eunice Earlene Yockey, born 4 May 1929, in Lansing, Michigan, daughter of Earl and Ruby (Denman) Yockey. He entered the United States Air Force in 1951, and served four years, assigned to Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis, Missouri, as a control tower operator. After service, he worked at Goodwin Appliance, in Auburn, and lived on County Road 39, east of Waterloo.

In 1956, he and his brother, Jim, started their business at 448 South Center Street in Waterloo, and they are still located there. Sattison Refrigeration, Incorporated, specialized in sales, installation, and maintenance of refrigerated equipment for the food store industry. For fifteen years, 1959-1974, Clay and Jim built race cars, Super Modified, and participated in races in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan.

Divorced in 1973, Clay married a second time on 22 November 1975, in Hamilton to Linda Lou (Shuff) Baker, born 17 May 1942, in St. Joe, Indiana, daughter of Harry Elsworth and Lula Pearl (Lutz) Shuff. He has two stepchildren: Debbie Jean Baker, born 1 August 1961, in Hicksville, Ohio, and Tony Wayne Baker, born 3 January 1964, in Auburn, Indiana.

Debbie married 21 October 1981, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to William Ray Millay, born 10 February 1959, in Louisville, Kentucky, son of Riley Augustine and Oleatha Madge (Garrett) Millay. They have two children: Clayton James Riley Millay, born 3 January 1983, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Lindsay Lea Millay, born 10 August 1984, in Angola, Indiana.

Clay and Linda live at Hamilton Lake where he has owned a home for the past thirteen years.

Jimmie and Mavis Sattison

JIMMIE LEE SATTISON, a Waterloo businessman, is a life long resident of DeKalb County, born 6 April 1932, in Wilmington Township, son of Clayton Adam and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison. In December of that year, the family returned to their home at 575 South Oak Street, Waterloo.

He attended all his school years at Waterloo, graduating in 1950. In his younger years, his first job was working for the Town of Waterloo, trimming grass at the cemetery. He worked on a farm picking tomatoes and had two newspaper routes, delivering both the morning and afternoon papers. Jim worked some summers at bridge construction sites when the family traveled with his father. During high school years, he worked for his father at the Waterloo Super Service, a truck stop on Highway Six.

He was working for his father at the time of his marriage on 3 February 1952, in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, to Mavis Dee Roberts, born 24 July 1934, in Waterloo, daughter of Doris Marietta (Houlton) Roberts and the late Clark Adair Roberts.

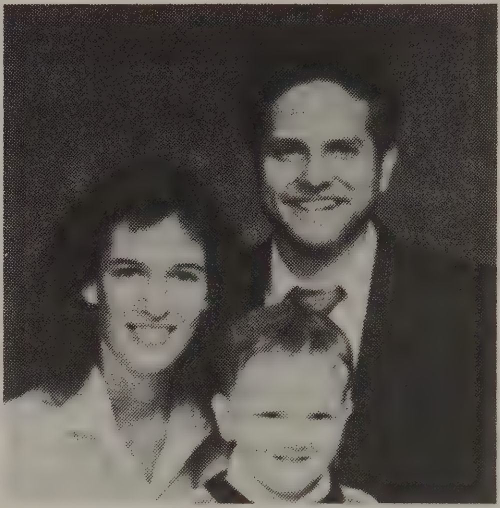
Jim served in the United States Army during the Korean War as a Power Generator Operator, serving some time overseas in Japan. When he returned to DeKalb County, he operated a Sinclair Gas Station on the north side of Auburn, then worked as a mechanic at the Ford Garage and then was a repairman at Goodwin Appliance, in Auburn.

In 1956, Jim and his brother, Clayton, started in business in Waterloo, Indiana. They located at 448 South Center Street and have remained there ever since. The business, Sattison Refrigeration, Incorporated, specialized in sales, installation, and maintenance of refrigerated equipment for the food store industry.

For about fifteen years, 1959-1974, Jim and his brother, Clayton, built race cars, Super Modified, and participated in races in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. Jim helped organize an independent owners and drivers association, Tri-State Auto Club, Tricas, and served as its president for three years.

Jim and Mavis are the parents of three children: Martin Blaine, born 20 December 1954, in Auburn; Mark Allan, born 11 February 1956, in Auburn; and KayLee, born 26 October 1964, in Auburn. KayLee is a 1983 graduate of DeKalb High School and is attending Indiana State University at Terre Haute, Indiana, with a double major, Music Merchandising and Music Business Administration, and a minor in Music Performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sattison reside at 2903 County Road 41, where they have lived for the past nineteen years.



Mark Sattison Family

MARK ALLAN SATTISON, son of Jimmie Lee and Mavis Dee (Roberts) Sattison, born 11 February 1956, in Auburn, Indiana, and has been a resident of DeKalb County all of his life. His family was living at the south edge of Auburn and later that same year moved to Grant Township, and lived three miles east of Waterloo on Highway Six.

Mark, sometimes known as "Ted", attended elementary school at Waterloo, Junior High School at McIntosh in Auburn, and then DeKalb High School, graduating in 1974. In 1968, his parents built a home at the corner of County Road 28 and 41, and moved there. Mark worked at Kitchen-Quip, Incorporated, in Waterloo, during his senior year of high school and upon graduating joined Sattison Refrigeration, Incorporated, Waterloo. He has been associated with his father and uncle in that business ever since, specializing in installation of refrigerated equipment for the food store industry.

He lived in various locations in the area and then in February, 1981, purchased his present home on South Oak Street, in Waterloo. He married on 29 December 1984, in Auburn to Laurie Anne (Williams) Terrinoni, born 15 September 1961, in Muncie, Indiana, daughter of Mary Kay (McCullough) Williams and the late Walter Owen Williams. Laurie is a clerk in the salary personnel office of Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, Indiana. Mark has a stepson, Jacob Scott Terrinoni, born 24 April 1983, in Auburn, Indiana.

MARTIN BLAINE SATTISON, son of Jimmie Lee and Mavis Dee (Roberts) Sattison, born 20 December 1954, in Auburn, Indiana. His parents lived at the north edge of Auburn at the time, then lived at the south end of Auburn for a short

Martin and Mary Jo Sattison

time. In 1956, the family moved to Grant Township and lived on the north side of Highway Six, about three miles east of Waterloo.

Marty attended elementary school in Waterloo and Junior High School at McIntosh School in Auburn. The Sattison family moved to their new home at the corner of County Road 28 and 41 in 1968. Marty attended DeKalb High School, graduating in 1973.

He entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, on 9 July 1973, and became a midshipman. He graduated from the academy on 8 June 1977, receiving a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and was commissioned an Ensign. He received further training at Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, Nuclear Power Prototype Training in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Submarine Officer Basic Course at New London, Connecticut. He was assigned to the Submarine, U.S. Plunger, SSN 595, in February, 1979, as Nuclear Reactor Officer and Assistant Engineer. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant J.G. in June, 1979, and that of Lieutenant in June, 1981. In October, 1982, he transferred to the Naval Reserve and presently holds the rank of Captain.

Marty was married on 26 January 1979, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Mary Jo Cooper, a dental assistant, born 26 May 1957, in Rexsburg, Idaho, daughter of Wayne Carl and Mary Arlene (Burtenshaw) Cooper. Marty and Mary Jo are the parents of two children: Jeremy Michael, born 21 December 1979, in San Diego, California, and Azlee Marie, born 13 January 1983, in Long Beach, California.

Marty is employed at Pickard, Lowe, and Garricick, Incorporated, of Newport Beach, California, as a Consulting Engineer, and he resides in Cypress, California with his wife and children.

Kay Lee Sattison

KAYLEE SATTISON, born 26 October 1964, Grant Township, to Jimmie Lee and Mavis Dee (Roberts) Sattison. Her grandparents are Clayton and Lula (Albright) Sattison and Clark and Doris (Houlton) Roberts.

KayLee attended Waterloo Elementary School. She played softball and was a member of the 1981 Green Parrot Restaurant State Champion Softball Team. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1983, where she was active in the music department.

After high school, she entered Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she double majored in Music Merchandising and Music Business Administration. She will graduate in 1987.

SAMUEL HOULTON, born 12 May 1764, married Rebecca Kilgore, in York County, Pennsylvania, on 24 March 1795. While in York County, Samuel and Rebecca had three children: Matthew Kilgore Houlton, born 5 February 1796; Mary Ann Houlton, born 8 July 1799; and Samuel Houlton, born 24 October 1801. The daughter, Mary Ann, died 17 August 1801.

Samuel and Rebecca were early settlers of Ross County, Ohio, migrating there in 1802. Samuel owned land near his wife's brother, James Kilgore, who was one of the first settlers of that County, having gone there in 1796 with his brother, George. Samuel's land was on the "upper trail" of the "high banks" prairie, below Chillicothe. Samuel and Rebecca returned to York County and Rebecca, taking her mother with her, each riding a horse, returned to the new home in the wilderness. Rebecca's father went out from York County with a party conducted by Samuel, but returned to York County for the winter months, going to Ross

County again in the following spring.

While in Ross County, Samuel and Rebecca had three children: John Houlton, born 21 September 1804; Francis Houlton, born 3 February 1807; and Mary Ann Black Houlton, born 4 May 1811.

On or about the 28th day of July 1813, Samuel Houlton was drafted into service in the war with Great Britain, which had been declared on 18 June 1812. He was drafted at Highland County, Ohio, was a waggoner and teamster under wagonmaster Samuel Bell, attached to the Regiment of Ohio Militia commanded by Colonel William Keys and Major Allan Trumble. Samuel was drafted for an indefinite period and was in actual service for the term of forty days. He was honorably discharged at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on or around the 7th day of September 1813.

On 6 February 1813, Samuel purchased two hundred acres of land in Highland County, Ohio. The family moved there and lived in a log cabin on the bank of Possum Run. The cabin was on the east side of the road from Greenfield to Cynthiana, in Madison Township. A daughter, Rebecca, was born there on 5 August 1813.

Samuel Houlton died on 2 March 1846, and his wife, Rebecca, died 21 April 1863. They were buried at the Old Burying Ground at Greenfield, Ohio, in Madison Township of Highland County.

Samuel Houlton's wife, Rebecca Kilgore, born 22 August 1772, in York County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Matthew and Mary Kilgore. Her father was born in 1737, probably in Cecil County, Maryland. He migrated from Cecil County to York County, Pennsylvania, before 1770. Matthew died there in 1815. Matthew and Mary were the parents of nine children: Ann, Thomas, George, Matthew, James, William, John, Samuel, and Rebecca.

Rebecca's father, Matthew Kilgore, was the son of Thomas and Rebecca (Lassley) Kilgore. Thomas was born about 1705, in the British Isles, probably Ireland. He migrated to America, married in about 1731, and died in 1783, in Cecil County, Maryland. His wife, Rebecca Lassley, was born about 1705, in the British Isles, migrated to America with her parents, married Thomas Kilgore and died in 1788, in Cecil County, Maryland. She was the daughter of William L. Lassley and his wife, Martha. William L. Lassley was born about 1675, in the British Isles and his wife, Martha, was born there also. They came to America about 1724, or before and settled Cecil County, Maryland. William died there about 1740.

Alta Bailey Family

ALTA MARIE HOULTON, daughter of Jink J. and Mary Myrta (Kepler) Houlton, born 1 February 1901, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Alta attended Houlton School, Franklin Township, Number One, and then the family moved to Branch County, Michigan, and she attended school there. The family returned to Indiana, Steuben County, and Alta married Roy C. Bailey. They married on 25 October 1919, in Branch County, Michigan. Roy was born 18 July 1897, in Clear Lake Township, Steuben County, son of Harry E. and Ada (Lash) Bailey. Alta and Roy are the parents of one daughter, Pauline Beth, married Cleon Throop. Pauline was born 12 March 1921.

Alta and Roy live at Fremont, Indiana, and observed their Sixty-seventh Wedding Anniversary in October, 1986.

FRANCIS HOULTON, born 3 February 1807, in Ross County, Ohio, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Kilgore) Houlton. The Houlton family migrated to Ross County from York County, Pennsylvania, in 1802. They lived on the "upper trail" of the "high banks" prairie below Chillicothe. In 1813, when Francis was about six years old, the family moved west to the next county and settled in a log cabin on the bank of Possum Run in Madison Township of Highland County, Ohio. The cabin was on the east side of the road between Greenfield and Cynthiana. Francis grew up there, receiving a common school education. In the spring of 1839, he came to DeKalb County, Indiana, and settled on section five and eight, Franklin Township. There were four acres cleared on section five and here he built a cabin and lived ten years, then moved across the line to section eight. He was a hard working, energetic man, and cleared seventy-five acres of his land himself.

He married on 6 January 1838, in Ross

County, Ohio, to Mrs. Evaline (Kellogg) Wood, widow of Abner Wood, by whom she had four children, but one of whom was living in 1885, John K. To Mr. and Mrs. Houlton were born four children: two daughters were living in 1885; Corinna, wife of Isaac Lautzenhiser, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Mary Jane, widow of William Bratton. Mr. Houlton was murdered, 18 May 1879, by a neighbor boy, Lewis Abbott, who entered the house with the evident intention of murdering the entire family and plundering the house.

Mrs. Houlton died 14 October 1881. They were earnest, sincere Christians. Mr. Houlton was a member of the United Brethren and Mrs. Houlton was of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mary Jane Houlton married on 30 October 1861, in DeKalb County, Indiana, to William Bratton. William, born 19 May 1838, in Williams County, Ohio, son of John Bratton, of Edgerton, Ohio. William was a farmer by occupation and an esteemed and honored citizen. He settled in Edgerton, Ohio, residing there until his death, 2 October 1865.

Mary returned to her father's home where she remained. The homestead contained one hundred sixty acres of valuable land and was superintended by George A. Young, a native of Atchison County, Vermont, born 27 January 1852, son of Horace and Electa Young, who moved to Michigan in 1863. He took charge of the Houlton homestead in August, 1879, soon after the death of Francis Houlton.

Mary had two children, only one of whom was living in 1885, John S. Bratton. Mary had an adopted daughter, Sarah Sewell. John Bratton died 1 March 1893.

Mary Jane (Houlton) Bratton died in 1901, and was buried at Hamilton Cemetery, in Steuben County, Indiana.

MARY ANN BLACK HOULTON, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Kilgore), born 4 May 1811, in Ross County, Ohio. The family lived below Chillicothe, on the "upper trail" of the "high banks" prairie. When Mary was about two years old, the family moved west to the next county and settled in Madison Township of Highland County, Ohio, in 1813. The log cabin was on the bank of Possum Run on the east side of the road between Greenfield and Cynthiana.

Mary Ann went to Williams County, Ohio, where her brothers, Samuel and John, were living. On 9 April 1833, in Williams County, she married John Fee, born 12 October 1810, in Galia County, Ohio, son of William W. and Margaret (Collins) Fee, who settled in Williams County, in 1830.

Mary Ann and her husband lived on the farm of her brother, Samuel, as renters, until 1835, when they went to Otsego Township, Steuben County, being the first white family to make their home there and located one hundred twenty acres on section thirty-two.

John Fee was a man of great energy, the man for a new country. It gave him room and brought into action his inherent force of character. He became one of the largest land owners in the county, at one time owning about fifteen hundred acres, not all in Steuben County. His home farm on sections thirty-two and thirty-three and adjoining land over the line in DeKalb County, contained about seven hundred acres, making several farms, divided among his children. Mrs. Fee cooked and carried a dinner to the men employed in raising the first building in Hamilton.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fee, seven of whom lived to maturity: Calvin, who married first Elizabeth Sander, and second to Alta Whiting; Clarinda, married to Alexander Lott Nichols; Margaret R., married Charles A.J. Carpenter; John, married Juliet Cameron; Mary Ann, married Leander T. Crain; William P., married Nancy I. Baxter; Frank K. married Setta Gilbert.

John Fee died 2 April 1873, and Mary Ann died 6 January 1887, on the family homestead where she had been cared for by her son, Frank, after suffering a stroke of paralysis.

John Houlton, Jr. Family

JOHN HOULTON, JR., son of John and Nancy (Lewis), born 31 December 1848, in the cabin built by his father in 1833, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. On 10 August 1872, in DeKalb County, he married Mary Elizabeth Getz, born 15 September 1854, in DeKalb County, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Moore) Getz.

John and Mary were the parents of four children: Burton Asa, born 27 January 1873, never married, and died 5 February 1945; Mary Alice, born October of 1880; Nancy Estella, born 7 March 1886; John Clinton, born 11 August 1888. John Houlton, Jr. died 17 October 1917, and his wife, Mary, died 8 January 1934. They were buried at Eddy Cemetery in Troy Township.

Mary Alice Houlton married on 1 July 1899, in DeKalb County, to Delbert Ackley. There were no children. On 9 May 1901, in DeKalb County, Mary married Charles McNeal Waller, born 30 October 1879, son of Cornelius and Emma D. (Freebt) Waller. Mary and Charles had two sons: Gerald and Ulla. Mary and Charles divorced and she married a third time to William Jeffers/Jeffries and a fourth time to Henry Bradley. It is said that the younger son, Ulla, married twice but had no children and he lived in Hillsdale County, Michigan.

Gerald Cornelius Waller, called "Tom", was born 16 June 1903, in Steuben County, Indiana, and married Lela Ruth Simmons. She was born 3 October 1903, daughter of Otto and Mabel (Tubbs) Simmons. Gerald and Lela had four children: Betty Joan, born 18 August 1927, married Maynard Landis, no children, divorced; Mabel Alice, born 18 March 1942; Robert McNeal, born 5 April 1944; Jerry Lee, born 18 August 1945. Gerald died 4 September 1948. Mabel Alice Waller married 24 April 1964, in San Diego, California, to Frank Noregon and they have a son, Neal Allen, born 29 January 1965. Robert McNeal Waller married Kathleen Greenfield, now deceased, and has two sons: Robert William and Markcus Lee. Jerry Lee Waller married on 14 February 1970, to Delores Ann Leaders, daughter of Charles Henry and Marjorie Elizabeth (Siebenaler) Leaders. Jerry's children are: Susie Jane, born 4 September 1970, and died 24 September 1970; and Timothy Charles, born 29 January 1978.

Nancy Estella Houlton married on 12 December 1905, in DeKalb County, to George Rudolph Metcalf, born 1 January 1879, in DeKalb County, son of Charles L. and Mary Ellen (Bontrager) Metcalf. Nancy and George were the parents of: Elsie Clinton, stillborn in 1907; Wilma Mary, born 23 September 1909; Charles Houlton, born 22 January 1913. George died 6 February 1947, and Nancy, died 6 May 1947, both are buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Wilma Mary Metcalf married Albert R. Carver, son of Elizar and Nellie (Green) Carver. They were the parents of six children: unknown male, stillborn 14 April 1931; George Albert, born 14 July 1932; Nancy Esther, born 5 July 1933, married Howard Wilson; Cora Ann, born 1 January 1936; Paul Arlo, born November of 1938; Sharon Louise, married James Lound. Albert R. Carver died 3 June 1986, in Coldwater, Michigan.

Charles Houlton Metcalf, born in Williams County, Ohio, married on 1 December 1936, in Monticello, Indiana, to Marie Ialeene Wynkoop, who was born 2 September 1918, near Butler, Indiana, daughter of Liva Chester and Carrie Agnes (Shaffer) Wynkoop. Charles and Marie had four children: Lois Jean, born 22 January 1946, died 25 January 1946; Larry Lee, born 11 November 1948; Treva Marie, born 29 January 1952; Janet Gail, born 15 February 1957.

Larry Lee Metcalf married first to Mary Ann Frost and had one son, Brian Lee, born 15 May 1969. He married second to Debra Kay (Buttermore) Hollar and has a son, Kyle Wyatt, born 30 September 1985. Treva Marie Metcalf married Dave DeWitt and has a daughter, Kelly Marie, born 19 October 1975. Janet Gail Metcalf married Phillip McKee.

John Clinton Houlton, called "Clinton", married Estella McKee and had three children: Wayne, Helen, and John. There were no children by his second marriage and he lived in Toledo, Ohio.

Rebecca Gnagy Family

REBECCA HOULTON, daughter of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton, was born 28 November 1846, in the cabin built by her father in 1833, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County, Indiana.

On 24 February 1870, in DeKalb County, she married Jeremiah Gnagy. Jeremiah, born 24 February 1841, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, was the son of Abraham and Susanne (Seese) Gnagy of Pennsylvania. Jeremiah's first wife was Rebecca's sister, Mary Ann, by whom he had only two children, only one of whom survived, John Sherman Gnagy.

Jeremiah and Rebecca had a farm near her parents in Franklin Township and they were the parents of six children. The first born died in infancy on 4 January 1873. The others were: Guy H., born 13 March 1874; George E., born 2 February 1876; Girt L., born 15 October 1879; Glen G., born 7 October 1883; Gladiolus, born 3 November 1885.

About 1887 the family moved into Hamilton and Jeremiah owned a lake resort. Jeremiah Gnagy died 26 May 1893. When Rebecca became ill, she went to the home of her son, George, who lived west of Hamilton. She died there on 27 March 1925. She and her husband were buried at Hamilton Cemetery.

Guy H. Gnagy was married 17 March 1903, to Rose May Barnhart. They had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Donald D., was born 18 January 1909, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Guy died in March of 1954, and Rose died 4 June 1968. Donald D. Gnagy married Colista Leona Diehl on 27 October 1933, and they were the parents of four children: James Guy, born 19 August 1935; Janice Sue, born 15 February 1937; Joyce Rose, born 2 May 1940; Jonell, born 1948.

George E. Gnagy was married 11 February 1896 to Demia Almeda Swift and they had one son, Kenneth F. George died in August of 1955, and Demia died 26 November 1965. Kenneth Gnagy was born 24 September 1896, and married Olive Irene Beattie. They had three children: George Keith, born 26 April 1918; Jerald Heath, born 20 April 1920; June Lorraine, born 21 June 1923. Kenneth died 25 March 1985, and his wife, Olive, died 1 August 1973.

Girt L. Gnagy married Audra L. Sharp on 14 April of 1906, and they were the parents of one son, Lyle E., born 26 December 1912. Girt died in August of 1951, and Audra died in March of 1928. Lyle married Isobel F. Hall and had one daughter, Joan Audra, born 26 January 1942. Girt married a second time to Lydia Veazey and they had two sons: Max Allen, born 22 February 1932, and Jon Lynn, born 12 September 1933.

Glen G. Gnagy married first Lula Oberlin and second Ruay Snyder. After a third marriage he lived in Gallia County, Ohio, and died there 28 April 1941. There were no children.

Gladiolus Gnagy married Charles Platt on 7 October 1903, and they had a daughter, Violet Adele, born 16 April 1905. Charles Platt died 14 January 1905. Gladiolus then married Frederick Heath and had four children: Stanley Lyle, born 11 September 1909; Glen Carlton, born 7 December 1913; Jesse Raymond, born 27 September 1915; Robert Moss, born 19 June 1921.

MATTHEW KILGORE HOULTON, born 5 February 1796, in York County, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Kilgore) Houlton. When he was about six years old, he went to Ross County, Ohio, with his parents. The family lived on the upper trail of the high banks prairie, below Chillicothe. His father's land was next to land owned by Matthew's uncle, James Kilgore, who was one of the very earliest settlers of the County.

When Matthew was about sixteen years old, the Houlton family moved west to the next county and settled in Madison Township of Highland County. The family lived in a log cabin on the bank of Possum Run. The cabin was located on the east side of the road between Greenfield and Cynthiana.

Matthew came to DeKalb County in 1838, with his brother, Francis, and sister, Rebecca. On 20 August 1838, he purchased three hundred acres of land in Smithfield Township. It is not known how long he remained in DeKalb County, but when his father died in 1846, in Highland County, Ohio, Matthew took over the farm and the care of his mother. His mother died in 1862, and he remained on the farm until his death.

Matthew died 7 August 1871, in Highland County, Ohio, and in his will he left the family farm to his nephew, William M. Houlton, son of his deceased brother, Samuel.

Mathew Houlton Jr. Family

MATTHEW KILGORE HOULTON, son of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton, was born 4 October 1851, in the cabin built by his father in 1833, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County, Indiana. He was reared and educated in his native Township, and after reaching manhood, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owned land in section 12, with a good residence and farm buildings. He made a specialty of stockraising, having a good grade of cattle and hogs.

He married in Camden, Michigan (Hillsdale County) on 24 February 1873, to Marietta Case. She was born 25 September 1855, in Steuben County, Indiana, the daughter of William L. and Lydia (Sattison) Case. They had two children: Jink J. (Named for the song, "Captain Jink's"), born 20 June 1873, and Rinaldo R., born 7 November 1874.

In the 1880's, Matthew operated the M.K. Houlton circus, traveling by wagon, presenting a varied program performed in a large tent. His wife, sons, and brother directed the orchestra and challenge band. He operated the circus until the storage building containing all the circus equipment burned.

Matthew, sometimes called Matt of M.K., continued farming and had a broom factory on his land. He was a longtime member of the International Order of Odd Fellows. He died 13 May 1921 at his home southeast of Hamilton in Franklin Township. His wife, Marietta, died 4 December 1934, in Franklin Township. Both were buried at Eddy Cemetery in Troy Township.

REBECCA HOULTON, born 5 August 1813, in Madison Township, Highland County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Kilgore) Houlton. The family lived in a log cabin on the band of Possum Run, on the east side of the road between Greenfield and Cynthiana. Rebecca came to DeKalb County with her brothers, Matthew and Francis Houlton, in 1837. She married 11 January 1838, to Adam Boyer.

Adam built a log cabin, but not withstanding their inconveniences, they made the best of their circumstances, and with the energy of youth and the hope and happiness of newly married life, passed the winter in comparative comfort. Their household effects were limited, but in the spring of 1839, they returned to southern Ohio for furniture belonging to Rebecca. In 1840, they returned to DeKalb County and settled in Smithfield Township, where they remained. Rebecca died there 10 August 1892, and was buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Waterloo.

Adam Boyer, born 10 September 1815, came from Ohio with his father, Peter Boyer, in 1836, to Franklin Township. The following fall, after assisting his father in building a log cabin and clear a small patch of ground, he returned to Ohio, but in March, 1837, came again to DeKalb County, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Daniel Kepler. He made his home with his brother, Michael, who came in 1836.

Adam and Rebecca had five children: Elimina, who married Andrew B. Duncan, 21 September 1860, and died 18 May 1906; Balis H.; Mary Ann, who married Royal J. Fisk, 27 February 1862; Irene, who married A.T. Smith; Ira, who died 21 December 1873, nineteen years of age.

Balis H. Boyer, born in Highland County, Ohio, 17 April 1840. He was reared on the old homestead in DeKalb County, receiving a good education in the common schools. He was married to Susan or Susannah Oberlin, 16 March 1861. She was the daughter of David Oberlin, an early resident of Franklin Township. She was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1843. Balis and Susan had four children: Warren J., Mary M., Adam D., and Francis M., all living in Smithfield Township in 1885. Balis bought his farm in Smithfield Township in 1863, from Samuel Strugh.

SAMUEL W. HOULTON, son of John and Sarah (Fee) Houlton, born 1 February 1838, at the cabin built by his father in 1833, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

His mother died when he was only a few months old and he was then cared for by his stepmother, Nancy (Lewis) Houlton. Samuel grew to manhood and had his own farm. He was married 13 December 1859 to Hannah Amy Haughey.

On 17 July 1861, at age twenty-three, Samuel volunteered in the Union Army as a private in Company B, of the 1st Michigan Volunteers. He was reported killed at Gaines Mill, Virginia, 27 June 1862, but he had been captured and confined on 28 June at Libby Prison at Richmond, Virginia. He was paroled 5 August 1862, at Aikens Landing, Virginia, and returned to his regiment 7 August 1862.

On 2 July 1863, at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Samuel was reported missing in action. He had been captured and confined at Richmond, first on Belle Island, a prison island in the James River, and then at Libby Prison in Richmond. He was in General Hospital No. 22, ward three, suffering from cold and exposure.

Samuel, along with five hundred other prisoners from Libby Prison, was sent by railroad to the new Confederate prison, Camp Sumter, north of Americus, Georgia. They were the first group of Union prisoners sent to the prison that became known as Andersonville. He arrived there 25 February 1864.

Samuel died at Andersonville prison, 4 April 1864, and was buried in a burial ground at the north end of the prison that later became the Andersonville National Cemetery. A tombstone for Samuel can be found in Eddy Cemetery in Troy Township.

SARAH HOULTON, daughter of John and

Norman Nichols

Sarah (Fee) Houlton, born 1 July 1839, in the log cabin on Fish Creek in Franklin Township, that her father built in 1833. Her mother died 12 July 1839, and Sarah was raised by her father and his second wife, Nancy Lewis.

On 22 December 1860, in DeKalb County, Sarah married Norman Nichols. He was born in 1833 or 1834, in Ohio, son of Joseph and Orilla Nichols. Norman and Sarah had a farm, south of the Bellefountain Road.

Sarah and Norman Nichols had six children, five of whom lived to maturity: Orilla, born in March, 1862; William, born in October, 1863; Viola, born 11 February 1866; Inez, born 19 March 1871, married Luther Williamson, 18 October 1889, died 14 September 1921; Mary L, born in 1873.

Sarah (Houlton) Nichols, died 27 January 1878, and Norman Nichols died 23 September 1913.

Orilla Nichols married Bion W. Case, a native of Michigan, 9 April 1890, in DeKalb County and they had two sons: Afton and Justin.

William Nichols married Etta Tamer Clark, 30 November 1889, in DeKalb County. Etta was born in December of 1872, daughter of Iziah and Nancy (Gettz) Clark. William and Etta had five children: Paul, born 25 September 1891, married Ruth Wise, 24 December 1913, and died 14 March 1959; Florence, born 7 February 1895, married Blaine Enterline and died 21 July 1969; William McKinley, born in March, 1897, married Dorothy Thomas and died 17 February 1925; Lyston Harold, born 5 October 1900, and died 12 July 1902; Norman, born 1 September 1903, married Dorothy (Thomas) Nichols, 4 September 1926, and died 4 May 1974. William Nichols died 16 October 1929, and his wife, Etta, died 21 February 1946.

Viola Nichols married Benjamin Franklin Beard, 28 June 1890, in DeKalb County. Benjamin, born 17 August 1866, son of Luman Horn and Jane (Rummel) Beard. They had four children: Howard, born 30 June 1892, married first Emma Peterson, then Mattie Newland, and he died 16 May 1974; Eula, born 12 March 1894, married Wayne Wood and she died 8 June 1984; Kendall, called "Walt", born 6 July 1903, married first Louetta Donley Russell, then Thelma Butts Coe, and he died 12 May 1977; Lucy Fern, born 6 March 1906, married Arthur William Newcomer and she died 20 January 1965. Viola Nichols Beard died 21 April 1942, and her husband, Benjamin, died 23 January 1940.

Mary L. Nichols married Cyrus B. Dirrim, 28 November 1895, in DeKalb County. He was born 11 June 1873, son of Peter R. and Hannah (Meyers) Dirrim. Mary and Cyrus had a daughter, Vella May, and an adopted son, William S. Mary died in 1961, and Cyrus died in 1960.

Malinda E. Houlton

MALINDA ELLEN HOULTON, daughter of Jink J. and Mary Myrta (Kepler) Houlton, born 11 October 1819, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She attended Houlton school, Franklin Township No. 1, and two years at Hamilton school. In 1909, the family moved to Branch County, Michigan, and there she met and married John Sherman Patton. They were married 21 October 1911. John, a blacksmith, was born 7 June 1891, in Antwerp, Ohio, son of James and Mary Martha (Dove) Patton.

To this union twelve children were born: Mary Martha, born 28 July 1912; Helen Irene, born 20 July 1914; Vernon Deloss, born 11 July 1916; Orville Nathan, born 6 August 1918; William Jink, born 12 March 1921, died 28 March 1923; Betty Jean, born 20 December

1922; Melvin Charles, born 15 June 1925, died 18 August 1984; Mildred Elaine, born 15 June 1925; Alice Arlene, born 14 December 1927; John J., born 17 January 1929; Audra Joan, born 27 December 1931; Marian Bess, born 17 December 1933.

John Patton died 25 August 1964, in Marshall, Michigan, and Malinda continued to live in Marshall. Malinda was ninety-five years old in October of 1986.

John and Nancy Houlton

JOHN HOULTON, DeKalb County pioneer, born 21 September 1804, in Ross County, Ohio, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Kilgore) Houlton, had migrated to Ross County from New York County, Pennsylvania, in 1802. The Houlton family lived on the upper trail of the high bank prairie, below Chillicothe.

In 1813, when John was about nine years old, the family moved to Highland County, the next county west. The family lived in a log cabin on the bank of Possum Run on the east side of the road between Greenfield and Cynthiana.

When John was twenty-three years of age, he left Highland County, and went to Williams County, Ohio, to work for his brother, Samuel, cutting a road to Fish Creek and helping build a sawmill. He stayed on in Williams County and on 5 February 1833, he married Sarah Fee, who came to Williams County in the summer of 1830.

John explored Fish Creek, west of his brother's sawmill and found some land he liked. On 4 September 1833, he built a log cabin on the bank of Fish Creek in the area later known as Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

John and Sarah had three children: Margaret, born 8 April 1836; Samuel, born 1 February 1838; and Sarah, born 1 July 1839. John's wife, Sarah, died 12 July 1839, and was buried at Eddy Cemetery.

On 21 November 1839, in DeKalb County, John married Nancy Lewis. She was born 19 April 1817, in Richland County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Slater) Lewis, early settlers in Williams County.

John and Nancy had nine children: Eleanor, born 28 September 1840, died 19 November 1840; Francis, born 15 December 1841, died 19 December 1841; William, born 13 November 1842; Mary Ann, born 21 August 1844; Rebecca, born 28 November 1846; John, born 21 December 1848; Matthew Kilgore, born 4 October 1851; Lewis, born 17 September 1854; Roger, born 17 September 1857.

John Houlton died 2 June 1875, at his home in Franklin Township, and was buried at Eddy Cemetery in Troy Township. His wife, Nancy, died 10 May 1893, at home in Franklin Township, and was buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Jink and Myrta Houlton

JINK J. HOULTON, son of Marietta (Case) and Matthew Kilgore Houlton, born 20 June 1873, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His parents lived southeast of Hamilton, Indiana, on the east side of Highway 1. Their home was located about half a mile south of the cabin site of his grandfather, John Houlton.

Jink attended the Houlton school north of his home and he also studied music. While in his teens, he traveled with his father's circus as an acrobat and trombone soloist.

On 25 April 1891 in Branch, County, Michigan, he was married to Mary Myrta Kepler, who was born 7 August 1872, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Samuel and Malinda Ellen (Rosenbury or Rosenberry) Kepler. During their early married life, Jink and Myrta traveled with the Houlton Circus. Then Jink worked for his uncle, William Houlton, in his sawmill, becoming very proficient with hand tools, doing carpentry and making a number of pieces of furniture.

Jink and Myrta had three daughters: Malinda Ellen, born 11 October 1891; Doris Marietta, born 30 October 1897; Alta Marie, born 1 February 1901. All were born in Franklin Township.

After leaving his uncle's sawmill, Jink took up farming and in 1909, the family moved to a farm in Branch County, Michigan, and a year later to a farm near Ray, Indiana. In 1916, he bought a farm in York Township, Steuben County, Indiana, where he resided until 1945. At that time, they moved to a home at the east edge of Fremont, Indiana.

As a farmer, he specialized in Registered Poland China Hogs, taking many prizes at the fairs where he exhibited. He held hog auctions that were attended by people from many states in the Midwest. He continued his musical career throughout his life, performing with orchestras and bands in the area. He was with the city marching bands of Butler, Waterloo, Hamilton, Fremont, and Montgomery, Michigan. On 29 October 1896, he went to Canton, Ohio, with the Butler Band to play for a rally in front of William McKinley's residence when he ran for president.

He was a charter member of the Hamilton Independent Order of Odd Fellows, later transferring to the Fremont Lodge. He was a member for sixty-six years. He was also a member of the Encampment.

Myrta Houlton died 5 April 1950, and he was a widower for seven years. Then on 26 January 1857, he married in Battle Creek, Michigan, to Louisa Deal, a former registered nurse.

Jink died at the home of his daughter, Malinda, 19 March 1966, in Marshall, Michigan. Jink and Myrta were both buried at Fremont, Indiana.

MAVIS DEE (ROBERTS) SATTISON, born 24 July 1934, in Waterloo, Indiana, daughter of Doris Marietta (Houlton) and Clark Adair Roberts. In 1936, the family moved to Pleasant Lake, Indiana, where she attended school, graduating in 1952.

She married 3 February 1952, in Pleasant Lake, to Jimmie Lee Sattison, who was born 6 April 1932, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Clayton Adam and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison. After a sixteen year absence, she again became a resident of DeKalb County. Mr. and Mrs. Sattison reside in Grant Township and they are the parents of three children: Martin, Mark, and KayLee.

Her father, Clark, was born 17 January 1895, in Steuben County, son of Thomas Harbaugh and Emaline Rebecca (Adair) Roberts. He married 3 May 1917, in Hillsdale County, Michigan, to Doris, who was born 30 October 1897, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of Jink J. and Mary Myrta (Kepler) Houlton. Clark died 11 June 1959, in Angola, Indiana. Doris lives in Pleasant Lake.

Mavis' grandfather, Thomas Harbaugh Roberts, came to Steuben County, Indiana, from Ohio, when he was about four years old. He was born 27 October 1859, in Putnam County, Ohio, son of Edward F. and Mary E. (Harbaugh) Roberts. He married 10 December 1880, in Hillsdale County, Michigan, to Emaline Rebecca Adair, who was born 30 January 1861, in Iowa, daughter of Benjamin Jackson Adair and his wife, Mary Ann Castine.

Mavis' great grandfather, Edward F. Roberts, born 3 June 1833, in Chesshire, England, married 3 December 1859, in Putnam County, Ohio, to Mary E. Harbaugh, who was born 16 October 1839, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Exline) Harbaugh. Edward died 3 April 1880, in Steuben County. Mary married Cissna Boor, 5 October 1893, and he died in 1902. Mary died 17 October 1926, in Pioneer, Ohio.

Mavis' great great grandfather, Thomas Harbaugh, born 8 October 1796, in Fredericks County, Maryland, son of Yost Harbaugh, 1776-1836. Thomas married Mary Exline, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Bernard and Julia (Betz) Exline. Thomas died 8 April 1884, in Fremont, Indiana. Mary died 7 February 1867, in Putnam County, Ohio.

Yost Harbaugh, 1776-1836, was the son of Ludwig and Christina Harbaugh. Ludwig was born about 1728, in Switzerland, the second son of Yost Harbaugh and his first wife. Ludwig came to America with his father, about 1836, and lived in various places in Pennsylvania and Maryland, but finally located southwest of Sabillasville, Maryland, in a valley which became known as Harbaugh's Valley. Ludwig died 9 August 1809, in Harbaugh's Valley. Christina was born about 1728 and died 17 October 1797. Ludwig's father, Yost Harbaugh, was originally from a southwestern province of Germany.

Clark and Doris Roberts Family

DORIS MARIETTA HOULTON, daughter of Jink J. and Mary Myrta (Kepler) Houlton, born 30 October 1897, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She attended school at the Houlton schoolhouse and later attended school in Branch County, Michigan. She graduated high school in 1916, at Montgomery, Michigan. The family returned to Indiana, Steuben County, and she attended Tri-State Normal College in Angola, Indiana.

Doris was married 3 May 1917, in Hillsdale, Michigan, to Clark Adair Roberts. He was born 17 January 1895, in Scott Township, Steuben County, Indiana, son of Thomas Harbaugh and Emaline Rebecca (Adair) Roberts. To this union ten children were born: Carma Aleta, born 18 December 1917; Roberta Ilene, born 2 October 1919; Merwin Clark, born 28 August 1921, died 3 February 1976; Verlin Edward, born 1 December 1922, died 24 September 1982; Darlene Lenor, born 16 December 1923; Yost Houlton, born 7 May 1926; LuRayne Glee, born 21 February 1929; Blaine Samuel, born 15 April 1931; Mavis Dee, born 24 July 1934; Waylyn Dean, born 19 June 1937.

Clark, an Indiana State Highway Department Employee, died 11 June 1959, in Angola, Indiana. Doris resides in Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

Roger Houlton

ROGER RINALDO HOULTON, son of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton, born 17 September 1857, in the cabin built by his father in 1833, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He attended the district school and his mother hired Professor Jacob Bergman to tutor him in music. His musical education continued after his first marriage, when he took a course in music at Valparaiso, Indiana, and later received special instructions from the best teachers in Chicago. While he specialized with the violin, he was also a teacher of band and orchestral instruments. He taught in Fort Wayne and for eleven years at Deadwood, South Dakota. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Order of Free Masons and the Christian Church.

Roger married 4 January 1879, in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Amanda R. Mills. They had two children: one who died in infancy, and the other, Artemus Leander, born 10 April 1880. Roger's second marriage took place in Steuben County, Indiana, 16 December 1889, to Flora Catherine (Oberlin) Burdick. She was born 21 July 1859, daughter of Hiram and Nancy (Griffith) Oberlin. By her first marriage to Henry Burdick, she had two daughters: Mrs. J.A. Lautzenhiser and Mrs. Josephine Knapp. Roger and Flora had one son, Roger Ralph, born in 1897.

Roger Rinaldo Houlton died 4 February 1933, near Hamilton, Indiana, and Flora Houlton died 25 March 1948, in DeKalb County. Their burials took place at Eddy Cemetery.

Artemus Houlton married Adelena Holderman, 31 December 1902, and to this union a son, Louis James, was born 30 August 1904. Louis married Geneva Fites, and they had no children.

Artemus married a second time to Stella Mae Guy, 16 April 1913, and they had two children: Harry D. and Thora E. Harry married first to Josephine Walser and they and three children: Douglas, James, and John. Harry married second to Jean Deyarmond and they had no children. Thora E. Houlton married Harvey MacQuarried and had two sons, Jerry and Donald. Stella died 24 February 1918.

Artemus married a third time to Gertrude Ann Selle and to this union three children were born: Arthur L., William H., and Robert M. Artemus Leander Houlton died 15 September 1961, and burial took place at Mio, Michigan. Gertrude died 11 February 1980.

Roger Ralph Houlton married Rosa Stoy in 1916, and they had a daughter, Olive. Roger married second to Beatrice Downing and no children were born to them. He married third to Lola Kuntz and no children were born to this union. Roger and his fourth wife, Nellie Cornell, had three children: Betty Louise, Phyllis Ann, and Roger Ralph.

WILLIAM LEWIS HOULTON, son of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton, born 13 November 1842, in the log cabin built by his father in 1833, on Fish Creek in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

On 19 September 1863, in Williams County, Ohio, he married Mercy H. Haddix. She was born in 1844, daughter of Stephen K. and Sarah

William L. Houlton Family

Haddix, of Defiance, Ohio.

On 18 October 1864, William enlisted in the Union Army for a one year term. He served as a private in Company K of the 182nd Regiment of the Ohio Infantry. He was assigned to the Engineer Corps and was not involved in any active fighting. He was in the hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, from March to June of 1865, suffering from exposure. While there, he was able to assist in caring for other patients and was made a head nurse. He served there until the close of the war. He was mustered out of service 3 July 1865, at Nashville.

William and Mercy had a daughter, Alice Adeline, born 21 July 1865. Mercy Houlton died 24 October 1865, and was buried at Eddy Cemetery. In 1866, William bought a sawmill, which he ran two years and then sold. He was also a farmer. On 19 December 1867, in DeKalb County, William married Ruhama E. (Knisely) McCurdy. Ruhama was born 19 September 1837, daughter of William and Susan Knisely. Ruhama was the widow of Dr. T.J. McCurdy, whom she married 28 June 1861, in DeKalb County.

In 1877, William bought a light portable mill and treshing machine, which he sold two years later, and in 1881, bought a sawmill, which he owned for many years. He ran a threshing machine eight seasons and in 1883, bought a new Massillon thresher. While working at his sawmill, an accident caused him to lose the sight of his right eye.

In 1905, William was elected County Commissioner for a term of three years and served in the capacity of other offices of the county. He was a member of the G.A.R. Post of Hamilton, and also an active member of the Order of I.O.O.F. for forty-two years. Ruhama E. Houlton died in 1909, and William died 7 April 1922. Both are buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Alice Adeline Houlton married in DeKalb County, 21 September 1884, to Lewis C. Shultz. He was born 27 January 1859, in DeKalb County, son of George and Mary Solama (Walters) Shultz. Alice and Lewis had a son, Clarence Leroy. Alice died 10 June 1933, in Franklin Township, and Lewis died 3 January 1940, in Franklin Township. Both are buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Clarence Leroy Shultz, born 14 June 1889, in Franklin Township, married Gennie M. Kogin. She was born in Otsego Township, Steuben County, Indiana, daughter of Melville Kogin. Clarence and Gennie had six children: George Hossinger, born 30 November 1909, died 2 December 1909; William Lewis, born 14 March 1911, married 13 October to Dona Neva Radabaugh, died 19 September 1977; Melvin Leroy, born 1 June 1913, married first Vereda Rusk, married second Dorothy, died 28 October 1971; female, born and died 5 August 1915; Lewis Carlisle, born 10 February 1917, married Inez Dohner, died in 1965; Lucille Alice, born and died 9 November 1920.

Lewis and Rhoda Houlton

LEWIS NAPOLEON HOULTON, son of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton, born 17 September 1854, in the log cabin built by his father in 1833, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, and he resided on the home place all of his life, engaging in farming.

He was married on 10 April 1879, in DeKalb County, to Rhoda Caroline Martin, who was born 26 April 1856, in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry and Rachel Martin. Lewis and Rhoda had three sons and a foster daughter: Vernie Samuel, born 10 August 1880; Leland Stanford, born 11 February 1889; Firm Maurice, born 31 October 1885; Opal Irene Follis, born 13 September 1890. Lewis Houlton died 25 January 1911, and was buried at Eddy Cemetery. His widow, Rhoda, married John Oberlin 12 February 1916, and she died 26 July 1932, in Hamilton. She is buried in Eddy Cemetery.

Vernie Samuel Houlton, a bridge carpenter for the New York Central Railroad, was married 12

July 1902, in DeKalb County, to Jennie Rocelia Mills. She was born 12 February 1884, near Hamilton, Indiana, daughter of George E. and Melissa (Mortoff) Mills. They were the parents of six children: Mable Evelyn, Claude Edward, Leon Firm, Aleatha Berniece, Lewis George, and George Lewis. Jennie Houlton died 10 January 1950, and Vernie Houlton died 27 January 1958. Both were buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Mable Evelyn Houlton, born 2 May 1903, married John Amos Fee and they were the parents of nine children: John Lavern; Ruth Maxine, Mrs. John Musser; Ida Mae, Mrs. Harvey Frain; Dale Walter; Margaret Rose, Mrs. Ralph Ford; Twyla Marvene, Mrs. Edgar B. Hutzell, Jr.; Keith Edwin; Robert Lee; and William Dee. William, a twin, died three days after his birth.

Claude Edward Houlton married Alice Lucile Chilcoate and they had three children: Mary Lou, Mrs. Kenneth Grisham; Jerry Lee, and Paul Edward.

Leon Bill Firm Houlton married Rose Thompson and adopted her son, Jerry. They were divorced in 1951, and Leon married Alice Eleanor (Krontz) Ewing. Alice had four children from her previous marriage: Linda, Carol, Anna, and Ronald. Leon and Alice had a son, Larry, and a daughter, Helen, Mrs. Alan L. Nickols.

Aleatha Berniece Houlton married John L. Carr. They had no children.

Lewis George Houlton married Helen Barley and they had a daughter, Sharon; a son, Michael; and an adopted daughter, Karen.

George Lewis Houlton married Jean Hippert and they adopted two children: Linda and James.

Leland "Jack" Stanford Houlton, an auctioneer, married 12 December 1916, in Hillsdale, Michigan, to Jessie H. Hathaway. She was born 24 January 1875, daughter of Dr. Calvin and Harriet E. (Hutchenson) Hathaway. They had one son, Calvin H., who died in infancy. Leland died 1 January 1967, in Angola, Indiana, and Jessie died 4 March 1951, in Fremont, Indiana. They are both buried at Roselawn Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Firm Maurice Houlton, a New York Central Railroad employee, was married first to Cora Hurraw, 24 August 1909, and second to Esther Serena Anderson, 4 October 1921, in Stark County, Indiana. Three children were born to Firm and Esther Houlton: Maurice Melvin; Lorraine Ruth, Mrs. Bruce Husselman; and Ruby Leona, Mrs. William Berenyi. Firm Houlton died 20 October 1947, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the burial took place at Eddy Cemetery.

Mary Ann Gnagy Family

MARY ANN HOULTON, daughter of John and Nancy (Lewis) Houlton, born 21 August 1844, in the cabin built by her father in 1833, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. On 19 December 1863, in DeKalb County, she married Jeremiah Gnagy. Jeremiah was born 24 February 1841, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, son of Abraham and Susanne (Seese) Gnagy. Jeremiah came to Indiana in 1856.

Mary Ann and Jeremiah had two sons: John Sherman, born 22 September 1864; and Charles F., born 19 January 1866, and died 10 May 1866. Mary Ann (Houlton) Gnagy died 3 August 1869, just eighteen days before her twenty-fifth birthday.

Jeremiah Gnagy married a second time to Rebecca Houlton, sister of his deceased wife, and they had six children, one of whom died in infancy. Jeremiah Gnagy died 26 May 1893.

John Sherman Gnagy married 5 January 1889, to Mary Elizabeth Mathews. Mary was born 29 January 1864, daughter of Benjamin F. and Margaret Lucinda (Beebe) Mathews. John and Mary had four children: Earl Wesley, born 24 June 1889, and died 20 March 1891; Muriel Jasper, born 2 August 1891; infant daughter, born and died 23 April 1893; Benjamin Henry, born 19 June 1895. On 28 December 1897, John and his family migrated to Coleville, Washington and in 1927, he and his wife moved to Wineville, California. Mary E. Gnagy died 1 April 1936, in Riverside, California, and John Sherman Gnagy died 10 September 1940, in Riverside. Their ashes were returned to Indiana, and buried at Hamilton Cemetery.

Muriel Jasper Gnagy married 8 June 1920, in Spokane, Washington, to Lydia Mae Jamieson of Tacoma, Washington, who was born 21 February 1893, daughter of Richard Watson and Eda May (Burgess) Jamieson. Muriel and Lydia had three sons: Walter Lewis, born 23 April 1924; Richard McArthur, born 21 November 1925; Merle Wesley, born 29 December 1927.

Benjamin Henry Gnagy was unmarried and lived in Los Angeles, California.

SAMUEL HOULTON, born 24 October 1801, in York County, Pennsylvania, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Kilgore) Houlton. He migrated with his parents to Ross County, Ohio, in 1802. They lived on the upper trail of the high bands prairie, below Chilicothe. When Samuel was about twelve years of age, the family moved to the next county to the west and settled in Madison Township, Highland County. They lived in a log cabin on the bank of Possum Run, located on the east side of the road between Greenfield and Cynthiana.

About the age of twenty-five, Samuel left Highland County and went north to an unsettled part of western Ohio. He settled in the area now known as Edgerton, in St. Joseph Township of Williams County, Ohio. He is considered the first settler of that township and possibly the first in the county. He is known to have been in Williams County in February of 1827, when he went into partnership with Isaiah Hughes to build a sawmill on Fish Creek, about a mile north of what is now the town of Edgerton.

Samuel was married 6 February 1833, in Williams County, Ohio, to Hannah Fee. Hannah was born 19 April 1817, near Gallipolis, Ohio, in Gallia County, daughter of William and Margaret (Collins) Fee, who had migrated to Williams County in the summer of 1830. It is said it was a double wedding, the two Houlton brothers, Samuel and John, marrying the two Fee sisters, Hannah and Sarah. Williams County records show Samuel and Hannah were married 6 February 1833, and that John and Sarah were married 5 February 1833.

Samuel and Hannah were the parents of three children: Mary, William M., and Lucinda. Samuel died 17 May 1839, in Williams County, Ohio, and a year and a half later, his widow married Martin A. King, 10 September 1840, in DeKalb County, Indiana. They moved to New York State. Mary Houlton married Perry King and died in Michigan some time before 1880, and Lucinda married Darius Jackman and was living in Kansas in 1880.

William M. Houlton was born 29 September 1837, in Williams County, Ohio, went to New York State and in 1857, went to Madison Township, Highland County, Ohio, to reside with his grandmother and his uncle, Matthew. Upon the death of the latter in 1871, he received the family farm, where he resided and built a new house.

William served in the Army beginning in April, 1861, when he entered for three months service as a member of the twenty-second Regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry. After serving out the time for which he was engaged, he re-enlisted, and was assigned to the first Virginia Calvary, with which he remained until it was mustered out 15 July 1865. He was a good soldier and one who was always regarded as fit for any post at which he was placed. One of his deeds of daring was the capture of the colors from the Rebel line in a fortification which the Calvary charged and took. He had three months of suffering in Libby prison and at Belle Isle, which so reduced him that he was sent home for a furlough and with permission to remain as long as he pleased, or to leave the army for good. He returned, however, as soon as able, and again took his place at the front.

William was married 15 August 1865, to Eliza L. Wilcox, of Chautauqua County, New York, by whom he had five children: Ida, the first born died, Samuel, Frank, George, and Mary.

Margaret Houlton

MARGARET HOULTON, daughter of John and Sarah (Fee) Houlton, born 8 April 1836. She was the first white child born in DeKalb County, Indiana. She was born in the log cabin on Fish Creek that her father built in 1833, in Franklin Township.

Her mother died in 1839, and she was raised by her father and his second wife, Nancy Lewis. On 15 November 1860, in DeKalb County, she married William H. Slentz. William was working for her father and he was born about 1839 in Ohio. In October of 1864, William entered the military and served in the War of the Rebellion. He served in Company G of the 53rd Indiana Infantry. His health failed during his military service and never fully returned. He died 5 March 1874, in DeKalb County, at the age of thirty-four years, seven months, five days. Margaret and William had two children: Rinaldo Burdette, born 7 February 1867, and Nancy Rosetta, born 18 June 1868.

On 28 January 1877, in DeKalb County,

Margaret married James Cummins. Margaret died at her home near Edgerton, Ohio, 15 June 1883.

Rinaldo Burdette Slentz married Lucy Ann Mentzer and they had three children: Lana, Mary, and Daniel Rinaldo. Lana never married and Daniel died in World War I at Montfaucon, France, 8 October 1918, a Sergeant in the Rainbow Division. He never married. May Slentz married James Lanbrakis and had a daughter, Patrula. Patrula married Leslie Hultquist and they have one son, Jim. Patrula lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Nancy Rosetta Slentz married Jack Bryan and had a daughter, Cleo. Cleo married Earl Moore and they had no children.

GEORGE A. CAPEN, born 23 February 1910, Auburn, Indiana, son of Robert and Anna (Baird) Capen, of Sedalia, Missouri. His paternal grandparents are James and Sarah (Chaney) Capen, of Sedalia, Missouri. His maternal grandparents are Calvin and Phoebe (Widner) Baird, of Auburn, Indiana.

Dorothy Tomer, born 19 September 1913, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Blucher and Berenice (Nicolai) Tomer, of Ashley, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Adam and Louisa (Agler) Tomer. Her maternal grandparents were Ezra and Lucretia (Daywalt) Nicolai, of Tiffin, Ohio. Lucretia Daywalt was the granddaughter of George Park, a brother of Wesley Park, founder of Auburn, Indiana.

George and Dorothy were married 12 November 1942, in Auburn, Indiana. They currently live on North Van Buren Street, Auburn, Inidana. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Capen are members of the Methodist Church of Auburn, Indiana.

Although both are retired, George has worked at Magnavox Company and Dorothy at Auburn Auto Company and Messenger Company.

NICHOLAS FRIEND, SR., born in 1568, in Glochestershire, England. His occupation was a yoeman. He married Anna Scott. To them was born a son, Nicholas Friend, Jr., in 1616, in Thornley, Province of Glochestershire, England. Nicholas Friend, Sr., died 18 August 1638.

Nicholas Friend, Jr., born in 1616, was the son of Nicholas Friend, Sr. and Anna Scott. While growing up, he lived in Weymouth, England. He became a sea captain and sailed a merchant vessel with which he traded between England and American Colonies. He married in 1654 to Anna, last name unknown, born 1618, by whom he had five sons: Andrew, Jonas, Lawrence, Gabriel, and John, and five daughters: Elizabeth, Gertrude, Susanna, Sarah, and Barbara, married Peter Longacre. All of these, it is believed, were born in or near Weymouth, England, between the years of 1654 and 1675. After the years of 1675, because of political problems, the family set sail for America. Off the coast of America, the vessel was shipwrecked on the Delaware River and in the confusion of attending the wreck, two of the Friend children were overlooked and left of the sinking craft, from which they were rescued by the sailors with extreme difficulty. It seems that the father lost his life in the supreme effort to save his children from the foundering ship. The family, all except the father, reached land in safety and settled in upland in 1675. Anna lived to the ripe old age of one hundred six years. She died in 1724, and was buried at St. Paul's Cemetery in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Friend, born in 1660, was the son of Nicholas Friend, Jr., and wife, Anna. Andrew married Isabella in 1701, and their place of residence was Oak Hill Plantation, Delaware. Andrew was the first born son of Nicholas, Jr. and Anna, and was a sea captain like his father until he was thirty years old.

Andrew and Isabella were the parents of four children: Israel, Charles, Rebecca, and Phillip.

Andrew's sister, Barbara, who married Peter Longacre, had a daughter named Sarah, who was the model on the "Indian Head Penny" wearing the feathers of an Indian Chief. The American Penny was issued in 1836.

Philip Friend, Sr., son of Andrew and Isabella Friend, born in 1718, place of birth, Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Philip Sr., married "Ann" Elizabeth (Horshberg) Harsh, born 29 November 1726. They were the parents of seven children: Philip, Jr., Christople "Stophel", George, Elizabeth, John "Tobias", Cathanna "Charity", and Catherine.

Ann Elizabeth (Horshberg) Harsh, died 2 February 1797, with burial in Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Philip, Sr. died 5 May 1801, with burial in Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

George Friend, Sr., son of Philip Friend, Sr. and Elizabeth (Horshberg) Harsh, born in 1752, in Somerset, Pennsylvania. He married Catherine "Caty" Sook. To their union were born Susannah, Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Philip, Christina, George, Jr., John, Catherine, and Jacob. George Friend, Sr., died approximately 1829-1830.

George Friend, Jr., born in 1774, in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of George Friend, Sr. and Catherine Sook.

He married Barbara Greubaugh, born in Pennsylvania, in 1786. They were married 17 June 1805, in Jefferson, Ohio. Barbara's father was Michael Gruebaugh.

George Friend, Jr. and wife, Barbara, were the parents of John, born 1806; Elisabeth, born 1807; Sarah, born 1809; Jacob, born 1813; Mary Ellen, born 1814; Susanah, born 1816; Michael, born 1819; George, born 1821; Christopher, born 1826; and Phillip, born 1828. The children were born in Richland, Ohio. George Friend, Jr. died in 1829, in Richland, Ohio. Barbara later married Robert Ellison or Allison. Barbara died 11 September 1852.

Michael Friend Home
then and now

MICHAEL FRIEND, born in Richland County, Ohio, 7 February 1819, son of George and Barbara Friend, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Richland County, where the father died in 1829. His mother, Caty, married Robert Allison. Michael Friend came to Jackson Township, DeKalb County, and bought a tract of heavily timbered land, which became his home. It took several years to clear the timbered land for farming and to build a home. In 1842, his mother and stepfather came to DeKalb County and made this farm their home until his mother died in 1852. Mr. Allison went to Michigan and died there.

Michael Friend was marreid 23 July 1844, to Eliza Miller. She was born in Ohio in 1824. In 1854, they settled on their farm which is one of the best in Jackson Township. Mr. Friend is one of the most practical farmers of the township and his home shows the care of a painstaking and thrifty owner. His buildings were always in good order and his residence was one of the best in the township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Friend were born five children: Mary Ellen, born 18 May 1845, in Ohio, married Samuel Osborn, 10 November 1869; James Miller Friend, born 5 December 1846, in Ohio, married Alice Kester; Nancy Jane, born 31 August 1848, in Ohio, and died 24 March 1876, at the age of twenty-seven years; Norris Friend, born 8 July 1855, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Susanna, 16 August 1874, died 8 February 1935; and Amos Friend, born 11 November 1857, in DeKalb County, Indiana, married Jessie Shamberger, who was born in Ohio in 1858. Amos died 16 February 1929, in DeKalb County.

Amos Friend Family

AMOS WESLEY FRIEND, born 11 November 1857, in DeKalb County, on the Friend Farm in Jackson Township. He was the youngest of five children of Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend. He had two brothers: James Miller and Norris William, and two sisters: Mary Ellen and Nancy Jane.

Amos married Jessie Shamberger. To this union were born five children: Ellen, Charles S., Minnie May, Ida B., and Frank.

In February, 1898, Amos bought eighty acres from his father, Michael, for one thousand dollars, which was the Friend Homestead Farm. Amos' occupation was a farmer.

Ellen married Frank Steffin; Charles S. married Daisy L. Squires; Minnie May married James

Armstrong; Ida B. married Herman Peters, her second husband was Earl Kaufman; and Frank E. married Ida Mae Warstler.

Amos' wife, Jessie, died 17 December 1918. In February, 1920, Amos married Jennie, in Hillsdale, Michigan. Jennie was born in 1860.

Amos died 16 February 1929 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

Charles Friend Family

CHARLES SANFORD FRIEND, born 1 May 1878, in DeKalb County, on the Friend Homestead, south of Rehobath M.P. Church, son fo Amos Wesley and Jessie Shamberger. Charles had three sisters and one brother: Ella, Minnie May, Ida B., and Frank. His paternal grandparents were Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend.

Daisy Lillie Bowser (Squire) Friend, born 1 or 7 September 1878, in Allen County, Indiana. The daughter of Rhoda (Bowser) Stoner. In infancy, Daisy was adopted by Nathan and Anna (Marshall) Squires, Jackson Township, DeKalb County. She had eight foster brothers and one foster sister: James, Samuel, Sidney, Filmore, Susan A., John, Nathan W., Horace, Orange Vincent. Daisy A. and Murtle died in infancy.

Daisy also had a half sister, Della May Stoner. Della was born to Rhoda and Daniel W. Stoner, 21 March 1883. Della married Joseph P. Jamey, 6 February 1902.

Charles and Daisy were married 30 November 1899, and to this union were born six children: Arthur M., Marie M., Violet P., Royal, Gladys B., and Walter, who died in infancy.

The first ten years of their marriage was spent in Garrett, Indiana. After this the family moved to Helena, Mississippi, for six years. Then they returned to the old Friend Homestead in Jackson Township for seven years. From there, they moved to a farm near Columbia City, Indiana, then to a farm near Monroeville, Indiana. Later, they moved to a farm near Decatur, on the McMillian farm. They raised registered livestock for sale.

During the time they lived near Columbia City, Daisy was afflicted with long and suffering paralysis. She bore it with a smile and without a murmur of complaint. The family were all members of the Rehobath Methodist Protestant Church, Jackson Township, DeKalb County.

Daisy died 21 May 1935, in Decatur. She was a true devoted wife and beloved mother, and loved her home and family with a real parental love. She was a good neighbor and friend to everyone. After Daisy's death, Charles moved to Ossian on a farm, where he and his daughter, Marie, made their home. Marie cared for her father until she died in 1941. After Charles retired from farming, in 1944, he moved to Fort Wayne and lived on McKinnie Avenue. He moved his church membership to the Gospel Temple. He was employed with the General Electric Company in Fort Wayne. After retirement, he was employed as a maintenance man at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for fourteen years. He resided in Fort Wayne for nineteen years, until his death 6 March 1963, at age eighty-three years. He died of a heart ailment.

Arthur Friend Family

ARTHUR MURWOOD FRIEND, son of Charles S. and Daisy L.M. (Squires) Friend, born 1 May 1900, in Garrett, Indiana, DeKalb County. His paternal grandparents were Amos W. and Jesse (Shamberger) Friend of DeKalb County, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Nathan W. and Ann (Marshall) Squires of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Berniece B. Peters, born 6 May 1901, in DeKalb County, to Charles L. and Pearl Belle (Garman) Peters. Her paternal grandparents were Ernest and Ricka (Gael) Peters, of DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were William H. and Mary E. (Reese) Garman, of Allen County, Indiana.

Arthur M. and Berniece B. were married 4 May 1922, at the Butler Center parsonage, in DeKalb

County, Indiana, by Reverend J.R. Elson, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church. Witnesses were Agnes Peters, sister of the bride, and Cecil Friend, cousin of the groom. They made their home on the O. Vince Squires farm in Jackson Township, where their first six children were born. The two youngest sons were born on the Friend Homestead Farm, in Jackson Township.

Farming was Arthur's occupation. They had several teams of horses used for farming. He had a head of milking cows, raised hogs, chickens, sheep, rabbits. The crops were corn, oats, wheat, rye, hay, onions, and potatoes. Many summertime help was employed to weed and top six to eight acres of onions raised each year.

Memorable times were the threshing machine teams that went from one farm to another treshing the shocked grain for the graineries on the farms and building a straw stack out behind the barn. Cream was separated from the milk and delivered to the creamery in Auburn. The Whey was fed to the pigs along with chop.

A huckster wagon driven by Harvey Hull of St. Joe, Indiana, visited the farm weekly selling products from the grocery store. Later on in years the Walter Baker Huckster Wagon came with products from their grocery store in Spencerville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend are the parents of eight children: Marcille H. (Friend) Wible, of Fort Wayne; Mildred E. (Friend) Fisher, of Avilla, Indiana; Donald E. Friend, of Auburn; Evelyn L. (Friend) Ridge, of Butler; Betty Lou, died in infancy; Ruth Ann (Friend) Walters, of Auburn; Larry D. Friend, Danville, Illinois; and Paul W. Friend, of Angola, Indiana.

Mr. Arthur Friend bought the Friend Homestead Farm on 4 March 1935, and moved to the farm in approximately June, 1939.

Arthur retired from active farming operations in March, 1954, holding a public sale and renting his fields.

He died suddenly 9 May 1955. Berniece remained on the Friend Homestead until her death 25 July 1981. Their interrment is in Roselawn Cemetery.

Arthur attended school in Garrett, Indiana. When he was eight years old, his family moved to Helena, Mississippi, and lived there for eight years. He graduated from eighth grade in Helena, Mississippi, on 1 March 1916.

Berniece Peters graduated from Auburn High School in 1917. At the age of sixteen years, she attended Tri-State College and graduated as a teacher in 1919. She taught in an eight grade school for several years before marriage. She also taught Sunday school classes for a total of thirty-eight years.

They attended the Rehobath Methodist Church, where he was lay leader for many years. They were active in the White Shrine in Kendallville, Masons, Eastern Star in 1966, the Farm Bureau, Friendship Grange, and were active in the Republican Party, serving as County Precinct Committeemen.

Larry Friend Family

LARRY DAVID FRIEND, born 28 September 1941, in Auburn, Indiana, the seventh of eight children born to Arthur Murwood, born 1 May 1900, died 9 May 1955, and Berniece Beatrice (Peters) Friend, born 6 May 1901, died 25 July 1981. His paternal grandparents were Charles and Daisy (Squires) Friend. His maternal grandparents were Charles and Pearl (Garman) Peters.

Barbara Sue (Roe) Friend, born 23 July 1943, in Decatur, Indiana, the youngest of two children born to Leo Harold, born 15 July 1914, and Frances Erdene (Williams) Roe, 23 February 1912. Her paternal grandparents were Edward and Retha (Haggard) Roe. Her maternal grandparents were Reverend Carl and Eva (Brown) Williams.

Larry and Barb were married 4 July 1965, in Decatur, Indiana, and have two daughters: Laura Lyn, born 1 September 1967, and Amy Sue, born 1 January 1979.

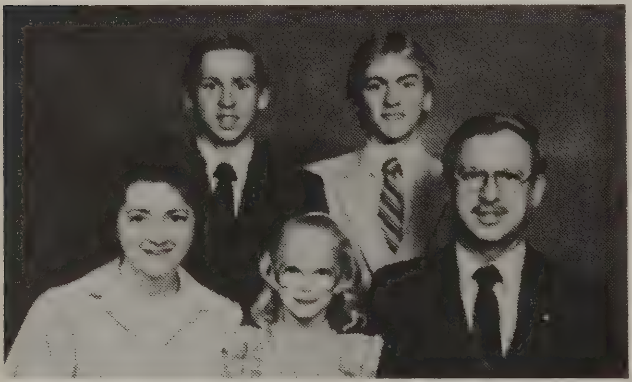
Larry attended Spencerville, Indiana, Grade School; Auburn, Indiana, Junior High School; and graduated from Riverdale High School, St. Joe, Indiana, in 1959, as class valedictorian. He was active in church, 4-H, FFA, Grange, and sports; serving as State 4-H Junior Leader Council Officer and State FFA Officer. Larry attended Purdue University and received a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Education in 1963, and continued in graduate school in Agricultural Economics. While in college he served as president of Farm House Fraternity, and was active in several professional and service organizations.

Larry has been at Lauhoff Grain Company, a soybean processor and corn miller, in Danville, Illinois, for over seventeen years and most recently was Vice President and Manager of the Commodity Department. He has been active in the JC's, United Way, Kiwanis, and serves on the Board of Trustees at St. James United Methodist Church. He enjoys sports, especially golf and basketball.

Barbara graduated from Monmouth High School, Decatur, Indiana, in 1961, and began work at Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana. After marriage, she worked at the School of Veterinary Science and Medicine, Purdue University. Barbara is Coordinator of Evangelism at St. James United Methodist Church, a counselor for the Junior High Group, and active in the U.M.W. She enjoys cooking and bridge.

Laura graduated from Danville, Illinois, High School in 1985, as the top girl student. Activities included church, band, choir, and theatre. She was a finalist in the 1984 Miss T.E.E.N. Illinois Pageant. Laura is currently a sophomore at Purdue University in the School of Pharmacy. She is involved in the Kappa Epsilon professional fraternity and is an officer for the Wesley Foundation. Laura is a church organist on campus and works as a pharmacy technician at Lakeview Medical Center in Danville.

Amy is in the second grade at Liberty Elementary School in Danville. She enjoys playing the piano and singing in the church's children choir.



Paul Friend Family

PAUL WESLEY FRIEND, born 14 June 1943, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Arthur Murwood, born 1 May 1900, died 9 May 1955, and Berniece Beatrice (Peters) Friend, born 6 May 1901, died 25 July 1981. Paul is the youngest of eight children. His paternal grandparents were Charles S. and Daisy Friend. The family tree on the Friend side would include, in order: Paul W., Arthur M., Charles S., Amos, Michael, George, Jr., George, Phillip, Andrew, and Nicholas. Captain Nicholas owned a fleet of five ships and arrived in America in the 1600's. His maternal grandparents were Charles L. and Pearl B. Peters.

Inger Elsa (Gardin) Friend, born 5 September 1945, in Starke County, North Judson, Indiana, the daughter of Gosta Seybrant, born 23 February 1907, died 1969, and Elsa Katarine (Persson) Gardin, born 5 April 1904, died 1974. Inger is the youngest of eight children, including: Lily Nichols, born 7 July 1929; Ronald and Roy Gardin, twins, born 5 May 1933; Judith Weitgenant, born 28 May 1935; Guy Gardin, born 1 September 1938; Kent Gardin, 19 July 1941; and David Gardin, born 2 August 1943. Her maternal and paternal grandparents were born and lived in Sweden.

Paul and Inger were married 19 August 1967, in North Judson, Starke County, Indiana. They have three children: Brian Paul, born 8 February 1969; Brent Aaron, born 13 May 1970; and Katrina Renee, born 2 June 1978. The family are members of the Angola United Methodist Church.

Paul graduated from Riverdale High School, St. Joe, Indiana, in 1961, and from Purdue University with a BS degree in Agricultural Education in May, 1965, and continued graduate school in Agricultural Economics until May, 1967. Paul started as the Assistant County Agent in Jasper County, Rensselaer, Indiana, in June, 1967, transferring to Steuben County in February, 1974, serving as Office Coordinator with Agriculture and Youth responsibilities. In 1977, the responsibilities were switched to Coordinator and Agriculture. Paul received his MS degree in 1972, from Purdue University.

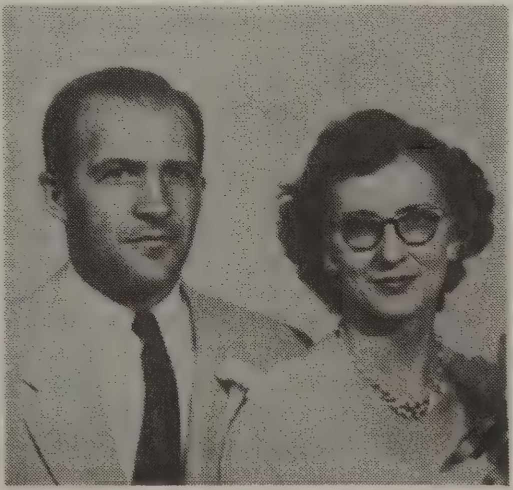
Inger graduated from San Pierre High School in 1963, and from Purdue University with a BS degree in Home Economics in May, 1967. She received her MS degree in Home Economics Education in 1976. Inger taught Home Economics in Wheatfield for one year.

Paul has served on the Steuben County Plan Commission, Angola Kiwanis Club, Steuben County Fair Board, and became active in the Angola Masonic bodies, serving as Worshipful Master of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236 in 1979, and Eminent Commander of Angola Commandery No. 45 in 1980. Paul is currently serving in the Grand Line of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, and will serve as Grand Commander in 1988-1989.

Inger is the manager of the Family Tree, a children's retail clothing store in Angola. Inger is also active in the Angola United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher and as a member of the Chancel Choir. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 78.

Brian is a senior at Angola High School and is currently the Vice President of the National Honor Society and participates in basketball, track, and cross country. He has completed eight years of 4-H and has participated in many trips, including the REMC sponsored trip to Washington D.C. He has had thirty-three entries in 4-H at the Indiana State Fair. He ranks in the top ten of his class and plans to attend Purdue University in the School of Business; Brent is a junior at Angola High School and is active in basketball. He has completed seven years of 4-H and attended trips as the State Junior Leadership Conference and State Fair Boys School. He has had twenty-nine entries at the Indiana State Fair in 4-H. He ranks in the top ten of his class and plans to attend Purdue University; Katrina is in the third grade at Carlin Park School in Angola. She enjoys bicycling, skate boarding, and playing with the family dog, Trixie, and cat, Fluffy.

The family experienced the tornado that went through Angola on 3 April 1974. All the windows were blown out and the roof lifted up on one side of the house, while the curtains were blown out. The roof came down with the curtains hanging on the outside. The family was laying in the middle of the house with no personal injuries. Several family members helped the Friends move the next day to a new house. The family enjoys refinishing furniture and collecting antiques.



Robert and Marcille Wible

MARCILLE H. FRIEND, born 4 March 1923, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Arthur M. and Berniece B. (Peters) Friend. Her paternal grandparents were Charles S. and Daisy L. (Squires) Friend. Her maternal grandparents were Charles L. and Pearl Belle (Garman) Peters. She was a member of Rehobath Methodist Church. Marcille attended Jackson Center School for eight years and graduated from Spencerville High School in 1941. During World War II, she worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne.

She married Earl Gidley and to this union was born a daughter, Sherri Lee. In May, 1951, Earl died. His interment is in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

On 10 July 1954, Robert E. Wible and Marcille H. (Friend) Gidley were married. Robert E. Wible was born 18 November 1919, in Bluffton, Indiana, to Plinney and Beatrice M. (Suddeth) Wible. He attended Bluffton Schools and graduated in 1937. He belongs to the Masons. Robert enlisted in the Army during World War II and served in the European Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wible are the parents of Sherri Lee (Gidley) Wible Sauer and Dennis L. Wible. Sherri married Joseph Sauer and they are the parents of two children: Heather Rae, born 16 March 1976, and Aaron Joseph, born 9 July 1980; Dennis L. Wible married Leslie McFarland and to this union was born a son, Kyle Wesley, born 16 August 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wible are members of the Gospel Temple in Fort Wayne. Robert Wible was afflicted with Parkison Disease in the early 1960's. He died 4 May 1985, in the Veteran's Home at Lafayette, Indiana, burial in Fort Wayne Cemetery.

Ernest Peters Family

ERNEST PETERS, met Ricka Gael in the state of Mechlenberg, near the town of Schwerine in Germany. They were married and came to America, first living near Garrett, then moving to Jackson Township in DeKalb County.

Ernest Peters' mother was Johonn Kleeman. She married Gustavus Hagenau. To this union were born Sophia in 1840, Johonn in 1843, and August in 1844. After Hagenau's death, she married Joachin Peters, who was born in 1819. To this union were born Charley in 1850, Henry in 1851, Ernest in 1854, Fred in 1856, and Albert in 1858.

Ernest and Ricka Peters had five children, all born in America: Albert, born in 1875, married to Della Kester, then Emma Price; Charles, born in 1876, married Pearl Belle Garman; Sarah, born in 1880, married John Dannenberg; Edward, born in 1882, married to Frances Tarney, then Bertha Wright; and Frieda, born in 1890, married William Habig.

Charles and Pearl Peters

CHARLES L. PETERS, born 23 April 1876, in DeKalb County, son of Ernest and Ricka (Gael) Peters. His paternal grandparents were Joachin and Johonn (Kleeman) Peters, from the state of Mechlenberg, city of Schwerine, in Germany.

Pearl Belle Garman was born 22 April 1880, in Allen County, daughter of William Henry and Mary E. (Reese) Garman. Her paternal grandparents were Enoch and Mary E. Polly (Warner) Garman.

Charles and Pearl were married 1 November 1899. They lived in Jackson Township, where he was a farmer. They were members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters were the parents of five children: Agnes L., married Ralph Warstler; Berniece B., married Arthur M. Friend; Myrtle, deceased at an early age; Bessie P., married Raphael Moser; and Ernest, deceased at an early age.

Pearl Peters died 29 March 1950, and Charles Peters died in 1958.

NATHAN SQUIRES, son of William A. and Susan (Wyatt) Squires, born in Richland County, Ohio, 30 June 1830. He remained with his parents until manhood, assisting in the work on the farm and attending the school district.

On 15 November 1853, he married Ann S. Marshall, a native of Cornwall, England. She was born to James and Anna S. (Prout) Marshall, 17 January 1826. Her mother died when she was an infant and her father soon came to America with the baby and her sister, Elizabeth. They settled in Cleveland, Ohio. It was there that she met Nathan Squires and they were married. They came to his father's home, the late William A. Squires, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, who had entered this land from the government in 1838, then a veritable wilderness. In 1859, they bought forty acres in Jackson Township for two hundred twenty-five dollars and there they built a log cabin.

Nathan Squires Family

On 9 August 1862, Nathan volunteered his service for his country. He served in Company A, 100th Indiana, Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, Chattanooga, on Missionary Ridge, where he was wounded and was in the hospital for two months. He rejoined his regiment and was with Sherman at Atlanta and on the March on the Sea. He also went through the Carolinas to Washington, where, in May, 1865, he was in the line at the the Grand Review. He bore an honorable part in fifteen battles and skirmishes and was discharged 8 June 1865.

Nathan and Ann Squires had twelve children, including one foster daughter: James W., Samuel Asher, Sidney Newton, Fillmore Adelbert, Susan Abelva, John Sherman, Wyatt Nathan, Horace Corwin, Orange Vincent, Daisy Ann, Myrtle Ellen, the later two daughters died in infancy, and Daisy Lillie Mary, the foster daughter.

Nathan Squires died 18 April 1895, and Ann Squires died 30 March 1913. Interment in the Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

NATHAN SQUIRES, lived in DeKalb County, Indiana, where he settled in 1837, when at the age of thirty-two he enlisted at Indianapolis, Indiana, 10 August 1862, as a private in Company A, 100th Indiana Voluntary Infantry, Second Brigade, Third Division, Fifteen.

At Mission Ridge, November, 1863, he was shot in the left thigh and strained his back. He

Nathan and Asher Squires

was taken to the hospital at Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he remained ten days, he was also at Marietta for two weeks. In December, 1863, he was furloughed for thirty days, the time being afterward extended eighty days. He rejoined his command at Bridgeport, Tennessee, and was for sometime guard over the wagon trains.

He participated in the following battles: Vicksburg, Black River, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Lookout Mountain, Big River, Mission Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, was present at the surrender of Lee, was also at the Grand Review at Washington, D.C., his honorable discharge was granted him at Indianapolis, Indiana, 9 June 1865.

Nathan Squires had two brothers in the Army: Asher C. was a member of Company A, 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, died in the hospital at Memphis, Tennessee; John was a member of the 129th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was wounded. Both of his grandfathers were in the Revolutionary War. Our comrade draws a pension, is a member of DeLong Post 67, a farmer and resided in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Asher Squires, mustered in 10 August 1862, died at Puducah, Kentucky, 17 August 1863

Nathan Squires, mustered in 11 August 1862, out 8 June 1865.

John W. Squires, mustered in December, 1863, out 29 August 1865.

ANN SQUIRES, daughter of James and Ann Marshal, born in London, England, January 17, 1834, died March 30, 1913, at 9:30 a.m., on the farm where she had lived and made a home for all comers since November, 1858-55 years-at the age of seventy-nine years, one month, and thirteen days.

Ann Squires never knew her mother, her mother left off this earthly life when the baby took it on. At the age of three weeks her father and sister, Elizabeth, with the baby set sail for

Ann (Marshall) Squires

the new world - America. After a long, tedious and perilous voyage, they arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, where she grew to young womanhood. In 1853, she visited her only sister, Elizabeth, who had married a Mr. Lang and lived near Solon, twelve miles out from Cleveland in the Garfield neighborhood. On this visit she met Nathan Squires, a young carpenter, who, together with his brother, the late Jonathan Squires, were building a farm house for Mr. Lang. Their first meeting was at the well whither she had gone for a pitcher of water and he for a drink. This meeting led to a favorable acquaintance which ripened into love and they were united in marriage, November 12, 1853, and came to his father's home, the late William A. Squires, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, who entered this land from the government in 1838, then a vertiable wilderness.

Ann Squires and her husband bought their first land in 1859, the west forty of their present farm, for which they paid $225. They soon dug a well and built a cabin home and in it a fire place and chimney and moved into the house, November, 1859, before there was a window or a floor laid. When the team arrived with the family which consisted of Ann Squires and two babies, James and Samuel, and the household goods, they had to wait for the husband to saw a hole in the north side of the house through which the family entered and the goods were carried. Bed quilts served for doors for a few days.

In 1862 her husband volunteered his service and life if need be to the services of his country for a term of three years or during the war. He served in Company A, 100th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out of service in Washington, D.C., in 1865, at the close of the war. During these years, Ann Squires was what is every where known as a war widow and we ventured and the neighbors bear witness that under the circumstances no woman ever performed her part better.

To this union were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Two daughters dying in infancy, Daisy Ann and Myrtle Ellen. John Sherman and Horace Corwin departed this life after they had attained manhood. Her husband, Nathan Squires, died April 18, 1895, since which time she had been a widow. Six sons and one foster daughter remain to mourn her departure, namely James W. of Fort Wayne, Samuel Asher, Sidney Newton, Fillmore Adelbert, Nathan Wyatt, Orange Vincent, all of Auburn, and Mrs. Bell Dancer of Elsie, Nebraska, and Mrs. Daisy Friend of Helena, Mississippi. There are also thirty-one grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Ann Squires affiliated herself in early life with the Methodist Protestant Church and lived a consistent Christian life. She was not a lodge woman. She was not an author, nor an actress, nor a public lecturer, but she was truthful, honest, intelligent, and industrious. She was economical, accumulative and charitable.

She was the noblest handiwork of God - a devoted virtuous wife and a loving Christian mother - the queen of her own home.

The funeral was held at Rehobeth church, Jackson Township, on Wednesday, April 2, and interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

PETER SHOUPE, born in the early 1800's in Germany. He married Catharine in Germany in 1834. Catharine, born 19 July 1816, in Hamberg, Germany.

In 1837, they crossed the ocean to take up residence in America. They endured the days of sea navigation, when two months were necessary to cross the old ocean. Being able to be tossed about for nine long weeks encounting rough seas and terrible storms, and being made of sturdy stuff that was common heritage of the American pioneer. They landed safely on American soil. They settled in Ohio, then moved to Indiana near Troy. There Peter Shoupe sickened and died in 1852.

Eight sons and four daughters blessed their union. One of the daughters was Caroline Shoupe, wife of Frederick H. Bunge, who lived in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 1862-1914. The mother left a widow with her family to rear and because of her firm faith in God, whom she had learned in childhood to trust was equal to the task.

After five years of widowhood, she married Josiah Haviland, 28 February 1857. They located in Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio. On 5 June 1896, Josiah Haviland died.

Catharine Shoupe Haviland, having been in failing health for over a year, made her visit to her daughter, Caroline Bunge, who lived southwest of Butler, Indiana. While there, Catharine took to her bed and for six months had been kindly cared for and every want supplied. She quietly passed away 4 July 1902, at the age of eighty-six. She was buried in the Malcohm Cemetery, near Berlin, Ohio.

Frederick and Caroline Bunge

FREDERICK HENRY THEODORE BUNGE, born 4 May 1832, and his brother, Louis Ludwig Bunge, born 2 October 1834, left Germany in the fall of 1849, to avoid being drafted in the German Army. They left their parents, John and Elizabeth (Frost) Bunge, and a sister in Germany. Their decision was apparently not a popular one with their family. Louis was sixteen and Frederick was eighteen when they boarded a sailing ship for America. Their journey was harrowing as they were on the water for seventeen weeks and were blown off course to the north. They navigated between icebergs and according to their account of the voyage about froze. Their food supply ran low and the last four weeks on board they were rationed to one meal a day. Finally, they reached port in New York City. The brothers made their home in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Frederick Bunge met Caroline Shoupe, born 9 July 1841. They were married 30 October 1862, in DeKalb County. They were the parents of eight children: Josireo, born 10 January 1865, died 17 November 1887; Nettie I. (Bunge) Weeks, born 6 January 1870, died 7 May 1909; Ella Cathaine (Bunge) Pomeroy, born 14 January 1871, died 24 November 1950; John Bunge, born 4 July 1876, died 19 February 1935; Joseph Bunge, born 17 January 1881, died 14 February

1881; Frederick William Bunge, born 17 January 1882, died 3 March 1948; Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge, born 16 July 1883, died 14 March 1961; and Nellie Olive Bunge, born 5 October 1885, died 15 August 1942.

Frederick went west to Kansas where his brother went to see about homesteading there. After a dry spell, Frederick came back to DeKalb County near Auburn, Indiana. In January of 1876, he purchased eighty acres of land in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, from David S. Ober for thirty dollars per acre. This was the original land on which the Ridge farm now sits near Butler.

The first barn built on the property in 1881 still is in use, although it has been added to. Frederick built the thirty-six foot by sixty-four foot barn with the help of his sons and another friend. The hued all the logs out for the barn. The logs came from the woods on the property. One of the thirty-six foot beams in the barn is black walnut. The rafters are made of Tamarack and came from a nearby muck swamp. The barn is held together with wooden pins. The old oak tree still stands at the corner of the drive like a landmark to the farm.

Caroline died 8 June 1914, aged seventy-three years, and Frederick died 17 June 1915, aged eighty-three. Interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

LOUIS LUDIOUK BUNGE, born 2 October 1834, in Germany. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Frost) Bunge. He had one brother, Frederick Henry Theodore Bunge, born 4 May 1832. Louis, at sixteen years, and Frederick, at eighteen years, left Germany in the fall of 1849, and sailed for America. Arriving in seventeen weeks, they worked their way west to DeKalb County, Indiana.

Louis was a tailor by trade before coming to America. He met Minnie Gillow, born 3 March 1838, after coming to America and they were married. They had two sons: Francis, born 1865, and Albert Merick, born 13 April 1867. Francis and Albert were born near Auburn, Indiana.

Louis went to Kansas where he got a pre-empted one hundred sixty acres for $1.25 per acre, which is not a homestead. This land was located at Lacumpton, Kansas, close to Lawrence, Kansas. They moved there in 1869. Francis was four years old at the time and Albert was two.

Louis died 9 September 1914, and Minnie died 21 April 1915.

John Ridge Family

JOHN M. RIDGE, born 26 August 1840, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, to Thomas and Mary (Skinner) Ridge. He was next to the youngest of nine children.

John attended Victoria School for boys. The school building also houses the teacher's residence. It was surrounded by a high stone wall with an iron entrance gate. Discipline was very severe and often brutal. His education was interrupted when he was put to work about eight years of age.

At the age of ten, he accompanied his parents to America, on the ship Northland, where his uncle had settled several years before in Indiana. This was in 1850.

On the trip, which lasted eight weeks, many serious as well as funny experiences happened. One in particular happened to his brother, James, and a young German. On the ship were rows of compartments used to build fires for cooking. James had built a fire and left to get a kettle of water. Upon returning, he found the young German had placed his kettle on James' fire. After scuffling about the fire, James punched the German, who went flying to the floor. James had detention in the Captain's cabin for three hours. Years later, James was telling this story to a group of friends in Butler, Indiana. When he concluded, one of the listeners stepped forward and identified himself as the German lad. His name was Aldophus May! They shook hands and had a hearty laugh.

John lived with his parents in Indiana, Iowa, and back to Indiana, DeKalb County in 1861. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in November, 1864, and always voted the Republican ticket there after.

He married Lydia A. Slentz, 13 December 1868. They began house keeping on a rented farm four miles northwest of Butler, Indiana. Three children were born to this union: Ida, Cora, and Charles. Ida married Joseph Llewellyn. They lived in Waterloo, Indiana, and had one daughter, Bertha; Cora married Lowell Johnson and lived in Butler, Indiana; Charles married Dora Bunge and resided on a farm near Butler.

They have two daughters: Esther and Doris, and one son, Robert.

The family circle was first broken by the death of Lydia, 25 February 1900, who had been an invalid for many years. John had surgery in 1916, amputating his right hand after which he enjoyed good health, thankful he led a temperate and cheerful lfe in the midst of many adversities. His last four years, he spent in blindness, never seeing his only grandson.

John died 15 February 1929, and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. The family were members of the U.B. Church at the settlement known as Jerusalem.

Charles and Dora Ridge

CHARLES HENRY RIDGE, born 5 July 1881, in DeKalb County, son of John M. and Lydia (Slentz) Ridge of Waterloo. Charles attended school east of Waterloo on old U.S. 6. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Skinner) Ridge, both born in England.

Dora Belle Bunge, born 16 July 1883, in DeKalb County, Butler, Indiana, daughter of Frederick H. and Caroline (Shoupe) Bunge of Butler, Indiana. Dora attended school at Moores. Her maternal grandparents were Peter and Catharine Shoupe. Both were born in Germany and immigrated to America in 1837.

Charles Henry and Dora Belle Bunge were married 5 October 1904, at the home of Reverend I.N. Shilling, in Wilmington Township. They left by train from Waterloo to Hillsdale, Michigan to attend the fair for their honeymoon.

Charles and Cora are the parents of three children: Esther Carolyn, born 21 May 1908; Dora, born 2 January 1915; and Charles Robert, born 18 August 1924. All of the children attended Moores School.

Charles was a farmer and in 1915, Charles and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge bought the Bunge farm, where Dora had been raised. Crops raised were hay, wheat, corn, and oats. They also raised onions. They had dairy cows, horses, chickens, sheep, hogs, and ducks.

One pair of horses used for farming were named Pat and Mike. They weighed over twenty-two hundred pounds each and were formerly used for the dray service in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They were two of the best trained horses in DeKalb County. Queen was the name of the horse that pulled the buggy and sled.

Their first car bought was a model T-Ford.

The threshing machine owned by Charles Keller traveled from farm to farm thrashing grain. Charles Ridge and son, Charles Robert, were part of the team. During the Depression, hard times were experienced on the farm by many farmers. The Ridges created a route to sell butter, eggs, dressed chickens and ducks, vegetables from the farm for a living.

Charles H. Ridge served on the jury of the Federal Court in Fort Wayne. It was there he met James Angelone, who had planned to come to Butler as an attorney.

Charles was active in the Republican Party and was a member of the Advisory Board. He was a fifty year member of the Knights of Pythis Lodge in Butler, Indiana. Dora was a member of the Wilmington Township Home Demonstration Club. They were members of the Butler Methodist Church.

Charles died 27 May 1962, from a heart condition. Interment in the Butler Cemetery, Butler, Indiana.

THOMAS AND MARY (SKINNER) RIDGE, were immigrants from Kent, England, near Tunbridge Wells. They lived on a farm which was called Mouse Den. All farms in England were given names. Thomas was a teamster.

Thomas and Mary had nine children: Mary Ann; Thomas, died 1851; James, born 1830; Hannah; Sophia, died 1844, four years old; William, died 1862; boy died in infancy, 1838; John, born 1840; and Margaret, born 1847.

In 1850, they left England on the ship Northerumberland for America. Thomas had a brother, who had been in America for several years and wrote such glowing accounts of the country, he decided to go there too. The trip took eight weeks, docking in New York City, 12 January 1851.

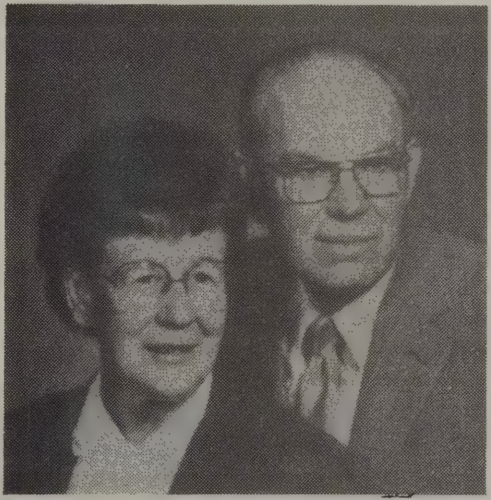
The family traveled west by river boats and wagon to Indiana, where Thomas' brother lived, settling on a farm south of Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana, in 1853.

In the summer of 1856, the Ridge family and a few neighbors purchased land in Iowa near Sioux City and left 12 May 1857, with few possessions to stake their Iowa claims. Here they built a log cabin and enjoyed a good life until the settlement became fearful of their safety by unfriendly Sioux Indians, who made a raid on the settlers.

In the spring of 1861, the family returned to Indiana, trading their Iowa property for land in Indiana. Son, James, was living in DeKalb County, Indiana, where Thomas and family came in October, 1863. He purchased forty acres.

Members of the family served in the Civil War. William was killed at Richmond, Kentucky, August, 1862, three weeks after leaving home. He left a wife and four small children.

Thomas, Mary, Mary Ann, and Hannah are buried in Brownsville, Indiana. James at Hamilton, Indiana.



Roy and Doris Moughler

ROY J. MOUGHLER, born 23 December 1912, on a farm in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, south of Artic, Indiana, son of Burl and Della C. (Riser) Moughler. His paternal grandparents were John and Alice (Hendershot) Moughler. His maternal grandparents were Benjamin Franklin and Anna Hendershot, who lived in Defiance County, Ohio, near Clarksville, Ohio.

Doris Ellen Ridge, born 2 January 1915, in Wilmington Township, southwest of Butler, daughter of Charles Henry Ridge and Dora Belle Bunge. Her paternal grandparents were John M. and Lydia Ann (Slentz) Ridge. Her maternal grandparents were Frederick Henry Theodore and Caroline (Shoupe) Bunge.

Roy graduated from Pole Cat University, Skunk Hill, with B.S. degree in Base Ball and Donkey on Rock. The Moughlers both graduated from Butler High School, 1932-1933, and were married 22 September 1935, at the home of the bride's parents by Reverend Russell H. Blackburn.

They were engaged in farming with his brother, Ora, and wife, Majel, in grain crops and beef cattle. Each farm had dairy cattle numbering about twelve head, which the wife milked by hand twice a day for many years. The farm partnership ended when Ora died at age of fifty-five in 1961.

Roy was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Dekalb Memorial Hospital, also a member of the Director of DeKalb Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Moughler have been active in church for many years.

Roy has lived at the place of his birth, home farm for seventy-four years. A brother, Ollus Leston, born in 1904, and his wife, Golda, live on their Troy Township farm, and a brother, now deceased, Ora Dale, in Troy Township, Fish Creek farm, south of Artic, Indiana. He also had a sister, Helen Isabelle (Moughler) Wagner, wife of Reverend Herman Wagner, who resides at Clyde, Ohio.

Doris (Ridge) Moughler has a sister, Esther (Ridge) Viall, wife of Emmett Viall, who resides at Edgerton, Ohio. A brother, Charles Robert Ridge, and wife, Evelyn, live on the Bunge Ridge farm, Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Roy and Doris are the parents of two children: Roger D. Moughler, born January, 1940, married Gloria Briner, in 1973. They are the parents of Gary B., born 1975, and Cassie Sue, born 1976. Gloria died 23 January 1986. Roger now owns the Moughler Farm and is a hog producer; Carolyn Lou, born 1945, is a graduate of Fort Wayne International Business College and married G. Patrick Dennis in 1968. They are the parents of two daughters: Tonya Lyn, born 1974, and Lisa Jean, born 1977. Carolyn is employed at American Telephone, Telegraph Company office, Morris Town, New Jersey. The Dennis family reside at Montville, New Jersey, and Patrick Dennis is a Productions Manager of New Products Division for Select Toy Company. He is an electrical engineer and quality control expert. His business trips have taken him to Japan, China, Hong Kong, Tiawan, and Germany. His travel time by Concord jet from New York to Paris is three hours and fifteen minutes.

Roy and Doris spend much of their summer time at Forest Park beach cottage, since retirement, at Hamilton Lake, Indiana.

HENRY VON MOFFLER, born 1779, died

Jacob Moughler Family

1855, in Wittunber, East Prussia, France, now Germany, married Catherine, born 1780, died 1865. Lived near Alsaces Loraine, they had great wealth in land and a castle in which to live and a title name, Von Moffler.

A French-German War, the land was taken over by Germany. They lost their land, castle, and possessions, changed their name to Moughler.

The Moughlers came to America and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and two children were born there: Elizabeth, born 1800, and Jacob, born 1805, died 1888.

They moved to Wayne County, Ohio, near Wooster. More children were born there: Valentine, George, Henry, and Peter.

Henry, his wife, Catherine, and their family moved to DeKalb County in 1852. They settled on farm land southeast of Butler and on a hill built a log house. The land is now owned by the Myers family.

The Henry Moughler family farmed and operated a cider mill and made corn booze for many years. They also had many fistfights among themselves, caused by drinking booze.

Henry and Catherine are buried at Big Run Cemetery, Butler, Indiana.

Jacob, son of Henry, married Hannah Bordner, born in Boliver, Ohio, Wayne County, 1828, is a farmer. Their children were: Amanda, born 1848; John, born 1850, died 1930; Mary, born 1852; Emma, born 1856, died 1909, owned Clifton Hotel in Butler from 1897 to 1909; Amos, born 1859; Daniel, born 1862; John, a farmer, married Alice Hendershot, born 1857, died 1930, and their children were: Burl, born 1881, died 1969, a farmer; Glenn, born 1886, died 1946, a farmer. Burl married Della C. Riser, born 1885, died 1968. To this union were born four children: Ollus Leston, born 1904; Ora Dale, born 1906, died 1962; Roy J., born 1912; and Helen Isabelle, born 1916.

Ollus married Golda David, born 1908. Their children were: Martha Louise, born 1931, married to Lyle Baird; Clark Marvin, born 1936, married Grace Cordell; Mary Jane, born 1940, married Myron Stackhouse; and Sandra Jene, born 1941, married James Holmes.

Ora married Majel Knox, born 1909. Their children are: Ina June, born 1928, married Ralph Seltenright; Lila Ruth, born 1931, married Wilbur Dohner, a farmer; Sue Eileen, born 1933, married Glen McKee; Larry Lee, born 1936, married Elaine Sholl, a farmer; and Linda Kaye, born 1944.

Roy J. married Doris E. Ridge, 1914. Their children are: Roger D., born 1940, married to Gloria S. Briner, born 1949, died 1986. Their children are: Gary B., born 1975, and Cassie Sue, born 1976.

Carolyn Lou, born 1945, married G. Patrick Dennis. Their children are Tonya, born 1974, and Lisa, born 1977.

Burl's daughter, Helen Isabele, born 1916, married Reverend Herman Wagner. Their children are: Paul Allen, born 1940, married Margaret Riegel; Samuel Joseph, married Donna Riegel; Mary Jean, married Robert Musser; and Daniel Lee married Connie.

Glenn Moughler, born 1886, died 1946, a farmer, married Vernie Wagner. Their children are: Hubert Moughler, married Marna Houser. They have two sons, Dale and Craig, and a daughter, Joyce; Catherine, born 1912, deceased. She married Howard Emme, born 1912, deceased. Howard and Catherine have two daughters, who live in California.

Emmett and Esther Viall

EMMETT A. VIALL, born 27 April 1905, in Lafayette, Indiana. He is the son of Charles Arthur and Lydia Mae (Umbenhower) Viall of Smithville, Ohio. Charles Viall worked in a paper mill and made cardboard boxes. Emmett's paternal grandparents were Edwin W. and Florence T. (Homer) Viall. His maternal grandparents were Samuel Ohio and Mary Jane (Davis) Umbenhower.

Emmett attended school at Rittman, Ohio. He was employed with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for forty-four years before retirement. He was assistant signal engineer from Baltimore, Maryland to Chicago, Illinois.

Esther Carolyn (Ridge) Viall, born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, 21 May 1908. She is the daughter of Charles H. and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge, who resided near Butler, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were John M. and Lydia M. (Slentz) Ridge, of Waterloo, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Frederick and Caroline (Shoupe) Bunge, of rural Butler, Indiana.

Esther attended Moores Community School and Butler High School. She played in the Butler Ladies Band in the summer time for eight years under the direction of Lydia Stage. After graduating from Butler High School, in 1926, she did practical nursing in the winter months with her aunt, Nellie Bunge, who was a practical nurse. Most of the care given was for new mothers with babies born in the home.

Emmett A. and Esther C. (Ridge) Viall were married in her parents' home, rural Butler, on 16 September 1928, by Reverend J.R. Steele.

Their first home was Massillon, Ohio, from there they moved to New Castle, Pennsylvania. During the Depression, they came back to DeKalb County to help Esther's parents farm. They moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and then to Youngstown, Ohio. From there they moved Garrett, Indiana, and then to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They retired in 1970, and moved to Edgerton, Ohio, where they are presently living.

They are members of the Edgerton, Ohio, United Methodist Church. Emmett is a fifty-four year member of the Masons, fifty years in Scottish Rite and is a member of the Shriners. Esther is a fifty-two year member of the Eastern Star.

Charles Ridge Family

CHARLES ROBERT RIDGE, born 18 August 1924, on the Ridge Farm, southwest of Butler, son of Charles Henry and Dora (Bunge) Ridge. His paternal grandparents were John M. and Lydia (Slentz) Ridge, of Waterloo. His maternal grandparents were Frederick H. and Caroline (Shoupe) Bunge, of Butler, Indiana.

Evelyn Lois (Friend) Ridge, born 27 July 1928, southwest of Auburn, in Jackson Township, daughter of Arthur M. and Berniece B. (Peters) Friend. Her paternal grandparents were Charles S. and Daisy (Squires) Friend, of DeKalb County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Charles Ludwig and Pearl Belle (Garman) Peters, of DeKalb County, Indiana.

Charles Robert attended Moores Community Grade School for eight years and graduated from Butler High School in 1943. He was a member of the Butler Methodist Church. He helped his father farm and worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne. Enlisting in the Army in 1945, 716th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. He spent several years in the service, being processed at Camp Attebury and from there to Camp Gordon, located near Augusta, Georgia, then to Fort Riley, Kansas. After that he went to Vancouver, Washington. The rest of the time was spent in Hawaii. After being discharged from the Army, he returned to the farm to help his father.

Evelyn attended Jackson Center Grade School, eight years. She was a member of Rehobath Methodist Church. After graduating from Spencerville High School. She worked at Lincoln Life and Magnavox, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Charles Bob and Evelyn were married 30 May 1948, in Rehobath Methodist Church, Jackson Township, DeKalb County.

In the fall of 1948, Charles Robert's parents moved into Butler and Bob and Evelyn made their home on the farm, southwest of Butler.

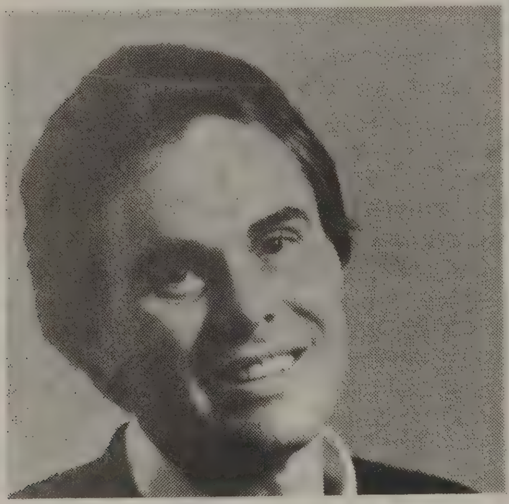
Things have changed on the farm since then. Currently they are farming approximately one thousand acres, along with their son, Jeff, and have a large hog enterprise.

Evelyn helped farm for thirty years after marriage. She then took the job of manager of the Butler License Branch, September, 1977, in Butler, Indiana.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ridge are members of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. They are active in the Republican Party. Mr. Ridge has been a County Councilman for twenty-four years. They are members of the Farm Bureau, Eastern Star, Knights of Pythis and Pythian Sisters Friendship Grange, American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagle, Butler, and the Moose Lodge of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridge are the parents of three sons: Jack L. Ridge, who is Quality Assurance, Director of Vance Food Company near Chicago and who resides in Glen Ellyn, Illinois; James L. Ridge, who is a structural Engineer for Sargent and Lundy of Chicago and who resides in Hinsdale, Illinois with his wife, Judy (Hackbarth) Ridge and two sons: Matthew J. and Jason T. Ridge; Jeffrey L. Ridge is married to Patrice Michele Mickey (Ryan) Ridge and they have two children: Karla Rae and Charles Ryan Ridge. Jeffrey is in partnership with his father in farming approximately one thousand acres and operated a large hog enterprise.

Charles Robert Ridge has farmed all his life and still resides on the family farm that has been in the family since 1876. He was the recipient of the Hoosier Homestead Farm Award, given 13 April 1978, by the State of Indiana in recognition of the ownership and the contributions its members have made to the heritage and economic development of DeKalb County and the State of Indiana.



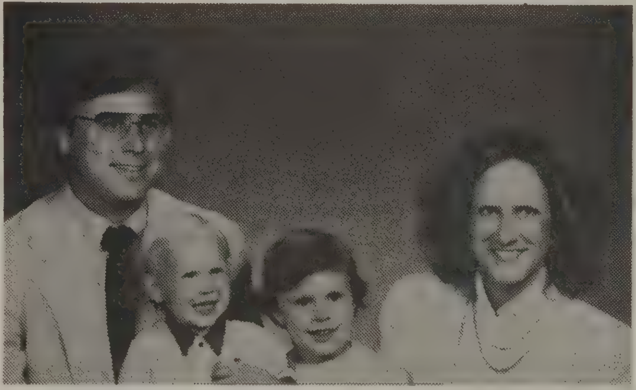
Jack Ridge

JACK L. RIDGE, born 7 September 1949, in Dr. Bonnell Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, son of Charles Robert and Evelyn L. Ridge, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Charles H. and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Arthur M. and Berniece B. (Peters) Friend, of Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

He attended Moores Community School and Butler Grade Schools. He was active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. He also helped with the farming upon graduating from Eastside High School, in Butler, Indiana, in May, 1967. He attended Purdue University at West Lafayette, Indiana, majoring in Food Science. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in June, 1972.

In July, 1972, he was employed with Vance Foods Company, of Berkeley, Illinois. Joseph Van Eckeren, founder of Vance Foods, 2 February 1950, came to America from Holland in 1948, looking for a better life. Vance Foods, Incorporated, are the processors of meat and poultry entrees, canned gravies and sauces, soup bases for the food service industry. Currently they are the largest suppliers of the Tray-Pac can to the Department of Defence. The Tray-Pac can replaced the field rations used in World War II. The Tray-Pac are placed in steam-generated equipment for service men in the field.

Jack is a Quality Assurance Director for Vance Foods. He is a professional member of the Institute of Food Technologists and he also is a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.



James Ridge Family

JAMES L. RIDGE, born 25 May 1951, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Charles Robert and Evelyn L. (Friend) Ridge. His paternal grandparents were Charles Henry and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Arthur Murwood and Berniece B. (Peters) Friend, of Auburn, Indiana.

Judy Anne Hackbarth was born 10 November 1950, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, daughter of Henry John and Natalee Jane (Mensing) Hackbarth of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her paternal grandparents were John Charles and Helen (Geffert) Hackbarth, Madison, Wisconsin. Her maternal garndparents were Edmund H. and Katherine M. (MacGillis) Mensing, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Judy has two sisters: Bonnie (Hackbarth) Templeton, of Schamburg, Illinois, and Heidi (Hackbarth) Harwood, of Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and one brother, David E. Hackbarth, of Alexandria, Virginia. Judy's father, Henry John Hackbarth, died 24 October 1960. Judy's mother, Natalee J. (Mensing) Hackbarth, married David Anton Kranbuehl, 15 June 1963.

James L. Ridge and Judy A. Hackbarth were married 4 August 1973, in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

James attended Moores Community School and Butler Elementary School. After graduating from Eastside High School, at Butler, Indiana, he attended Purdue University, School of Civil Engineering at West Lafayette, Indiana. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in May, 1973. After graduating, he was employed with Sargent and Lundy Engineers of Chicago, Illinois, consultant to the power industry. He attended Northwestern University Graduate School. James is currently field assigned at a nuclear power facility under construction in Braidwood, Illinois.

Judy Ridge graduated from Brookfield Central High School in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She attended Purdue University, specializing in Interior Design in the Home Economics School, and graduated with Honors in May, 1973. In August, 1974, she was employed in the interior architectural department of Skidmore Owenings and Merrill, located in Chicago, Illinois, for ten years. She is now self employed as an interior architect in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridge are the parents of two sons: Matthew James Ridge, born 5 March 1982, in Chicago, Illinois, and Jason Thomas Ridge, born 12 April 1984, in Hinsdale, Illinois.

They presently reside in Hinsdale, Illinois, and are members of the Union Church in Hinsdale, Illinois.

JEFFREY L. RIDGE, born 20 April 1956, in Auburn, Indiana, son of Charles Robert and Evelyn (Friend) Ridge. His paternal grandparents were Charles Henry and Dora Belle (Bunge) Ridge, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Arthur Murwood and Berniece B. (Peters) Friend, of Auburn, Indiana.

Patrice Michele Mickie Ryan, born 20 August 1957, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of Wilbur Walter and Wanda Caroll (Plumleigh) Ryan, of Deltona, Florida. Her paternal grandparents were Freeman and Hattie Houella (Powers) Ryan, of Angola, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Charles Theodore and Nellie Leota (Popp) Plumleigh. Mickie was two brothers: Kelly Todd Ryan, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Patrick Michael Ryan, of Toledo, Ohio, and one sister, Kimberly Therse Ryan, of Deltona, Florida.

Jeffrey L. Ridge and Patrice M. Ryan were married 2 September 1978, in Auburn, Indiana. Jeffrey attended Butler Elementary School. After graduation from Eastside High School of Butler, Indiana, he attended the Purdue Winter Agricultural Course at West Lafayette, Indiana. After completing the Agricultural Course, Jeffrey went to work on the family farm where he farms with his father, Charles Robert Ridge.

Mickie Ridge graduated from West Noble High School in Ligonier, Indiana. She attended Maranatha College, in Watertown, Wisconsin. Since leaving school, Mickie has worked for the Clerk's office of DeKalb Superior Court. She is now employed by the law firm of Brinkeroff as a legal secretary, where she has been since 1983.

Jeff and Mickie Ridge are the parents of two children: Karla Rae Ridge, born 5 July 1981, in Auburn, Indiana, and Charles Ryan Ridge, born 18 March 1983, in Auburn, Indiana.

They presently reside near Butler, Indiana, and are members of the Bible Baptist Church of Auburn, Indiana.

J.C. and Mildred Fisher

MILDRED E. FRIEND, born 5 September 1924, in Jackson Township, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Arthur M. and Berniece (Peters) Friend. Her paternal grandparents were Charles S. and Daisy (Squires) Friend. Her maternal grandparents were Charles L. and Pearl (Garman) Peters.

J.C. Fisher, born 18 September 1922, at Avilla, Indiana, son of Frank L. and Flossie (Gregory) Fisher. His paternal grandparents were Moses and Ellen (Moree) Fisher. His maternal grandparents were Frank C. and Mary (Wysong) Gregory.

J.C. and Mildred were married 22 February 1947, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Fisher graduated from Avilla High School and Purdue University. He taught school several years at Avilla, Indiana. He served with the United States Army, Eighth Infantry Division, European Theatre, during World War II. Mrs. Fisher graduated from Spencerville High School.

Mr. Fisher and his brother, Kermet, operated Fisher Brothers Market, in Avilla, for twenty-nine years.

They are the parents of three children: Karen (Fisher) Johnson, deceased, 20 August 1980; Karleen (Fisher) Harp, registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital; and Gregory Fisher, who works with United Parcel Service in Dallas, Texas.

Steven Harp Family

KARLEEN FISHER, born in Garrett, Indiana, 3 July 1953, daughter of J.C. and Mildred (Friend) Fisher, of Avilla, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Frank and Flossie (Gregory) Fisher, of Avilla, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Arthur M. and Berniece (Peters) Friend, of Jackson Township, Auburn, Indiana.

Steven D. Harp, born 6 July 1952, in Lagrange, Indiana, son of Donald P. and Retha (Nelson) Harp. His paternal grandparents were Charles D. and C. Hazel (Caldwell) Harp. His maternal grandparents were Rollin J. and Thersie (Blough) Nelson.

Steve and Karleen were married 20 December 1974, in Avilla, Indiana. He graduated from Lakeland High School in Lagrange, Indiana, and North Manchester College. He obtained his masters degree at St. Francis College, in Fort Wayne. Karleen graduated from East Noble High School, Kendallville, Indiana, and Purdue School of Nursing.

Karleen is a registered nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and Steve is a teacher with the DeKalb Central Schools and is Assistant Baseball Coach.

He is President of the DeKalb Central Teacher Association. They are members of the United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harp are the parents of three children: Seth Allan, Sara Beth, and Stacey Leigh Harp.

Thomas and Susan Bishop

THOMAS JAMES BISHOP, born 30 April 1952, son of Robert Daniel and Barbara Ann (Miller) Bishop. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1970, and is presently employed as a cabinet maker in Grabill, Indiana.

Susan Anne (Walters) Bishop, born 18 November 1959, daughter of David Lee and Ruth Anne (Friend) Walters in Auburn, Indiana.

The Bishops are the parents of two daughters: Sadie Anne, born 2 April 1983, and Abby Leigh, born 13 April 1986. Both girls were born in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

They reside in Jackson Township, the same house where Thomas Bishop's father, Robert Bishop; his grandfather, Roscoe Bishop, and great great grandfather, Willis Bishop, had all lived at one time.

DAVID LEE WALTERS, born 22 December 1937, near Auburn, Indiana, the youngest son in a family of nine born to Melvin Eugene and Mildred Irene (Fisher) Walters. His paternal grandparents were Louis and Jane Jennie Walters, of DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents were Grover Cleveland and Gertrude (Curry) Fisher, of northwestern Ohio. David graduated from Riverside High School, St. Joe, Indiana, in 1956.

Ruth Anne Friend, the youngest daughter in a family of eight, was born 1 October 1935, to Arthur Murwood and Berniece Beatrice (Peters) Friend in Jackson Township. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Daisy (Squires) Friend of Jackson Township. Her maternal grandparents were Charles and Pearl (Garman) Peters of DeKalb County. She graduated from Spencerville High School in 1953, this being the last graduating class from Spencerville before consolidation with St. Joe.

On 1 June 1958, David and Ruth were married in the Rehobath Methodist Church in Jackson

Township.

The Walters are parents of three children: Susan Anne, born 18 November 1959, married Thomas James Bishop, 22 September 1979; Annette Kay Walters, 15 June 1961, lives and is employed by a travel agency in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Edward Lee Walters, born 14 August 1963, who with his father, David, are agriculturalists.

David has farmed since 1954. Besides the land they own, David and Ed share-crop and/or cash rent several neighboring farms. Their tractors consist of a diesel powered 4-wheel drive Steiger and several diesel John Deeres, along with the necessary equipment to till, plant, and harvest the crops. Besides grain farming, they raise beef cattle and hogs.

Ruth served as Deputy Recorder of DeKalb County from 1956 through 1959. Since 1971, she has driven a school bus for DeKalb Central United School District and was an abstractor of titles for Knapp Abstract, Inc., of Auburn.

In 1982, the Walters moved to their present farm at 6458 County Road 39, in Jackson Township, from a farm three-fourths of a mile south of their present location. This farm is also known as the Friend Homestead, which has been owned by the same family since Michael Friend settled there in 1844. Michael Friend is Ruth's great great grandfather. The Walters have the original goatskin certificate of their farm issued from the General Land Office of the United States, dated 20 August 1838, and signed by President Martin VanBuren.

ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, born 24 November 1919, Logansport, Indiana, son of Joseph and Anna May Williams. Robert's parents and grandparents are all deceased.

He married Elva 14 March 1943, at Logansport, Indiana. Elva was born 22 October 1918, at Logansport, Indiana. Elva's parents and grandparents are all deceased.

Robert attended school at Logansport, Indiana, and college at Indiana and Purdue Universities. Elva attended school at Logansport and Ball State University. They met while teaching school at Washington Township, near Logansport, Indiana. Robert and Elva were teachers at many different schools. Robert was principal from 1968 to 1979, at Eastside Junior-Senior High School in Butler, Indiana. He is now a Real Estate Broker.

To this union were born two children: Robert C., born 12 October 1945, and Claudia J., born 11 October 1947.

Elva passed away in 1974. Robert remarried after the death of Elva to Marilyn Overcash. They currently reside in Butler, Indiana.

JESSE LOWER, born 5 September 1821, at Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Jesse Lower's parents are Daniel Lower, born around 1790, Pennsylvanian, and Agnes Nygh, born around 1788, Pennsylvania.

Mary Infield, born 5 July 1832, at Pennsylvania. Mary Infield's parents are Michael Infield, born around 1790, Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Gallets/Garletts, born around 1800, Pennsylvania.

Jesse Lower and Mary Infield were married 16 March 1850, at Coshocton County, Ohio.

Between 1860 and 1870, Jesse Lower purchased land in DeKalb County, Indiana, and moved from Coshocton County, Ohio, to Indiana, with their six children: Levi, born October, 1853; Catharine, born 23 September 1854; Joseph, born 8 January 1856; Rebecca, born 30 May 1859; Solomon, born 12 April 1860.

Four more children were born at DeKalb County, Indiana: Armelia, born 24 August 1866; Jesse, Jr., born 27 April 1868; William, born October, 1870; and Agnes, born 11 October 1872.

Their home was a large square two story home with wooden siding. When this home burned down, a group got together and built them a new one story home.

Jesse Lower farmed. In the yard was a work area where he made wooden axe handles. He was always good at arithmetic. Anyone that needed help with doing figuring came to Jesse Lower. School kids went to him for help with their arithmetic problems.

Mary (Infield) Lower spoke Pennsylvania Dutch. She talked to another woman once at a meeting who was German, but the German she knew was different. Mary Lower was very clean. Any dirty spots on the floor were first rubbed with sand to remove the spot. If you were there to eat, they always had good ham.

Mary (Infield) Lower would help nurse people in their homes. She would go to help anyone with sickness or childbirth. She did all this while raising her own big family.

Jesse Lower died 29 April 1908, at Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Jennie Jackman took care of Mary (Infield) Lower at her home. Mary died 25 November 1913,. in DeKalb County, Indiana. Their graves are in the Waterloo Cemetery.

SOLOMON LOWER, born 12 April 1860, at Coshocton County, Ohio, the son of Jesse Lower and Mary Infield. His paternal grandparents were Daniel Lower and Agnes Nygh. His maternal grandparents were Michael Infield and Elizabeth

Gallets/Garletts.

Cora Elizabeth Albright, born 3 May 1868, at DeKalb County, Indiana, the daughter of Joseph Albright, born 29 September 1817, at Ohio, and Catherine (Kinsey) Albright, born 8 June 1828, at Wattenwyl, Switzerland.

Solomon Lower and Cora E. Albright were married on 27 September 1885, at DeKalb County, Indiana.

Solomon Lower and his brother, William Lower, had a threshing machine and went from farm to farm to do threshing. They would stay overnight at the farm. Sometimes they were at one farm for three or four days and then would move on to the next farm.

To this union were born eleven children: Merlin Lower, born 1 May 1866, married Goldie Bowers, 11 March 1914, died 10 October 1947; Bruce Spurgen Lower, born 30 August 1888, married Mary Lou Wolfe, 11 October 1911, died 2 June 1944; Max Lower, born 27 November 1890, married Jennie Lung on 15 May 1912, died 19 January 1949; Ruby Lower, born 27 January 1893, married Roscoe L. Redding, 6 May 1913, died 7 January 1948; Kathryn Lower, born 25 July 1895, married first Aaron Gamso on 15 November 1923, who died 18 March 1945, and second Roscoe Redding on 30 May 1948, died 6 October 1985; Kenneth Lower, born 23 October 1897, married Jsutine Mack, married second to Lela Lester, died 17 April 1965; Bessie Lower, born 27 October 1899, married Rufus E. Leithly on 1 June 1923, died 1 September 1974; Twins, born 11 July 1902, one died 11 July 1902, and the other 5 November 1902; Hilda Lower, born 27 September 1903, married Homer Caryle Landis on 15 October 1923. Hilda is living at Santa Barbara, California; Clifford Lower, born 2 April 1906, married Lucille Holderman Dickey on 11 October 1945. Clifford died 20 December 1983.

Solomon Lower died 19 June 1908, at Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, and is buried in Waterloo Cemetery.

Cora E. Lower had a tighte barn for two or three years at Butler, which her cousin, Evan Collins, ran for her. They could put seventeen rigs on the west side of the barn and could tie fifty or sixty horses. Roy Hankey used to ride a horse to Butler High School and would tie his horse up in Cora's tighte barn for ten cents a day. The horse was watered and fed the bundle of hay and half dozen ears of corn he brought with him in the morning. The horse was all saddled and ready for him when he got out of school at the end of the day. Cora also had the South Side grocery store at Butler.

Cora Lower married Iva M. Miller, a farmer, 19 May 1914. They divorced.

Cora Lower married a third time to James Hyde, a carpenter and contractor from Oklahoma, on 23 January 1918, at DeKalb County, Indiana.

Cora Elizabeth (Albright) Lower died 1 April 1945, at Goshen, Indiana, and is buried next to Solomon Lower in Waterloo Cemetery.

James and Alvira Campbell

JAMES P. CAMPBELL, the third child of Samuel and Anne (DeVore) Campbell, was born 31 October 1847, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were William, born in Ireland, 16 May 1787, died 23 August 1865, and Margaret, born Pennsylvania, 20 September 1865, Campbell. William and Margaret are buried in Rude Cemetery north of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Kale) DeVore, of Carroll County, Ohio.

Around 1869 James married Alvira Campbell (from an unrelated Campbell family), who was born 16 September 1853, at Doylestown, Wayne County, Ohio, the daughter of John Campbell, born around 1799, in West Virginia, and Mary (Day) Ulm, born around 1808, Pennsylvania. When the country was in the midst of war, around 1963, Alvira came with her father, sister, Sarah Louise, and brother, Eldredge Augustus, to Butler, Indiana, and settled on a farm about three miles from Butler.

At the age of one year, James came to Indiana with his parents. The family settled in Wilmington Township on the farm later known as the Charles Capp farm.

After his marriage to Alvira, he purchased forty-three acres in Wilmington Township in Section 3 and 10, west of Butler, Indiana. He continued to farm until 1880, when he worked as a railroad hand. Later James moved his family to Stafford Township and bought another farm. Here the younger children attended the Big Run School. The family attended services at the Big

Run United Brethren Church when they were held. James was baptised there around 1891. Eventually James and Alvira moved to a farm east of St. Joe, Indiana, which they rented and farmed. It was here that James died 22 March 1916, of chronic heart disease. Alvira died 27 January 1937, Edgerton, Ohio, at the home of her daughter, Carrie Rohrbaugh. Both James and Alvira are buried at Rude Cemetery, north of Butler, Indiana. At least five of their children are also buried there.

James and Alvira had eleven children, all born in DeKalb County, Indiana: Puttima Ann Timey; Samuel L.; James Leander Lee; Sarah B.; William Elmer Red married Addie Metcalf; Emma Leota Em married first Luther Crain, second Lon Walz; Carrie Wilmette married W.W. Rohrbaugh; Rosa C. married Irwin Haddix; Lorenzo Lenny; female, name unknown; Lulu L. married first Lee Burley, second Virgil Royer.

Carrie Campbell

CARRIE CAMPBELL, born 5 September 1883, Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, the seventh child of James P. and Alvira (Campbell) Campbell. Her paternal grandparents were Samuel and Anne (DeVore) Campbell. Her maternal grandparents were John Campbell and Mary (Day) Ulm.

Carrie married W.W. Rohrbaugh. They divorced. They had seven children: Norma Ruth, who married Ray Badman; Ruby Jemima Dorothy; Iris Gertrude Marie, who married first Donald Monroe Crist, second Harry Fisher; twins, James Ellison and Elize Ellison - Elzie died at birth and Ellison married first Virginia Jensen, second Pearl Ellsworth; Loren Max, who married Mary Donnelly; and Loyal Debs, who married first Emma Moog, second Evelyn Spath.

Early March of 1924, Carrie moved to the Frank Fetters property south of Edgerton, Ohio, from the farm on the State Line. Her three daughters were already married. Shortly thereafter, about 1925-1926, Carrie and her daughter, Ruth Badman, started and ran a hat shop business in Edgerton. In 1926, Carrie and her three sons made another move. This time they moved to the Jarrard property located in the northeast part of Edgerton village. Subsequently Carrie, with the help of son, Loyal, bought a home on South Michigan Avenue, where she and her sons: Loyal, Max, and Ellison, lived until the sons married and established separate homes elsewhere. Carrie continued to live on Michigan Avenue until her death.

Never one to be idle, Carrie sold Watkins products for a few years, worked at such places as the glove factory, the Airline Packing Company, Herman Kruse Canning Company, and for many years was a cook at the Edgerton School until her retirement in the early 1950's. Many of those working years she also cared for her aged mother, who was blind the last three years of her life. She could sing and played the piano by ear, loved all kinds of needlework, and was a beautiful seamstress. She was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ and belonged to the Pythian Sisters St. Joe Temple 449. At the time of her death, she held the post of Most Excellent Chief. Carrie died 18 December 1957, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Carrie's daughter, Ruby, born 5 September 1902, Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, married first Donald Monroe Crist, son of Grant and Eustena (Fix) Crist, of Bryan, Ohio. They were later divorced. Living in Bryan, Ruby worked for awhile at the Ohio Art Factory. The family moved from Bryan, Ohio, to Mansfield. Ruby died at Mansfield General Hospital on 16 November 1947, and is buried in the Mansfield Cemetery, Manfield, Ohio. Two children were born to Ruby and Donald: Gwendolyn Wilmette and Jack Edwin.

ROSCOE C. TAYLOR, was born 9 September 1920, at Hamilton, Indiana, the son of Russell and Madge Alta (Chapman) Taylor. His paternal grandparents were Oscar H. and Elizabeth (Leas) Taylor. His maternal grandparents were Lemuel and Sarah May (Keggeries) Chapman. Sarah May died of childbirth 23 July 1912. Her husband then married her sister, Alta Marie Keggereis, who raised his family.

When Roscoe was about fifteen months old, his mother, Madge, died, at age twenty-three. He was raised by her parents on the farm, where he has always lived.

He attended Premium School, Ashley Grade and High School, Tri-State College, and Purdue University.

Olga was born 1 May 1920, at her parents' home in Fairfield Township. Her parents were John Henry Reinoehl and Effie Teresa (Hamman) Reinoehl. Olga attended Schoaff and Shipe Grade Schools, Ashley High School, Purdue University, and Warner Beauty College.

Roscoe and Olga were married 7 February 1942, and became the farmers of the Lem Chapman farm in Smithfield Township. In 1948, following the death of Mr. Chapman, Roscoe bought the heirs' shares and became the sole owner of the two hundred eighty acre farm. His pride in farming was good clean crops and straight rows.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been active in Church, Grange, other organizations and community affairs. Roscoe was known for his singing ability, his leadership, and held many positions in Barkers Chapel United Methodist Church, where he has been a life time member of the Ashley Grange No. 2355, where he was Master and held many other offices. He is now Pamona No. 1 Grange. He was active as Adult leader in 4-H many years. Besides farming, he works occasionally in the Hamilton Bank owned by his father.

Olga was also an active member in the work of Barkers Chapel Church, the United Methodist Women, the Ashley and Pamona Granges, Smithfield and Never Idle Home Extension Club and a member of Ashley O.E.S. No. 229 for fifty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of four children: Robert, who taught school, owned and operated a cleaning business, grocery stores in Indiana, Florida, and Massachusetts, theatres in Chicago; Deanna, who married Gary Wehr, of Fairfield Township, and has three children: Jennifer, Kristen, and Andrew. She teaches school in Frankfort and Rossville, Indiana, grade schools; Dennis, who married Susan K. Howard, of Leo, Indiana, who owns and operates a dairy farm next to his father. They have four children: Laura, Michael and Matthew (twins), and Jeffery; Nancy, who married Gary L. Moore, of Anderson, Indiana. They own and operate the Maranatha Hair, Anderson. They have three children: Elizabeth, Caleb, and Jeremiah.

Roscoe has two half sisters: Jean (Taylor) Edwards and Gwen (Taylor) Bernstein.

Olga had three half brothers: Henry, Willis, and Harold Reinoehl, two brothers: John and Paul Reinoehl, and one sister, Lydia Ruth Parr. All lived in DeKalb County.

Mr. Taylor can remember his grandfather telling about Johnny Appleseed (Chapman) dropping in at the home of his uncle in Ohio, and staying for days at a time. He would tell of his encounters with the Indians and would always sleep on the floor.

WAYNE CALVIN CUSTER, born 8 August 1923, son of A.J. Custer and Sadie Gribe, of Garrett. His paternal grandparents were William and Arminda Custer. His maternal grandparents were William Henry and Addie (Sheets) Grub.

Wayne attended school. He has worked at farming and at Custer Grain Elevator.

Wayne married Martha McKenley. Her maternal grandparents were George and Mary Caid. Martha attended Garrett School. She worked at Messengers, Creek Chub Bait at Shippy's Steak House. To them were born three children: Marsha, born 12 June 1951; Cheryl, born 15 February 1957; and Todd, born 1 December 1958.

They enjoy antique cars, dancing, woodworking, and spending time at Pretty Lake Cottage.

GEORGE CARLTON KOEPPE, son of August and Martha Koeppe. August came from Germany, at the age of sixteen. August and wife, Martha, were the first of the Koeppes to settle in Wilmington Township.

George married Lenora Shearer, daughter of James and Idad Shearer, of Spencerville, Indiana, on 9 December 1915. George, born 1895, died 1967, and Lenora, born 1896, died 1980. They spent all of their married life on the one hundred seventy-two acre homestead south of Butler. Mrs. Koeppe maintained the farm following her husband's death until 1973, at which time the entire farm was sold.

George and Lenora's children were: Kenneth LeRoy; Lola (Koeppe) Walter, of Auburn; Garnet Pauline (Koeppe) Doub, of Butler; and the late Earl Koeppe, of Auburn. They also had five grandsons and five granddaughters.

KENNETH LEROY KOEPPE, born 1 November 1932, at the Koeppe homestead, five miles south of Butler, to George and Lenora Shearer Koeppe.

Kenneth and Gayle Lee Snyder were married 5 December 1953, in Atlanta, Georgia, at the United States Army Chapel, where Kenny was receiving training in the Wheel Vehicle Mechanic program with the Army. They were later reassigned to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Kenny completed his time with the Army. Their oldest son, Kedric, was born in Colorado Springs

Koeppe Family

just six weeks before Kenny's release and their move back to Butler.

Upon their return to Indiana, Kenny resumed farming with his father. He also worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad for a short time. In 1958, Kenny and Gayle bought the Carl and Clara Nimmons farm on County Road 36 south of Butler. Kenny started a dairy operation on the farm. In 1970, Kenny sold the dairy herd and went to Fort Wayne as one of the first employees of the new Don Ayres Pontiac car dealership. He worked as the assistant service manager until 1976, when he rennovated the dairy farm and once again began milking. He is still involved in the dairy business.

The Koeppes are the parents of four children: Kedric Koeppe, who works for Dana Corporation as a Personnel Administrator and lives north of Fort Wayne; Randall Koeppe, who is employed with Insurance Trustees of Garrett, and owns a farm on County Road 57, in DeKalb County. He is also involved with his father in farming; Brenda Koeppe, who also works for Dana Corporation as a Administrator Assistant for the Dana-Weatherhead Data Processing Department. She lives on Fifth Street in Auburn; Mark is involved full time with his father in the family dairy operation. He and his wife, Debbie Riggs, own a farm on County Road 34.

Kenny and Gayle are actively involved with the Newville Church of Christ.

GAYLE LEE SNYDER, was born 9 August 1934, in Garrett, Indiana. She was the youngest of two girls and one boy born to Paul L. and Jeanette (Imler) Snyder. Paul managed the building supply business in Garrett in the late 1920's. In 1930, he moved to Hudson, where he opened the Ashley-Hudson Lumber Company. It was during this time that he also started doing some trucking business on the side. The lumber business was later sold. In 1944, the Snyders moved south of Ashley to an eighty acre farm on County Road 6. An adjoining eighty-two and a half acres were purchased and Paul raised grain and also had dairy cattle. In 1959, he opened a building supply store south of Ashley. He specialized in glazed building tile used in dairy farm operations. Much of his business was in northern Indiana and Michigan. Jeanette passed away in the early 1970's, but their surviving children were Doris Elaine (Snyder) Pressler, of Waterloo, and Donald E. Snyder, of Ashley. Donald is still farming and living on his parents' farm. In addition to the children, Paul and Jeanette had ten grandsons and two granddaughters.

Gayle started her working years at the Auburn State Bank. After her marriage and move to Colorado Springs, she continued to work in banking. When they returned to Butler, she spent several years at home with her children. In 1968, she went back to banking at the Knisely National Bank in Butler. She stayed there until 1972, then went to work across the street from the bank for John Nugen Interiors. After four children and several years of working experience, her love for banking took her once again back to the Auburn State Bank. In 1978, she was offered a position with Ball Brass Foundry in Auburn, as a secretary/bookkeeper and has continued her employment with them.

Leo Garman Family

LEO WARREN GARMAN, born 17 October 1960, at Auburn, Indiana, the son of Eugene and Bonita Agatha Garman. His paternal grandparents are Warren Oliver and Jennie Garman, of Cedarville. His maternal grandparents are Leo Adam and E. Irene Reuilla, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

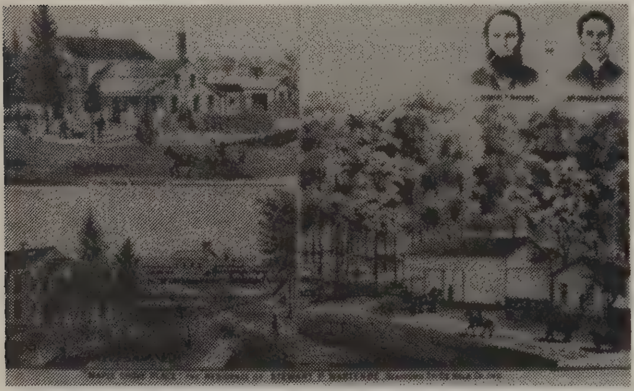
Leo attended Leo High School and Ivy Tech. He has been employed by Auburn Ford Motors and Russ Moore Transmission, where he is presently service manager.

Leo Garman and Julia Sue Dennison were married 25 October 1980, at the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Julia Sue Dennison was born 30 November 1959, daughter of Earnest Eugene and Karen Sue Dennison, of Mulberry, Florida. Her paternal grandparents are Wesley Edison and Lido Ula Dennison, of Garrett. Her maternal grandparents are Luther Kenneth and Opal Gladys Johnston, of Churubusco, Indiana. Julia attended Garrett High School, Manchester College, and Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. She had worked at Martin Luther King Montesson School, Wonder World Day Care, and is presently employed at DeKalb Central Schools.

Leo and Julia Garman are the parents of Sara Nicole, born 8 November 1983, and Laura Sue, born 10 June 1986.

The Garmans are members of the First Church of Christ, Garrett. They enjoy woodworking, camping, sewing, and reading.



Stewart Wartenbe Atlas Picture

STEWART PATTERSON WARTENBE, born 29 March 1823, in Musdingum County, Ohio, son of Joseph Wartenbe and Nancy Smith. His paternal grandparents were William Wartenbe and Catherine White. His maternal grandparents were Nathan and Lydia Smith.

Cordelia (Wanamaker) Webster, born 18 March 1830, in Trumbull County, Ohio, daughter of Reverend Samuel E. Wanamaker and Maria Barbara Hake. Her paternal grandparents were Jurg Daniel Wannemacher and Susanna Everett. Her maternal grandparents was Christian Hake (Hock) She married first William Webster.

Stewart and Cordelia married 3 February 1859, in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Excerpts from a letter written by Stewart:

I came west with my father from Muskingum County, Ohio, to Defiance County, Ohio, in 1834, when I was 11 years old. There were plenty of Indians and no schools. My father never sent me to school enough to learn to read. I was 16 years old and working out by the month to help support my mother when I made my first attempt to learn to write. When I was 17 years old, I took charge of my mother and family.

We were at the foot of poverty hill. We hadn't a foot of land, not even a cow or pig. Mother had a brother living about 20 miles away. I took a lease from him for 12 years--all woods. I built a cabin on it, moved my folks into it, and went to chopping by the job to keep the folks from starving. I grew up without an education, but made a home for my younger brothers and sisters and gave them a chance to attend school.

I bought my first cow about 18 months after commeoing in the woods. I spent every odd hour in improving my lease. As time rolled on, I began to raise a little grain and stock. We lived close, saved everything, kept the family together, and succeeded in buying 40 acres of land, all woods.

About that time, I began to work with carpenter and joiner tools, helped build a good many fine residences, finally became a master builder, and conducted the trade for myself. I added 80 acres more land to my 40. I had an improvement of 65 acres, an orchard, a little frame house and an old log house.

I came very near to being an 'old maid' at age 35, but I began to look around and at a fair, four miles from my home in Defiance County, Ohio, I beheld the form and features of a married lady. I fell in love with her at first sight, supposing she was single. It would have made you grieve to have seen me scratch my head when I found out my mistake, but the impression did not vanish from my mind. She lived at the edge of Indiana, 10 miles distant, and I did not see her again for a year and a half. During that time, her husband died, and in due time I sought her acquaintance.

On 3 February 1859, Cordelia and I were married. She had one son about six years old. On 15 September 1860, we had a son, Corwin Grant, and on 12 January 1868, another son, Charles Sumner, was born.

My wife held dower in the place on which she lived in DeKalb County, Indiana, and she had a comfortable frame house.

LYLE PLATTER, born 5 August 1901, at Auburn, Indiana, son of John E. and Lena (Seely) Platter. His paternal grandparents were James and Harriett (Reaser) Platter, of Concord Township, DeKalb County. His maternal grandparents were William and Ellen (Stager) Seely, of Newville Township, DeKalb County.

Lyle and Mary E. Moore were married 28 January 1970, at Newville Methodist Church. Mary is the daughter of William Henry and Catherine A. Moore. She was born 18 July 1906. Her paternal grandparents were Nathan and Mary Moore, of Hicksville, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Stephen and Ellen Robbins, of West Virginia.

Lyle attended early school in DeKalb County. Mary attended school in Newville Township, Indiana, and college at Bowling Green College in Bowling Green, Ohio, and Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio. Mary taught school for forty years, now retired. Lyle was self employed, now retired.

They are members of the Newville Church of Christ. They currently live at Newville, Indiana. No children were born to them.

Lyle's hobby is refinishing furniture and Mary's is handwork.

LAWRENCE PAUL FAULKNER, son of Paul Everett and Lavonne McKitrick, of Jonesboro, Indiana. He married Julia Kay Parker, daughter of Robert and Edna Louise Parker.

They attended school in Garrett and college in Fort Wayne. Lawrence went to Indiana-Purdue University, and Julia went to Fort Wayne Business College. They were married 16 April 1978, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana. One son, Paul Robert Faulkner, was born to them on 25 February 1981.

Lawrence works at Dana and Julia at Wards-Radio Shack.

ROBERT W. PARKER, born 10 October 1926, son of Marvin R. and Opal C. Parker. His paternal grandparents are William E. and Clara Ellen Parker, of Milmont, Pennsylvania. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Auburn, Indiana.

Robert married, 22 September 1946, Edna L. Kleemann, daughter of John H. and Ida (Wessel) Kleemann. She was born 2 December 1920. Her paternal grandparents are John, Sr., and Sophia Kleemann. Her maternal grandparents are William and Katherine Wessel, of Germany.

Robert and Edna lived and attended school at Garrett, Indiana. Robert worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as a conductor. Edna worked at Garrett Garment Factory. They currently live on North Seventh Street, Garrett, Indiana. They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

They are the parents of three children: Gary L., born 1 May 1956; Julia D. (Parker) Faulkner, born 24 January 1957; and Karen Rose (Parker) Landers, born 14 January 1959.

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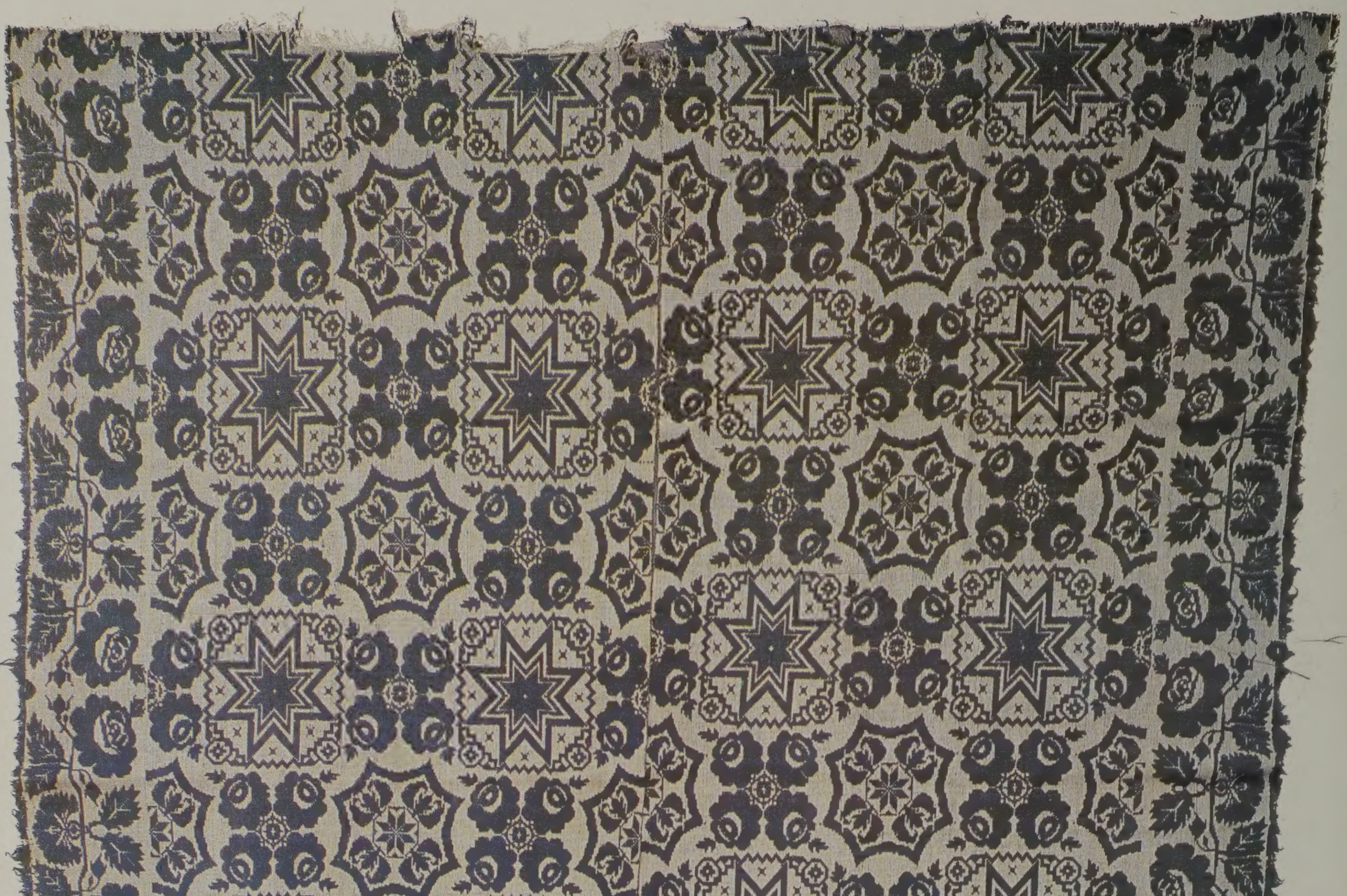
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